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News Release

University of North Carolina Junior Selected as Triangle Sports Commission Participant in the U.S. Olympic Committee F.L.A.M.E. Program

Cary, N.C – The Triangle Sports Commission, a Community Partner of the United States Olympic Committee, is pleased to announce the selection of local student Candace Cooper as a participant in the USOC Finding Leaders Among Minorities Everywhere (F.L.A.M.E.) Program.

As a Community Olympic Partner, the Triangle Sports Commission is given the honor of selecting one local student annually to represent our community at F.L.A.M.E. For 2011, the Triangle Sports Commission has selected Candace Cooper, a junior at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. A member of the Tar Heel Swimming & Diving team, Cooper has made the ACC Academic Honor Roll, she is the Community Outreach Leader for the swimming and diving team, and she has already qualified for the 2012 Olympic Trials.

In its 18th year, F.L.A.M.E. has provided students an in-depth look at the Olympic Movement and personal exploration of the Olympic Ideals of persistence, commitment, vision, focus and determination. The F.L.A.M.E. Program is unique and includes seminars and workshops taught by USOC leaders, Olympic and Paralympic athletes, and community leaders who have achieved personal, professional or athletic successes in life. Participants learn how to set and achieve goals and increase their self-confidence.

About the United States Olympic Committee

The United States Olympic Committee, one of America's premier sports organizations, is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colo. The USOC is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the National Olympic Committee for the United States. In addition to being the steward of the U.S. Olympic Movement, the USOC is the moving force for support of sports in the United States that are on the program of the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, and Parapan American Games. Learn more about the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams and the USOC at www.usoc.org.

About the Triangle Sports Commission

Incorporated in 2001, the Triangle Sports Commission, a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization, is an all-volunteer sports commission 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, then-CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee, announced the TSC as the USOC's newest Community Olympic Partner. In 2009, U.S. Masters Swimming selected the Triangle Sports Commission to host its annual High Performance Camp and named the TSC an Official Community Partner. For more information on the Triangle Sports Commission, visit www.trianglesportscommission.com.