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## **National Ski Academy Opens Its Doors to the Community with Independent School Status**

*NSA expands its educational offering to all members of the local community*

**Collingwood, ON (August 24, 2009)** – The National Ski Academy (NSA), the *Home of Ski Racing and Academic Excellence*, announced today that it will begin operating as an independent school for the 2009-2010 academic year starting September 15<sup>th</sup>. Students and members of the community with sport, work, and other commitments who require academic courses to be delivered outside the regular school curriculum schedule will benefit from the NSA’s proven and flexible educational delivery model.

The NSA is also pleased to announce that Tom Moore, former Principal at Collingwood Collegiate Institute and a former NSA Board member, will serve as Principal of the NSA school.

“I am pleased to be joining the National Ski Academy as principal and working with the experienced and excellent NSA staff to build on the tradition of the past 23 years of providing a unique educational offering for families,” said Tom Moore, Principal of the National Ski Academy. “Becoming an independent school is an important step in the evolution of the National Ski Academy. I am confident that the goals of providing an academically rigorous program for skiing scholars and other members of the community will meet the needs of many students across Ontario and Canada.”

As an independent school, the National Ski Academy will deliver Ontario Ministry of Education approved curriculum taught by dedicated and experienced teachers who have successfully delivered NSA curriculum. NSA courses will begin September 15<sup>th</sup> at the NSA facility at 200 Oak Street, Collingwood.

“We are pleased to be able to offer our educational services to all students in the area,” said Brian Traynor, Academic Director at the NSA. “Our high level of student success is the result of great teachers, small class sizes, and a flexible delivery model, enabling all students to access our programs whether they are NSA skiers or not.”

The NSA first opened its doors in 1986 to provide student athletes with the opportunity to pursue their alpine ski racing and academic dreams. The NSA’s education model features small class sizes with a student/teacher ratio of 8:1. This unique education model provides students with individual attention resulting in an optimized learning environment supported by dedicated teachers.

Over the past 23 years, NSA student athletes have achieved high levels of success in both skiing and academics. Seven NSA alumni have graduated to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team, including two current CAST members. Each member of NSA’s 2009 graduating class received acceptances into leading universities and colleges in Canada and the United States.



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The NSA educational program provides a strong focus on the future and prepares student athletes for success in post-secondary education. Over the past five years, NSA's graduating student athletes have achieved a combined 84 per cent graduating average. Several of NSA's recent alumni are pursuing post graduate law, and business degrees. NSA student athletes volunteer in a variety of community events and partner with local organizations including the Blue Mountain Special Olympics Alpine Team and Sporting Life's 10K run in support of children with cancer.

**About The National Ski Academy**

The National Ski Academy, the *Home of Ski Racing and Academic Excellence*, offers a unique program of alpine ski racing and academic studies. With our support and exceptional programs, our dedicated young students become accomplished ski racers, enlightened students and tomorrow's leaders. Please visit our website at [www.nsa.on.ca](http://www.nsa.on.ca) or call us at 705-444-1617.

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