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**JTCC PRODUCES MILLION DOLLAR RECRUITING CLASS
Thirteen Students Commit to Division I Schools**

COLLEGE PARK, MD (December 2, 2010) – Thirteen outstanding young players from the Junior Tennis Champions Center have declared their college destinations for fall 2011 with three additional players still undecided and one playing professionally on the ATP Tour. This stellar class has eight of the top 75 boys' recruits in the nation. Each player will compete in a major Division I conference and the anticipated value of scholarships received by the group exceeds one million dollars over four years. This amount does not include three players competing at Ivy League schools. With the 2011 class of graduates, JTCC will have produced 80 talented juniors since 1999 that have gone on to top universities and colleges in the US.

"It has been my pleasure to be closely involved with this great group of young players since they were 8-12 years old," said Vesa Ponkka, JTCC's Senior Director of Tennis. "I'm proud of their playing ability but more importantly it has been a great journey to see them mature into solid young adults."

The class is led by Mitchell Frank, 18, of Annandale, VA, the country's number two prospect and a top international junior player who has been ranked as high as number five in the world junior rankings this past year. Frank will attend the University of Virginia next fall, joining a team currently ranked third in the nation. After joining JTCC's Champions Program in 2006, Frank won multiple international tournaments, competed in all four Junior Grand Slam events, and has been the number one player in the United States in his age group.

"We are pleased to announce that Mitchell will be joining our program," said University of Virginia Head Coach Brian Boland. "Mitchell is a person of high character,

is an outstanding student and has extremely high goals for his tennis well beyond the college game. He has received great training at the Junior Tennis Champions Center under the guidance of Vesa Ponkka and Frank Salazar. I have recruited a number of players from this outstanding program.”

Junior Ore 18, of Gaithersburg, MD, started training at JTCC as an 8 year old after he was identified at an annual “Champions Search” free tennis festival. Ore has won numerous national titles and competed in three Junior Grand Slams. He will play for the #10 nationally ranked Texas A & M team next year.

Andrew Adams, 17, of Bronx, NY, came to JTCC in 2008 as a player ranked outside of the national top 200 in his age group. After two years of full time training and schooling he is now the number 27 rated recruit in the nation and has accepted a full scholarship to the University of South Carolina. Van Damronggri, 17, of Ellicott City, MD, who has been ranked in the USTA top 50 in the past year, will pursue his degree and collegiate tennis at University of Louisville.

Joe Dorn, 17, of Washington, DC, Anton Kovrigin, 17, of Rockville, MD, and Michael Retta, 18, of Annandale, VA, have committed to Vanderbilt University. Dorn and Kovrigin teamed to win the 16 and under National Clay Court Doubles Championship in 2009. Cornell University also has multiple JTCC recruits, as Jason Luu, 17, of Fairfax, VA has declared and Venkat Iyer, 19, of Chevy Chase, MD will transfer to join the team next fall. They will compete in the Ivy League against Henry Steer, 17, of Bernardsville, NJ, who has committed to Harvard University. Sam Bush, 18, of Washington, DC will attend the University of Oregon, John Brosens, 18, of Bedford, NY, has committed to Georgetown University and Christina Harrington, 17, of Millersville, MD has accepted a scholarship to the University of Delaware.

“Working with these kids and seeing them grow up over the past 5-10 years has been a privilege,” said Senior Director of High Performance Frank Salazar. “The dedication and discipline they have for the sport and their personal improvement is inspiring.”

Still undecided are Collin Johns, 17 of Laytonville, MD and Ankur Bhargava, 16, of Centreville, VA. In addition, Beatrice Capra, 18, of Ellicott City, MD, who won two matches in the US Open singles main draw this summer, is currently considering multiple scholarship offers.

The winningest coach in ACC history, Chuck Kriese, joined JTCC as Senior Director of Competition after 33 years as the Head Coach at Clemson University. “I am so very proud to be a part of such a great program,” said Kriese. “The quality of opportunities offered by these colleges is directly correlated to the great work done by the Champions Program. Besides tennis; leadership and total personal development are the focus here. Senior Coach Kyle Bailey deserves tremendous credit for his tireless work with this graduating class to find the ideal academic and competitive fit for each student.”

Denis Kudla, 18, of Arlington, VA is also part of this fantastic graduating class. Kudla, like Ore joined the Champions Program at age 8 after participating in the “Champions Search”. He turned professional in 2009 and in the past year was ranked third in the world junior rankings and was the US Open Boys’ Finalist. He is currently ranked in the ATP top 500.

The JTCC, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a world-class training facility located at The Tennis Center at College Park. Its goal is to provide the athletic and academic instruction needed for talented and highly committed young people to excel both on the tennis court and in the classroom. The JTCC offers training to children between the ages of four and 18 on a part- and full-time basis. Located in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, students can choose from weekly group clinics to intense, full-time training programs including on-site academic instruction.

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