

# SA Student Places Third At Fencing Championships



UIW student and San Antonio native Alex Sless won the Bronze Medal at the 2019 NCAA Fencing Championships in March, the best ever performance from a San Antonian representing a San Antonio college at NCAA Fencing Championships.

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**O**n March 23, University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) student Alex Sless won the Bronze Medal in the Men's Epee fencing event at the 2019 NCAA Fencing Championships in Cleveland, OH. Alex competed against top epee fencers representing top American colleges including Penn State, Harvard, Duke, Stanford, Columbia, Notre Dame, Ohio State and many more. In the quarterfinal, Alex lost 13:15 to Oliver Shindler (Ohio State) who ended up winning the event. This is the best performance from a San Antonio native representing San Antonio College at NCAA Fencing Championships.

In his youth, Alex was a member and trained fencer with Olympian Fencing Club in San Antonio under the supervision of U.S. Olympian and three-time World Champion Head Coach Velizar Iliev. During his time training at Olympian Fencing Club, Alex brought home numerous National and Regional medals making Olympian Fencing Club and the city of San Antonio very proud.

Alex graduated Clark High School in 2015 and received a fencing scholarship from University of the Incarnate Word (UIW). Now, under the supervision of UIW's Head Coach and U.S. Olympian John Moreau, Alex finished in eighth place at the 2018 NCAA Fencing Championships and brought home the third place trophy from 2019 NCAA Fencing Championships. Alex will be graduating from UIW this spring with a master's degree in business. Congratulations to both Alex Sless and Coach John Moreau for this extraordinary achievement!

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