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## News Release

### 39 Athletes and Coaches with North Carolina Ties to Participate in London Olympic Games

**Cary, N.C** – 39 athletes and coaches with ties to North Carolina will compete at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Athletes of particular note include Hunter Kemper, a Charlotte native and Wake Forest alumnus who will compete in his fourth Olympic Games; Shalane Flanagan, a UNC alumna who won a bronze medal at the Beijing Olympics and will compete in the marathon in London; Nick McCrory, a Chapel Hill native and current Duke student-athlete who will compete in two diving events; Raleigh native and North Carolina State alumnus Jesse Williams, the 2011 World Champion in the high jump; and UNC soccer alumnae Heather O'Reilly and Tobin Heath who will look for their second gold medal as members of the women's soccer team.

Additionally, several coaches with North Carolina ties will help guide Team USA in London. Duke diving coach Drew Johansen will serve as the Head Diving Coach, Charlotte swim coach Dave Marsh will serve as an Assistant Swimming Coach, and Duke coaches Mike Krzyzewski, Chris Collins, and Steve Wojciechowski will lead the Men's Basketball Team.

A full list of North Carolina athletes and coaches can be found below:

North Carolina Athletes & Coaches in the 2012 Olympics			
No.	Athlete	Sport	Local Connection
1	Ricky Berens	Swimming	Charlotte, NC native
2	Dremiel Byers	Men's Wrestling	Kings Mountain, NC native and former NC A&T athlete
3	Chris Collins	Men's Basketball Asst. Coach	Duke men's basketball assistant coach
4	Lauren Crandall	Field Hockey	Wake Forest alumna
5	Illse Davids (South Africa)	Field Hockey	UNC alumna
6	Rachel Dawson	Field Hockey	UNC alumna
7	Katelyn Falgowski	Field Hockey	UNC alumna
8	Shalane Flanagan	Track & Field	UNC alumna
9	Robyn Gayle (Canada)	Women's Soccer	UNC alumna
10	Vikas Gowda (India)	Track & Field	UNC alumnus
11	Tobin Heath	Women's Soccer	UNC alumna
12	Megan Hodge	Women's Volleyball	Durham, NC native
13	Charlie Houchin	Swimming	Raleigh, NC native
14	John Isner	Men's Tennis	Greensboro, NC native
15	Drew Johansen	Diving Head Coach	Duke diving coach
16	Abby Johnston	Diving	Duke athlete

17	Cullen Jones	Swimming	Charlotte, NC resident and NC State alumnus
18	Kara Lynn Joyce	Swimming	Charlotte, NC resident
19	Michelle Kasold	Field Hockey	Chapel Hill, NC native and Wake Forest alumna
20	Hunter Kemper	Triathlon	Charlotte, NC native and Wake Forest alumnus
21	Mike Krzyzewski	Men's Basketball Head Coach	Duke men's basketball coach
22	Claire Laubach	Field Hockey	Wake Forest alumna
23	Micah Lawrence	Swimming	Charlotte, NC resident
24	Caroline Lind	Rowing	Greensboro, NC native
25	David Marsh	Assistant Swimming Coach	SwimMAC Team Elite Coach (Charlotte, NC)
26	Nick McCrory	Diving	Chapel Hill, NC native and current Duke athlete
27	LaShawn Merritt	Track & Field	East Carolina University alumnus
28	Manteo Mitchell	Track & Field	Mooreboro, NC native and Western Carolina University alumnus
29	Heather O'Reilly	Women's Soccer	UNC alumna
30	Chris Paul	Men's Basketball	Clemmons, NC native and former Wake Forest athlete
31	Lauren Perdue	Swimming	Greenville, NC native
32	Caroline Queen	Canoe – Slalom	Davidson College student
33	Shannon Rowbury	Track & Field	Duke alumna
34	Alice Schmidt	Track & Field	UNC alumna
35	Amy Swensen	Field Hockey	UNC alumna
36	Davis Tarwater	Swimming	Charlotte, NC resident
37	Nick Thoman	Swimming	Charlotte, NC resident
38	Jesse Williams	Track & Field	Raleigh, NC native and former NC State athlete
39	Steve Wojciechowski	Men's Basketball Assistant Coach	Duke men's basketball assistant coach

### **About the Triangle Sports Commission**

Incorporated in 2001, the Triangle Sports Commission is a North Carolina charitable non-profit organization serving the Triangle region. The TSC led the Triangle's recruitment effort for the relocation of USA Baseball from Arizona that resulted in USA Baseball's new headquarters at Durham Bulls Athletic Park and their National Training Complex at Thomas Brooks Park in Cary. In 2008, the TSC hosted the Lenovo Olympic Celebration featuring 31 Olympic athletes, where Jim Scherr, CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee, announced the TSC as the USOC's newest Community Olympic Partner (only 10 cities in the U.S. are USOC Community Olympic Partners). In 2012 the TSC hosted the U.S. Olympic Trials – Table Tennis as well as the North America 2012 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament for Table Tennis. For more information on the Triangle Sports Commission, visit [www.trianglesportscommission.com](http://www.trianglesportscommission.com).