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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:



**Olympic and World Swimming Champion, Cullen Jones, Highlights the Gainesville Sports
Commission Annual Meeting**

Cullen Jones almost drowned in a pool as a child; now he sets records in one. As the first African-American to break a swimming world record and win a gold medal at the World University Games, Jones is breaking stereotypes one lap at a time. That close call as a child enables Jones to share a message with young people across the country: African Americans can swim, too!

This year, Jones is pairing with the Gainesville Sports Commission to spread his message to over 170 community leaders and 120 youth graduates of the Gainesville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) learn-to-swim program. Jones' appearance culminates nearly two years of planning and a year of working with PRCA to teach kids to swim.

Join Cullen Jones at the Gainesville Sports Commission's 24th Annual Meeting presented by Shands HealthCare at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center Gainesville on Thursday, January 26, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Pre-function activities begin at 6:00 PM. The GSC will be

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honoring community leaders and encouraging children to live a healthy, water-safe lifestyle.

Tickets for sponsors and tables are available. For more information on the event or to purchase a table, please visit www.gainesvillesportscommission.com, contact Jack Hughes at hughes@gainesvillesportscommission.com or call 352-338-9300.

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