



Injured Buffalo wrestler graduates as inspiration

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AMHERST, N.Y. — Without a wheelchair or a walker, University at Buffalo senior wrestler Dan Bishop confidently walked across the red carpet during the school's commencement ceremony just as he had vowed to do two months ago after sustaining a life-threatening spinal cord injury.

Bishop called it an emotional experience and everything that he had envisioned as he was joined by his parents, teammates and friends on Sunday.

Bishop's recovery has been remarkable since he was briefly paralyzed from the neck down after being hurt while competing in a 125-pound semifinal match at the Mid-American Conference championships at Central Michigan on March 6. He had emergency surgery after sustaining a fracture between two vertebrae and damage to a major artery.

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