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The EMU wrestling squad, tennis team and gymnastics set up booths for over 500 special students at the 2014 Victors Day fundraising event.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) -- The Eastern Michigan University wrestling, women’s tennis and gymnastics teams as well as coaches volunteered their time at the ninth annual Victors Day event held at the University of Michigan, April 6. Victors Day is a fundraising event for the T. Wall Foundation, which teaches special needs children and children who have spent much of their time in the hospital how to play sports.

The 2014 Victors Day event brought the University of Michigan athletes, the EMU wrestling squad and the Eastern tennis team together with over 500 disabled children from all over Washtenaw County. The participants engaged in various sport activities including an arm wrestling booth set up by the Eastern wrestling team and a tennis court set up by the EMU tennis team. The gymnastics team also volunteered their time throughout the day at the special event.

“This was a fun event for everyone involved,” said Head Coach Ryan Ray. “The participants, the student-athletes and myself all had a great time playing tennis, dancing, and getting to know these fascinating people.”

The 2013-14 wrestling team took turns arm wrestling with the students, participated in Zumba and handed out candy and other prizes to the winners, while the women’s tennis team signed autographs and played tennis with the participants.
"We had a ton of fun," Head Coach Derek DelPorto stated. "All the guys took turns competing, and I even got in on the action a few times. It was a great day and a great event!"