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Vanderbilt University Swimming Drafts Twelve-Year-Old Girl Through Team IMPACT

WHAT: On Saturday, February 4, Vanderbilt University and Team IMPACT will hold an official Draft Day press conference for twelve-year-old Audrey of Nashville, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor called oligodendroglioma in April 2014, and has since undergone three surgeries, radiation, and chemotherapy.

Through Team IMPACT, a nonprofit based in Boston whose mission is to improve the quality of life for children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses through the power of team, Audrey will become a member of the Vanderbilt swimming team, attending practices, meets, and events.

Since its inception in 2011, Team IMPACT has matched 1,100+ children to over 450 colleges and universities throughout the country. The child gains great strength, camaraderie and support and the student athletes are taught lessons about courage, resiliency and life perspective that they can't learn in a classroom.

Highlights:

- Audrey signing her official Letter of Intent
- Remarks by Head Coach, Jeremy Organ
- The swim team welcoming Audrey

WHEN: Saturday, February 4, 2017
1:00pm (*suggested arrival 12:45pm*)

WHERE: Hendrix Room at the McGugin Center
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Team IMPACT is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit headquartered in Boston whose mission is to improve the quality of life for children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses through the power of team. Team IMPACT children are drafted onto college athletic teams and are a part of the team from Draft Day through to Graduation. The child joins the athletic team and the student athletes join the child's support team. The child gains great strength, camaraderie and support and the student athletes are taught lessons about courage, resiliency and life perspective that they can't learn in a classroom. Learn more at goteamimpact.org.

Team IMPACT is currently looking for more children like Audrey (5-15 years old, diagnosed with a life-threatening or chronic illness that has resulted in treatment and/or extended hospital stays within the past three years and who, as a result of his or her diagnosis, could benefit from a boost to improve their quality of life both socially and psychologically) that are interested in becoming a full member of a collegiate sports team. If you know a child that may be interested, please visit the [Team IMPACT website](#) for additional information.