



**Dear USA Synchro Family and Friends,**

Congratulations to The Ohio State University on the overall title at the 2011 US Collegiate National Championships which concluded on Saturday. Thank you to Canisius College, coach and meet manager Jill Wright along with meet manager Alaina Hill, for hosting a terrific competition in Kenmore, New York at the beautiful facility of the Town of Tonawanda Aquatic and Fitness Center. We had nearly 200 athletes swimming for clubs that represented 22 colleges and universities. Our collegiate program exemplifies some of the best qualities of synchronized swimming, attracting all levels of synchronized swimmers, from beginners who have never participated before to our elite level swimmers. I would like to congratulate every athlete for their great performances over the weekend.

The competition season is well under way and I am sure you are all in competition preparation phase; swimmers, coaches and parents alike. Congratulations to all of our Zone Champions and qualifiers to the 2011 US National Championships.

Congratulations to our USA National Team duets who competed two weeks ago in the German Open in Bonn, Germany. Mary Killman, Lyssa Wallace and Megan Hansley performed very well after only several weeks to prepare new routines with head coach Mayu Fujiki. Reports from coaches and judges around the world were very favorable and many have great expectations for the United States team in the year ahead.

Let's please keep our synchro family in Japan in our thoughts and prayers as their country struggles with an enormous natural disaster.

All the Best,

Duke Zielinski  
President, USA Synchro