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Go Bananas for QuickStart! Role Model is NCAA Champ!

Charlottesville, Virginia (5/30/2014) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report a Go Bananas for QuickStart! role model recently made history at the NCAA Tennis Championships in Athens, GA. Earlier this week UVa Cavalier Danielle Collins, who is QCV's "Why do tennis players eat cucumbers?" role model, won the 2014 **NCAA Women's Singles Tennis Championship** by defeating Lynn Chi of University of California. That is the first-ever NCAA title for a UVa women's tennis player. She was also named an **ITA All-American**. Danielle won six straight matches on her way to the title, losing only one set along the way. All that after competing with her team through the round of eight in the team competition where they lost a close match to last year's national champion Stanford. That accomplishment by the team also set a school record. Collins also helped the team win its first ACC Championship title in April, beating Duke in a very close final match. Danielle was named **Most Valuable Player of the 2014 ACC Tournament**. Lots of UVa women's tennis history has been made this year.



Lynda Harrill, QuickStart Coordinator, says. "We couldn't have a better role model. I met Danielle last spring at the 2013 NCAA tournament in Champaign, IL. We bumped into each other in the elevator at the motel. She said she was completing her first year at Florida and was transferring to UVa in the fall. What a great move for her and the UVa women's tennis program. Last fall the UVa team and coaches participated in a Tennis Festival for students at Greer Elementary. The kids had a blast playing with Danielle

and her teammates! Lucky for us, she agreed to become a Go Bananas! role model. I can't tell you how much FUN I have had this past week handing out her Go Bananas! card to kids and telling them she's just won the national title and she's only a second year student. We get to watch her play for two more years!"

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in 23 counties and one independent city in central Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth.

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