



## **Cisco College Announces NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant**

*Grant will allow for creation of Women's Cross Country team*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—June 1, 2022—(CISCO, Texas) Thanks to a grant from the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) Foundation, Cisco College will add a new team to the Wrangler family in the fall of 2022. The Sport Opportunity Grant will provide \$1,000 to Cisco College to assist in the creation of the school's first-ever women's cross country team.

"I join every Cisco College student-athlete, coach, and staff member in welcoming women's cross country to our athletics department. We are thrilled to offer new opportunities for female student-athletes who can contribute to our tradition of excellence," Dr. Jerry Dodson, Athletic Director at Cisco College, said. "The NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant allows us to support recruiting efforts and the team in its initial stages. We are grateful and proud to be recipients of this grant."

"The NJCAA Foundation is excited to further support the growth of NJCAA member colleges and the sport programs they offer through the newly created NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant," said Brian Luckett, NJCAA Foundation Executive Director. "The ability to provide this funding for the first time ever is a testament to the importance and growth of two-year collegiate athletics. The NJCAA Foundation looks forward to this initiative's impact as NJCAA member colleges continue to create opportunities for student-athletes across the country."

The NJCAA Foundation announced the Sport Opportunity Grant in October 2021 as a way to support the addition, growth, and sustainment of NJCAA sports. The NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant is available for NJCAA member college to apply as they expand sport offerings at their institution while increasing student-athlete access and achievement.

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**About Cisco College**

Since first admitting students in 1940, Cisco College has offered programs and activities intended to encourage lifelong learning and enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves.

As a member of the Texas state system of publicly supported institutions of higher education, Cisco College maintains an open-door admissions policy and provides an array of learning, skill development and life experiences to motivate and challenge students. Classes are offered at two primary locations, Cisco and Abilene, in addition to several other off-campus sites. The College strives to maintain a student/faculty ratio which facilitates close interaction between faculty and students.

Cisco College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate level degrees.

***About NJCAA Foundation***

*The mission of the NJCAA Foundation is to enhance the NJCAA national organization, student-athletes, member colleges and local communities through financial support, scholarships, program initiatives and community service.*