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## News Release

### Triangle Teams Make NCAA Tournament

**Cary, N.C.** – With the announcement of the 68-team Tournament bracket for the 2013 NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament, the Triangle becomes the only community in the country with three teams to be selected for the Tournament.

Duke University is the number 2-ranked team in the Midwest Division and begins the tournament this Friday against Albany in Philadelphia. NC State University is the 8<sup>th</sup> ranked team in the East Division and starts play Thursday against Temple in Dayton, Ohio. The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill is also ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in its division, the South Division, and will meet Villanova in its first tournament game on Friday in Kansas City.

Triangle teams constitute 75% of the tournament qualifiers from the Atlantic Coast Conference. The three teams also played in the 2012 NCAA Tournament and all three made it to the Sweet Sixteen round.

There are other major cities in the country with strong college basketball programs,” said Hill Carrow, CEO of the Triangle Sports Commission. “Philadelphia, for example, has both Temple and Villanova in the Tournament. However, none compares with the quality and competitiveness of the universities in the Triangle, with three representatives each of the last two years.”

The three Triangle programs represent an amazing 10 NCAA Men’s Basketball National Championships. Mike Krzyzewski is the winningest all time NCAA Men’s Basketball coach, has won four NCAA Championships, and has coached the last two Gold Medal-winning U.S. Olympic Teams. Roy Williams, also a former U.S. Olympic Team Assistant Coach has three NCAA Championships, two at UNC and one at Kansas. Mark Gottfried, head coach at NC State University, has made a total of 19 NCAA Tournament appearances as both a player and a coach.

“The bottom line is that, despite the claims of other regions, the Triangle is the number one community in the entire country when it comes to college basketball,” continued Carrow, “and those programs help further spread our national reputation as a major Olympic sports hub.”

## **About the Triangle Sports Commission**

The Triangle Sports Commission (TSC) is the sports commission for the Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and Cary (Triangle) region. The TSC is one of only 10 U.S. Olympic Committee Community Olympic Partners in the country. The TSC was founded in 2001 and is a non-profit charitable organization focused on building the region's sports tourism industry and overall sports economy. The TSC's first major project was winning the bid to relocate USA Baseball's Headquarters and Training Center to the Triangle, including over \$13 million in commitments secured by the TSC resulting in the development of the new USAB National Training Complex in Cary. This year marks one of the busiest years in TSC history, highlighted by the hosting of the U.S. Olympic Trials in Table Tennis, the U.S. Masters Swimming High Performance Camp, and the North Carolina Olympic Celebration. For additional information on the Triangle Sports Commission, visit [www.trianglesportscommission.com](http://www.trianglesportscommission.com).