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Instructions: Please work with your internship supervisor to fill out this form. Once completed, return to Kristina Kofoot [redacted] by December 17th, 2018.

Name Brian Jesteadt **Agency** National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum

Intern's Phone Number and E-mail Address [redacted]

Organization Contact Person and Phone Kyle Klingman [redacted]

Academic Advisor Person and Phone Robert Neymeyer [redacted]
[redacted]

Future Plans for student [redacted]
[redacted]

What did you accomplish during your internship?

I assisted in the move of the Dan Gable Museum's collections down into basement storage pre-renovation, processed some donated artifacts, and did extensive updates to the museum's internal database.

How did the internship benefit the student?

I learned quite a bit about how small private museums work, ranging from accession to storage. I also learned quite a bit about the sport of wrestling and how to sell its importance to those that (like me before this internship) don't see any value in it. That may sound glib, but learning about a collection and how to advocate for its preservation / potential interest is a key skill in the competitive world of museum funding.

How did the internship benefit the agency?

Brain assisted in organizing our archives and preparing for our \$1.4 million renovation, assisted in major artifact move, extensive updates to the museum's internal database and processed backlog of donated items.

How does the internship benefit the community?

Ensuring a smooth move pre-renovation assisted in preserving important community wrestling history. Having an intern take part in that task – and others – helped free up the time of

museum staff to dedicate to important community events like the annual Hall of Fame event, summer wrestling clinics for students, and

(Student to complete) One quote that describes the experience gained from completing this internship (to be used for promotional materials; please specify author of quote)?

I learned a lot from my experience at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum, ranging from museum practices to wrestling's deep connection to the Iowa area. I started without any knowledge of wrestling history, and left with an appreciation for an ancient and popular sport.

(Intern supervisor to complete) One quote that describes the impact the intern had on the community (to be used for promotional materials; please specify author of quote)?

As a non-profit with a small staff, Brian was a crucial part in preparing our organization for a renovation. His knowledge of archives was a skill we relied on during an important time in our museum's history. We are grateful for the opportunity this internship provided us.

Please provide:

- **A reproducible photo of the intern in action at their internship for media purposes**
- **If applicable, a copy of materials created by the intern including but not limited to: books, program materials, videos, promotional materials etc.**