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**For Immediate Release****GSU Table Tennis Team Chosen**

University Park, IL, October 5, 2010 – The Governors State University Table Tennis Team began its second year with spirited tryouts for positions on the team. Twelve students made the squad, which evolved last year from a club sport to an intercollegiate team.

“We are looking forward to an even better season than last year,” said team coach Dr. T.J. Wang, associate professor of accounting at GSU. In the team’s first year of competition, they performed well enough to be invited to compete in the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) championship competition in April.

With no returning members from that team, Coach Wang was seeking new talent this year.

“I was very pleased with the students who tried out. Many of them have a strong background in table tennis and have played competitively in the past. We are fortunate to also have a lot of good athletes eager to learn more about the game and from each other.”

Team members include Yuanfei (Vergil) Cai of Richton Park; Xue (Carmen) Hong Chen of Hazel Crest; Shaquilla Daniels of Richton Park; Shuyu (Zoe) Cuo of Hazel Crest; Jing (Jackie) He of Crete; Emily Leary of Tinley Park; Yuefan (Penn) Lin of Richton Park; Quanli Ma of Hazel Crest; Wenjie (Neo) Nie of Hazel Crest; Jie (Jessie) Wang of Richton Park; Linfeng (Tom) Xie of Richton Park; and Shaoxin (Jack) Zhang of Hazel Crest.

In addition to preparing for competitions against regional colleges and universities, team members will also play in open practice sessions at the Governors State University Recreation and Fitness Center. Team members will offer a good game, encouragement, and pointers to practice attendees. Currently, open table tennis times are available for students, faculty, staff, and members of the Recreation and Fitness Center.

“This is going to be a good year for GSU Table Tennis. We have a very good team of talented and determined players. I think we are ready to make our presence known in NCTTA competitions,” says Coach Wang.

In addition to the table tennis team, GSU currently has a competitive women’s volleyball team. Other teams are in development.