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Dear collegiate skaters, club presidents, secretaries and coaches,

There are currently about **50 colleges and universities throughout the nation** that support collegiate figure skating programs, and the number is growing. There used to be a heavy feeling of "I need to test out before I get to college" circulating amongst 15-18-year-old skaters, but "testing out" is not a necessity anymore.

Collegiate athletes can compete at any level in intercollegiate competitions, and elite skaters can battle for medals at the **U.S. Collegiate Championships**—the longest running of all collegiate programs that offers junior and senior level skaters a chance to **compete exclusively with other collegiate athletes and be judged on the IJS.**

Attached you will find the **2007-2008 Collegiate Skating Fact Sheet**, which will soon be posted online at www.usfigureskating.org. The Fact Sheet offers information on collegiate skating programs, the U.S. Collegiate Championships, intercollegiate competitions and collegiate synchronized skating.

I also encourage you to look at the **Collegiate Skating Handbook**, posted online at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/collegiatehandbook.pdf>. Within the Collegiate Skating Handbook, there is a list of all colleges and universities with collegiate skating programs and contact information that will help your skaters find a school that provides a program that is right for their academic goals and their love of the sport. Please make these resources available to your skaters, club members and parents.

On April 14th and 15th, the nation's nine most competitive intercollegiate teams will face each other at the **2007 U.S. Intercollegiate Team Skating Championships** hosted by Dartmouth University in New Hampshire. Good luck to all competitors from Dartmouth University, the University of Delaware, Boston University, Indiana University, Miami University, Michigan State University, the University of Denver, the University of California-Berkeley and San Jose State University! Train hard, stay healthy and have fun preparing for this national competition in the coming months!

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