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SCORES 2ND PLACE AT 2016 WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TURKEY



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Samantha Stewart added a Silver Medal to Canada's overall medal haul at the 2016 University World Championships. Stewart, who currently trains with University of New Brunswick Wrestling Team and Black Bears Wrestling Club in Fredericton, placed second in the Women's 53kg division today in Corum, Turkey.

Stewart began the tournament with a win over Simona Pricop of Romania 10-0. She then pin 2014 University World Champion, Lulia Leorda of Moldova, to advance to the finals. Stewart dropped her final match to 2016 Olympian Milana Dadasheva of Russia to stand second on the podium.

The Silver Medal caps off a stellar year for Stewart. The Varsity Reds and Black Bears athlete earned a number of national and international medals in 2016. The highlight of Stewart's season was capturing her first Canadian Senior Championships title, and being named MVP of the tournament.

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.

Stewart's Silver Medal, along with teammate Allyssa Cleaves' Gold, contributed to overall second place finish for the Canadian Women's Team.

Both Stewart and Cleaves will be in action next at the Bill Farrell Memorial in New York on November 11, 2016.