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Friends of Mat-Town USA Wrestling Club

We want to open this letter by saying thank you for your ongoing support of the Mat-Town USA Wrestling Club. Many of you have been a part of this vision since its foundation in 2003. We are reaching out to update you on some of the transitions occurring in our organization.

As we enter our 12th season of training, we have analyzed all aspects of our club and its future. We are excited for the potential opportunities that lie ahead but are aware of some of the challenges and questions which are arising. Over the last year, the Board of Directors along with our Director Neil Turner and the staff of Lock Haven University Wrestling have analyzed and studied our present status and future goals. We are all excited in that we each affirmed a desire to remain true to the founding vision of the Mat-Town USA Wrestling Club. Our Mission states: *The Mission of the Mat-Town USA Wrestling Club is to help establish Lock Haven University as one of the premier wrestling programs in the United States and Lock Haven, PA as one of the primary resource centers for all aspects of wrestling training and education. This mission will build upon the history and the reputation of Lock Haven as Mat-Town USA.*

In order to move ahead and to expand upon that mission, we have had to analyze our operating budget. As we look to expand and develop the model of Mat-Town Wrestling Club, we could no longer justify the amount of resources being spent on our present facility. We are in ongoing discussions to finalize our training in the Fall of 2014. The Board is motivated by the passion of the present coaching staff at Lock Haven University. Coach Scott Moore and his staff have been a great resource and partner in this year's training. We are excited to be working closely with them in the coming months to finalize the next stage of the Mat-Town USA Wrestling Club.

As part of this transition, Coach Turner is stepping down as the day-to-day director of Mat-Town. He remains very committed to the vision and direction of the Club and will remain a valued advisor and when available teacher. Those of you who are actively training with us know the passion Coach Turner has for the athletes, their families, and the Club. Through Coach Turner's years of experience and his relationships with so many of the Lock Haven University family, his influence will continue to be utilized. Starting June 1, our new Director will be Harry Turner. Harry is a graduate of Lock Haven University. A four year starter, he compiled over 90 collegiate wins in his LHU career, in addition to capturing a PSAC title in 2011. Harry is very familiar with the club and its students. He has been a valuable assistant this year and we are excited he has accepted the position of Director for the Club.

As we begin the transition out of our present training center, we will be adjusting the training schedule. We will train at Bellefonte High school on Tuesday and Thursday for the remainder of the month of May (May 13-29th). We appreciate Coach Mike Maney opening his doors for this transition period. Like so many of our alumni, he has been a loyal supporter of the program. Through the remainder of the summer, we will partner with Lock Haven University and their summer training opportunities. This will enable us to extend many options for athletes to continue to train. Information can be found on the Mat-Town USA web page.

We are excited for this new chapter of the Mat-Town USA Wrestling Club. Thank you for your support and we look forward to many for years working together to benefit wrestling in Mat-Town USA.

Sincerely,

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President, Board of Directors

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Head Coach, Lock Haven University Wrestling