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**For Immediate Release**

**Absolute Screen Art and F&M Bank present the  
NAIA Volleyball Championship  
November 29 – December 3**

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Volleyball Championship will return to Sioux City's Tyson Events Center November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup> with the top 32 women's volleyball teams in the country competing for the national title. The tournament has expanded for the first time, with only 24 teams making the cut previously.

The top twenty seeds, including host school Morningside College in Sioux City, will receive a bye in the opening round matches. Twelve additional champions from this weekend's National Championship Opening Round will join those top 20 schools to round out the field of 32 teams.

Sioux City, the final site for the Championship, will host 32 teams placed in to eight pools, all competing in round-robin pool play November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>. The the top two teams from each pool will advance to the single-elimination bracket starting December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Semi-final matches will take place at 11am on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed by the tournament championship match at 7pm.

NAIANetwork.com, the NAIA's official video-streaming home, will broadcast all of the matches live at the 2016 NAIA Volleyball National Championship final site in Sioux City. The video platform, powered by Stretch Internet, will include live statistics, social media interaction and be available on mobile-friendly devices. Single day passes can be purchased for \$9.95, while a pool play pass is \$24.95 (Nov 29-Dec 1) and an all-championship package is available at \$34.95. For more information and to pre-register, visit [www.NAIANetwork.com](http://www.NAIANetwork.com).

Tickets are currently on sale for the tournament at the Tyson Events Center Box Office, online at TysonCenter.com, or by calling 800-514-ETIX. Tournament passes are available for \$50, and

include all matches for the entire length of the tournament. Day passes are available for \$14 each, or \$7 each for kids five years old and up, and students with a valid ID.

The week kicks off with an NAIA “Champions of Character” Special Olympics clinic at the Tyson Events Center on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am to 11am, sponsored by Thompson Dean Drug. Over 75 regional Special Olympians will participate in activities with NAIA Volleyball athletes in a morning of fun and friendship.

The tournament’s “Opening Serve” kick-off event will be held at the Sioux City Convention Center on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm. Players and sponsors will enjoy an evening together, with a special menu, a program recognizing the athletes’ hard work to get to the championship tournament, and entertainment. Tickets for the kick-off event are available now for \$30, and can be purchased at the Tyson Events Center Box Office, online at [TysonCenter.com](http://TysonCenter.com), or by calling 800-514-ETIX (3849). The public is encouraged to attend.

Absolute Screen Art and F&M Bank are this year’s NAIA Volleyball title sponsors. Missouri River Historical Development is once again the Community Partner for this NAIA championship event. Thank you to all of the tournament’s sponsors for supporting NAIA and the Sioux City community.

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