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## NEWS RELEASE

# ERIKA ANSCHUTZ QUALIFIES FOR THE 2009 U.S. WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES ARCHERY TEAM

Erika Anschutz of Hamilton, Ohio successfully competed in the U.S. Intercollegiate Archery Championship tournament held at California State University – Long Beach, May 14-17, and qualified to be a member of the 2009 U.S. World University Games Archery Team. Erika, who will be a senior, majoring in psychology this coming fall semester at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska, will represent the U.S. in both individual and team competitions against other top collegiate archers from around the globe at the 25<sup>th</sup> World University Games to be held July 2-12, 2009, in Belgrade, Serbia. The World University Games event is an international sporting and cultural festival for collegiate students. The event is staged once every 2 years in a different city and is considered to be second in importance to only the Olympic Games. In addition to the U.S. World University Games Archery Team, the U.S. will be sending a number of other collegiate athletes to the World University Games who will be competing in a variety of sports.

The 2009 U.S. World University Games Archery Team is comprised of twelve collegiate men and women archers from across the nation who are divided into four, three-person teams based on their gender and type of bow used (i.e., recurve or compound). Erika will be joined on the collegiate women's compound bow team by Elissa Falconer (Miami University in Oxford, Ohio) and Brittany Lorenti (James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia). The U.S. World University Games Archery Team, which is sanctioned by USA Archery and the USA Collegiate Archery Program, will be led by a veteran coaching staff experienced in international archery competition.

This will be the tenth U.S. World Archery Team Erika has competed on in the past 7 years, including her second experience as a member of a collegiate team. During August 2002, she traveled with the U.S. Team to Nymburk, Czech Republic for the VII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship and established a new world record score while winning the gold medal in the individual compound bow competition for cadet women (age 16 and under). Less than one year later, Erika was the youngest member of the U.S. Team that went to Nimes, France during March 2003 for the VII World Indoor Archery Championship. While in France, she competed in the junior division (age 18 and under) and won her second and third world titles with first and second place finishes in the team and individual competitions, respectively. During July 2004, Erika competed in the VIII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship at Lilleshall, Great Britain. She won gold and bronze medals at that tournament in the junior division for the team and individual competitions, respectively. In March 2005, Erika traveled with the U.S. Team to Aalborg, Denmark for the VIII World Indoor Archery

Championship where she won a silver medal while competing in the individual event for junior women. Later that same year in June, Erika was a member of the U.S. Senior World Archery Team that competed in the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Madrid, Spain during 2005 and won a silver medal in the senior women's compound bow team event. During October 2006, she was a member of the U.S. Junior Team that competed in the IX Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Merida, Mexico where she won a bronze medal in individual competition. In July 2007, Erika competed with the U.S. Senior World Archery Team at the 44<sup>th</sup> World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Leipzig, Germany and won a bronze medal in the women's compound bow team event and helped set two new world record scores in that tournament. Last summer, Erika was a member of the U.S. World University Archery Team that competed in the 7<sup>th</sup> World University Archery Championships in Taiwan where she won two gold medals in the individual competition and mixed team events and a bronze medal in the collegiate women's compound bow team event. During March of this year, Erika won gold and bronze medals in the women's compound bow team and individual events, respectively, and helped set a new world record score as a member of the U.S. Senior World Indoor Archery Team that competed in the 10<sup>th</sup> World Indoor Archery Championships in Rzeszow, Poland.

While competing in world championship tournaments since 2002, Erika has amassed a total of 14 world archery titles, including six gold, three silver, and five bronze medals. During this same period, she has also shot a total of 21 world record scores in indoor and outdoor competition. At the national level, Erika has also been very successful in archery competition as she has won a total of 38 national championships and established 150 national records since becoming involved in the sport over 13 years ago.

In addition to qualifying for the 2009 U.S. World University Games Archery Team, Erika was recently recognized for both her academic excellence and archery prowess by being named to the USA Collegiate Archery Program's honorary 2009 All-Academic Archery Team and the 2009 Collegiate All-American Archery Team for the third consecutive year. Erika won both the indoor and outdoor national collegiate archery championship titles in the women's compound bow division during 2009.

For more information about Erika's intercollegiate archery accomplishments this year, including the 2009 U.S. World University Games Archery Team, visit the USA College Archery Program's website at <http://www.uscollegiatearchery.org/2009/05/18/usiac-2009-and-wug/>. Additional information about the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> World University Games can also be obtained by visiting the following website: <http://www.universiade-belgrade2009.org/>

In addition to archery, Erika enjoys listening to music, watching movies, playing card games, and spending time with her family and friends. She is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz who reside in Hamilton, Ohio. Steve is a retired Federal employee, while Jurita works for The Procter & Gamble Corporation in Cincinnati.