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Re: Olympic Hopes Regatta 2019

Dear Principal and/or Athletic Director:

On behalf of the American Canoe Association (ACA) Olympic Development Program, I am writing to inform you that your student athlete has been selected to compete for the United States at the 2019 Olympic Hopes Regatta (OHR) in Slovakia, Sept 5th - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

These athletes were identified last September as part of the ACA's National Olympic Development Program, and after training all year in their hometowns, they competed for selection to the OHR Team at this year's Sprint National Championships in Georgia held in early August.

The Olympic Development Program provides the pipeline for Olympic hopefuls in canoeing and kayaking and is the backbone of the development of the United States' 15-, 16- and 17- year old athletes.

This upcoming trip will include training by our national coaches in Slovakia, educational and cultural sightseeing, and competition with the world's best.

Being selected to the team is an honor and a privilege, as these athletes will represent their own communities and the United States. Yet, I realize that this trip is potentially disruptive to academic and high school athletic programs; therefore, I am asking for your support of our program as we provide these athletes with an amazing life experience while building a talent pipeline for Team USA in canoeing and kayaking. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your support,

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