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THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL ANNOUNCES VANESSA LEEPER'S INTENTION TO SIGN WITH UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) applauds Vanessa Leeper for her achievements both on and off the court as she prepares to join an elite rank of CSS alumni and student athletes who have advanced to collegiate athletics. On Thursday, November 15, 2007, Leeper will sign a “letter of intention” with the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) to play Women’s Basketball on full scholarship for the Lopers. UNK competed in the “Sweet 16” last year and has earned a #1 preseason ranking in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC). Leeper, a three-sport All-Conference athlete at CSS, has led the city in scoring surpassing the 1,000 point mark during her junior year for a career 1167 points. She has been recognized numerous times as the Gazette's “Athlete of the Week” for both basketball and soccer and has earned All-State honors the past two years. Leeper also played basketball for three years with the AAU Colorado Stars team under the direction of Coach Joe Aldaz.

“She’s a kid who gives you everything; she’s the complete package,” says CSS Girls’ Basketball Coach Vicki Vaughan. “Vanessa is most admired for her strong work ethic, coachability, and competitiveness. She has elevated CSS athletics and will excel at the next level because she thrives to improve her game and knows how to win!”

Beyond her achievements in sports, Leeper carries a 4.0 gpa and mostly enjoys her math classes. She has attended CSS since pre-kindergarten and will be one of several students to graduate as a “CSS lifer.” Leeper has participated in the Experience Centered Seminars (ECS) in which all CSS upper school students spend three weeks in a concentrated field of study. Leeper's ECSs have afforded her the opportunity to study with other CSS students in South Africa, Chile and New York. Following her study in Chile, where her mother is a native, Leeper remained a few days to conduct a youth basketball clinic and to play in an

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exhibition soccer match. Such multi-cultural experiences and her fluency in Spanish have led to her decision to pursue a degree in Business with an international focus.

Preparing for her senior basketball season, Vanessa, captain of the CSS Girls' Basketball team says, "We have a lot of team goals this year, like winning League and going to State." She goes on to say, "My favorite part of CSS basketball is the relationships with coaches and teammates, and I look forward to new relationships with the team at Kearney."

In addition, Leeper looks forward to returning to Colorado when she competes with the Kearney team at other RMAC schools along the Front Range.

Vanessa Leeper will join other recent CSS alumni competing in collegiate athletics:

- Kittrick Smith, '06, Hillsdale College for volleyball
- Taylor Stamp '07, Southern Utah University for golf

For more information about CSS visit css.org or contact Jessica L. James, Director of Communications at (719) 434-3506. For more information on the Girls' Basketball program contact Vicki Vaughan, CSS Girls' Basketball Coach at 634.3303.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for preschool – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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