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CLEAVES CROWNED WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMP

SECURES TOP SPOT AT THE 2016 UNIVERSITY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TURKEY



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Allyssa Cleaves of St. Stephen, New Brunswick can now add World Champion to her resume. Cleaves, who currently trains with University of New Brunswick Wrestling Team and Black Bears Wrestling Club in Fredericton, captured the Gold Medal in the Women's 48kg division today at the 2016 University World Championships in Corum, Turkey.

Cleaves began the tournament with a win over Madalina Linguraru of Romania 4-1. She then defeated Turkey's Evin Demirhan 7-0 to advance to the finals. Cleaves captured her first University World title by beating Anna Lukasiak of Poland.

This performance caps off a very impressive year for the Varsity Reds and Black Bears athlete. During 2016, Cleaves earned a number of national and international medals. Most notably was her Gold Medal performance at the CIS Wrestling Championships, where she was also named MVP of the tournament, and the Canadian Senior Championships Silver Medal.

The 2016 World University Championships represent the 27th edition of the competitions, which take place every two years in even-numbered years. The championships provide a large number of students, teachers and sports leaders from various backgrounds with a place to meet and share their experiences and ideas.