

Sarasota Crew Rowers Compete Nationally and Internationally Over Summer

Carli Goldberg Competes in the 2010 World Rowing Junior Championships in
Czech Republic

Hunter Leeming Wins Gold in Men's 4x at the CanAmMex Regatta

McKayla Taaffe Wins Gold Medal at Independence Day Regatta

Ryan Anderson Among Only 35 Nationally to Attend Development Camp

August 5, 2010 / Sarasota, FL: Beginning Friday, August 5, Sarasota Crew rower **Carli Goldberg**, who recently graduated from Riverview High School and is attending the University of Virginia this fall, will be competing with the 2010 Women's Junior National Team in the 2010 World Rowing Junior Championships held in Racice, in the Czech Republic. Her final race will be Sunday morning, August 8.

This is the third year in a row that a Sarasota Crew rower has been selected to compete in the World Rowing Junior Championships. Matt Sobatka, currently studying at the University of Wisconsin, rowed in the Championships in 2008; and Alex Taaffe, McKayla's older brother currently attending Princeton University, competed in 2009.

Additional background on Carli Goldberg's history as a rower, background, and journey to Racice follows at the end of this release.

Hunter Leeming rowed in the CanAmMex Regatta, held in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on July 19, helping his U.S. team win the first place Gold medal in the Junior National Team's Men's Quad event. US Junior National Team Head Development Coach Steve Hargis called the race "exciting," with a "nail-biting finish."*. Leeming also raced in the Men's Double events, winning second place, Silver.

A Scholar Athlete, Leeming maintains a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and is a senior entering the International Baccalaureate Program at Riverview High School this fall. Thanks to his grades and rowing prowess, Leeming has already received several official invitations to visit the campuses of prestigious universities with top rowing programs on both the east and west coast of the United States.



McKayla Taaffe competed in the Independence Day Regatta in Philadelphia, bringing home a Gold medal for the Junior B Quad race. Taaffe followed up her success in Philadelphia by competing in the US Rowing Club National Championships which took place from July 14-18 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Racing in the Junior Quad, she and her teammates won the National Title.

Prior to July 4, Taaffe was invited – for the second year in a row -- to attend an invitation-only summer rowing program for top junior rowers in the country – the US Rowing Junior National Team Sculling Development Program, in New London, Connecticut. Just 16, McKayla will be a junior this year at Pine View School.



Another Pine View student, **Ryan Anderson**, who will be a senior this year, attended the US Rowing Junior Men's Development Camp in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania for four weeks in June and July. Anderson, 17, was one of only 35 young men from across the country to be invited to attend this prestigious training program. He is currently being recruited by several colleges, including Harvard University, Boston University, and Cornell.

Founded in 2002, Sarasota Crew is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide middle and high school-aged Sarasota County youth with positive, competitive rowing experiences that cultivate high standards of personal integrity and self-esteem, promote teamwork and sportsmanship, and instill a lifelong commitment to a healthful lifestyle and serving the community. To learn more, visit www.sarasotacrew.com.