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## News Release

### **Three Triangle Students Selected by United States Olympic Committee To Participate in Finding Leaders Among Minorities Everywhere (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 several local students as participants 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 to represent our community. 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, Candace is an ACC Academic Honor Roll member and has already qualified for the 2012 Olympic Swimming Trials in the backstroke.

Additionally, the USOC has selected Immanuel Kerr-Brown, a member of the Duke University wrestling team, and Steven Ramos, a member of the North Carolina State University wrestling team, as F.L.A.M.E. participants, giving the Triangle 10%, or 3 of the 30 students selected nationwide to participate in this special program.

Celebrating its 18th anniversary, 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. With the support of official presenting sponsor, Tyson Foods, Inc., and associate sponsor Hilton Hotels Corporation, F.L.A.M.E. focuses on mentoring students so that they can apply Olympic-oriented principles to all aspects of their lives. The program also offers a pathway for talented young people to become further involved in the Olympic Movement either through the USOC's college internship program or other career and volunteer opportunities.

#### **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](http://www.usoc.org).

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

Incorporated in 2001, the Triangle Sports Commission is a North Carolina charitable non-profit organization and 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, CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee, announced the TSC as the USOC's newest Community Olympic Partner. Most recently, USA Table Tennis selected the Triangle Sports Commission to host the U.S. and North American Olympic Trials in 2012 in Cary, North Carolina. For more information on the Triangle Sports Commission, visit [www.trianglesportscommission.com](http://www.trianglesportscommission.com).