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United States Seeking Help to Prevent Being Conquered

MIAMI, Fla., USA (February 1, 2016) – America needs your help to ward off 11 other nations who are descending upon Miami this July. Do you know any female at college who plays basketball, volleyball, soccer or into track and field? Then [contact us](#) today to find out how they can get a free 2 week trip to Miami this summer to represent the USA!

With just under 100 days until hundreds of female college athletes descend on the Sunshine state's Southern tip to partake in the biggest collegiate event in the International Sport of Netball, the host team, The United States of America, needs players that want international sport competition experience to take on the world first hand.

The USA University Head coach, Ilze Gideons, explains the opportunities this brings for young women: "Netball brings to the world stage a true team sport that allows all different heights and ability levels to come together to play on one team. I'm excited to be able to work with you to teach you this sport played by 20 million people around the world. I know you will come to love it as much as I have. The great thing is it's easy to pick up and as long as you can pass and catch a ball – I can teach you the rest. **Most importantly, it also is a call to arms to be patriotic, be part of something that few have done before, and it will also look great on your resume.**"

The call that has been put out for any female American citizen (located anywhere on this great planet) between the ages of 16 and 27 who graduated after July 13th, 2015, is currently at a college working towards a diploma or degree, or about to start college this fall. This includes an all-expenses paid trip to be trained and drafted to represent the United States of America during the 2016 FISU Women's International University Netball Championship. That's right... all expenses paid trip for 2 weeks to sunny Miami, Florida to show pride in the stars and stripes while taking on 11 other nations battling to be queens of Netball. The event will take place at St. Thomas University, in Miami, Florida.

"In addition to being a contender and representing the country in Netball, a spot on the team is a more than just a good way to be a role model to other female athletes in a top growing sport," says **Sonya Ottaway, President of Netball America Inc.**, whose organization is co-hosting the event: "As host alongside [FISU](#) and the [US International University Sports Federation](#), we are excited about the opportunities and growth this globally prestigious event presents for Netball in the Americas and for the entire international Netball community."

Netball has roots stemming from women's basketball, has been played throughout the world for over 110 years. Now an International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognized sport this game is based on the principles of basketball however the goal shooters 'wow' the crowds as they shoot into a 10 foot high basket in which there is no backboard. Players only have three seconds to pass the ball and with their aerial jumps to intercept and move the ball down the court, it's a great spectator sport that is going to change the face of women sports in the United States.

Potential athletes who are interested in playing are asked to contact USANETBALLTEAM@NetballAmerica.com. For event information and if you are a student wanting college credit or volunteer hours then visit www.WUCNetball.com.



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About the FISU World University Championships: The World University Championships are organized by the Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU) and are played every two years. The World University Championships (WUCs) were created by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) to complete the program of the Universiade. FISU supports the competitions, which represent the continuity of the university sports and allows the federation to be better known. In 2016, FISU will stage 33 WUCs, attracting approx. 6,000 participants from 105 countries.

About the International USA University Sports Federation: Is the official representative and governing body for the United States in all FISU events, such as the World University Games and the World University Championships. The Federations' Board of Directors consists of 4 members of the NCAA, 2 members of the NAIA, 2 members of the NJCAA, and 2 members of NACDA.

About Netball America Inc.: Netball America is a registered 501c(3) Not-For-Profit organization and is the premier national USA Netball organization whose mission is to foster the continued development and growth of Netball in the United States, with the aim to encourage children and families to be physically active, maintain a healthy lifestyle and includes those with disabilities to ensure they feel part of their community.

About St. Thomas University: St. Thomas University – a Catholic university affiliated with the Archdiocese of Miami with a rich cultural and international diversity - was founded in 1961 and is a member of the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics). St. Thomas is committed to the academic and professional success of its students who become ethical leaders in our global community. St. Thomas is building upon its position as the leading Catholic university in the Southeast through its academic programs in ministry, science, business and justice.

About The Miami-Dade Sports Commission: Our mission is to attract, promote, and retain sporting events for Miami-Dade County. As the premier destination for sporting events and leisure and entertainment in South Florida, our goal is to foster positive growth and economic development for the local community through increased visitor stays and a more frequent visitor return rate. The Miami-Dade Sports Commission was created by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners as a public-private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2003, and has secured over 350,000 room nights, over \$450 million in economic impact, and more than 50 events, including *Wrestlemania XXVIII*, the FHSAA Football Finals, Florida's Sunshine State Games, the US Fencing Summer Nationals, NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Regional, various USA Judo world events, and the USA Volleyball Girls Junior Olympic Championships.

