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Skaters with North Carolina ties place in Sectional Championships *All Five Advance to 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Greensboro*

November 16, 2010—The 2011 U.S. Figure Skating qualifying season was completed this past weekend with the Eastern, Midwestern and Pacific Coast sectional figure skating championships. Five skaters with ties to North Carolina qualified at the 2011 Eastern Sectional Championships in Aston, Pennsylvania that took place November 10-13.

The following skaters with North Carolina ties will advance to the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Greensboro January 22-30, 2011 (see below for details).

- Ana Draovitch, 1st, Novice Ladies. Draovitch spends time between home in Raleigh, North Carolina, and training with the Skating Club of Northern Virginia
- Kay Bergdolt & Miles Addison, 3rd, Novice Pairs. Bergdolt and Addison live in Raleigh, North Carolina and are affiliated with the Skating Club of North Carolina
- Haley Dunne, 2nd, Junior Ladies. Dunne grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina and trained many years in Greensboro, North Carolina. Dunne now lives in the Washington DC area and is affiliated with Washington FSC. (Note: she will be in a solo performance at the Greensboro Symphony Holiday Concert on December 10, 2010).
- Alexander Aiken, 2nd, Junior Men. Aiken trains under Paul Wylie in Charlotte, North Carolina and is affiliated with the Atlanta Figure Skating Club.

Background

In 2011 the U.S. Figure Skating Championships will take place in North Carolina on January 22-30 at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex in Greensboro N.C. Individual session tickets for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships are on sale through Ticketmaster. Over 260 skaters in the novice, junior and senior divisions will compete over the course of eight days to become U.S. champions.

The U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held annually since 1914, is the nation's most prestigious figure skating event and one of the most televised and most-watched annual sporting events in the country. The 2011 edition marks the first time the U.S. Figure Skating Championships have been hosted in the Carolinas. All three major components of the event – competition, practice and FanFest – will be held at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex.

Ticket prices for the 2011 U.S. Championships have been designed so that everyone can have the opportunity to attend some portion of the Championships. All-Event, Weekend, Matinee and Evening Ticket Packages also continue to be on sale. To purchase tickets, visit www.northcarolina2011.com.

– About U.S. Figure Skating –

U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union. U.S. Figure Skating is made up of 743 member,

collegiate and school-affiliated clubs and more than 990 Basic Skills programs representing approximately 176,000 members. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed.

- About North Carolina 2011 -

North Carolina 2011 (NC 2011) is the local organizing committee for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be held in Greensboro, N.C. NC 2011 encompasses a collaborative team consisting of the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, the Greensboro Sports Commission, the Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, North Carolina Amateur Sports, Sports & Properties, Inc., and North Carolina Figure Skating. The 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships are sponsored locally by Lowes Foods and VF, Local Presenting Sponsors; and by Local Official Sponsors: Greensboro Convention & Visitors Bureau, Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Visitnc.com, Graphic Visual Solutions, Moses Cone Health System, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, BEM Interactive, Vela Strategic Marketing and Public Relations, Annese Public Relations, BB&T, Risport, the Cemala Foundation, Ice Rink Events, Hagan Davis, Joshua Jewel, Pepsi Bottling Ventures, Exact Target, LSK Enterprises/Olympia, HKS World Events, Rice Toyota, Krispy Kreme, Skyline Exhibits & Events, The Greensboro Partnership, and Konica Minolta. Local Media & Marketing Partners for the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships include Diamond Partners The News & Record, Capitol Broadcasting Company, WGHP-TV Fox 8, and Fairway Outdoor Advertising; and Local Official Partners Clear Channel Radio, Our State Magazine, Guilford Woman Magazine and Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. For more information on North Carolina 2011 and the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, visit www.northcarolina2011.com.

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