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St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities, Inc. Organization Sponsors Parkway South High School Student at International Marathon Event in Germany

ST. LOUIS – The St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities, Inc. organization (SLSSC) is sponsoring Mary Ann McCain, a senior and German student at Parkway South High School at the 19th Stuttgart Lauf (half marathon) in Stuttgart, Germany. This international marathon event takes place on June 14 through 15, 2012.

Each year, the Sister City of Stuttgart invites a half marathon or 10K runner from their respective sister cities - <u>http://www.stuttgart-lauf.de/</u>. McCain is representing the Sister City of St. Louis at this year's event.

Mary Ann McCain is currently on the USA Junior Elite Triathlon Team. She runs, bikes, and swims. She has two national titles for Olympic distances and has won 18 out of 21 triathlons. McCain is also a two-time winner of the Chicago Triathlon for age 19 and under.

An international and a civic organization, St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities, Inc. functions as a civic as well as an international organization, keeping a high profile in the St. Louis community by participating in local ceremonies, conventions, parades and festivals. The organization is united with St. Louis' other sister city groups and international associations through the office of the St. Louis Center for International Relations.

According to Susanne Evens, President of the St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities organization, "The Sister City of St. Louis is proud to have such an accomplished and award-winning athlete like Mary Ann McCain representing both our city and organization."

For more information about Mary Ann McCain's participation in the 19th Stuttgart Lauf (half marathon) in Stuttgart, Germany, please contact the St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities organization at (636) 530-1010, via email at <u>sevens@aaatranslation.com</u>, or at the organization's website at <u>www.slssc.org</u>.

About St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities, Inc.

Serving the St. Louis community since 1960, St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities, Inc. (SLSSC) is actively involved in encouraging multicultural experiences through cultural events, student exchanges and business trade missions. St. Louis-Stuttgart Sister Cities, Inc. is a membership organization open to anyone interested in joining and wishing to participate in its activities.

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