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U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association President



Dear U.S. Olympians and Paralympians,

Happy Spring!

This has been a good winter, despite the crazy weather. I have been watching the U.S. skiers and been inspired with their level of competition. Lindsay Vonn retired after making the podium in her final race, and Mikaela Shiffrin is so strong in every discipline she enters. After recovering from surgery following the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, Oksana Masters dominated at the World Para Nordic Skiing Championships by winning five gold and one silver medal. I'm a little biased, being a summer athlete living in a winter resort in Idaho. But there are breakout performances across the board in both winter and summer sports by Team USA athletes and it couldn't be more inspiring!

This summer I'll be watching the 2019 Pan and Parapan American Games held in Lima Peru, with over 8,500 athletes from 412 countries in the Americas. This year the Games will hold 424 events in 39 sports, with new events – to include, surfing, body building, skateboarding and sport climbing for a new experience and new viewers. As in the Youth Olympic Games, there will be mixed team events for men and women in relays and doubles matches. The evolution in sport continues and I love it!

This year, with new leadership and a new attitude of "Athletes First", USOPA is moving into the Athletes Services division to strengthen our partnership with the USOC's Athlete Career and Education Program and build on our growing relationship with the Athlete Advisory Council.

I made the Mexico City 1968 Olympic team over 50 years ago while working toward my engineering degree at Oregon State University and it is still true that most of our athletes come through a collegiate student athlete program. The USOC formed a Collegiate Advisory Council and is preparing to launch the "Olympians Made Here" and "Paralympians Made Here"

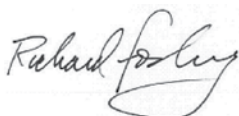
programs to help student athletes. I believe USOPA can be a strong influence in support of NCAA rules changes for student athletes and help push for more inclusive legislation for Paralympians.

I am very pleased that we have our programs organized and ready for successful Olympic Day celebrations across the nation. This year we have a special opportunity with the addition of Baseball at the Pan Am Games and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Many professional teams are adding an Olympic Day event this year, stay tuned for events in your area.

Your USOPA officers are working on adding a Paralympic Day event in the United States and supporting events around the world. We believe the time is right to celebrate the history and accomplishments of our Team USA athletes at the Paralympic Games. Help us to make this a reality.

The biggest event for us is coming this November: We will hold our USOPA reunion in Colorado Springs! Especially unique this year is that we'll have the 2019 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Hall of Fame on Friday November 1, in conjunction with our official reunion kick-off. On Saturday, you can enjoy breakfast at your leisure, then lunch and a Sneak "Peak" of the new U.S. Olympic Museum and Hall of Fame, followed by our Gala at the Broadmoor International Center. Sunday morning we'll recover with a nice brunch and a Tokyo 2020 update. I hope you will join us to renew friendships and celebrate the unique experiences of the Olympic and Paralympic Games!

In Olympic Spirit,



Richard Fosbury

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Cover image: Mexico City 1968 Olympic Games – Athletics, Bob Beamon (USA) broke the world record in the long jump with a jump of 29 feet 2 ½ inches (8.90 meters) winning the gold medal.

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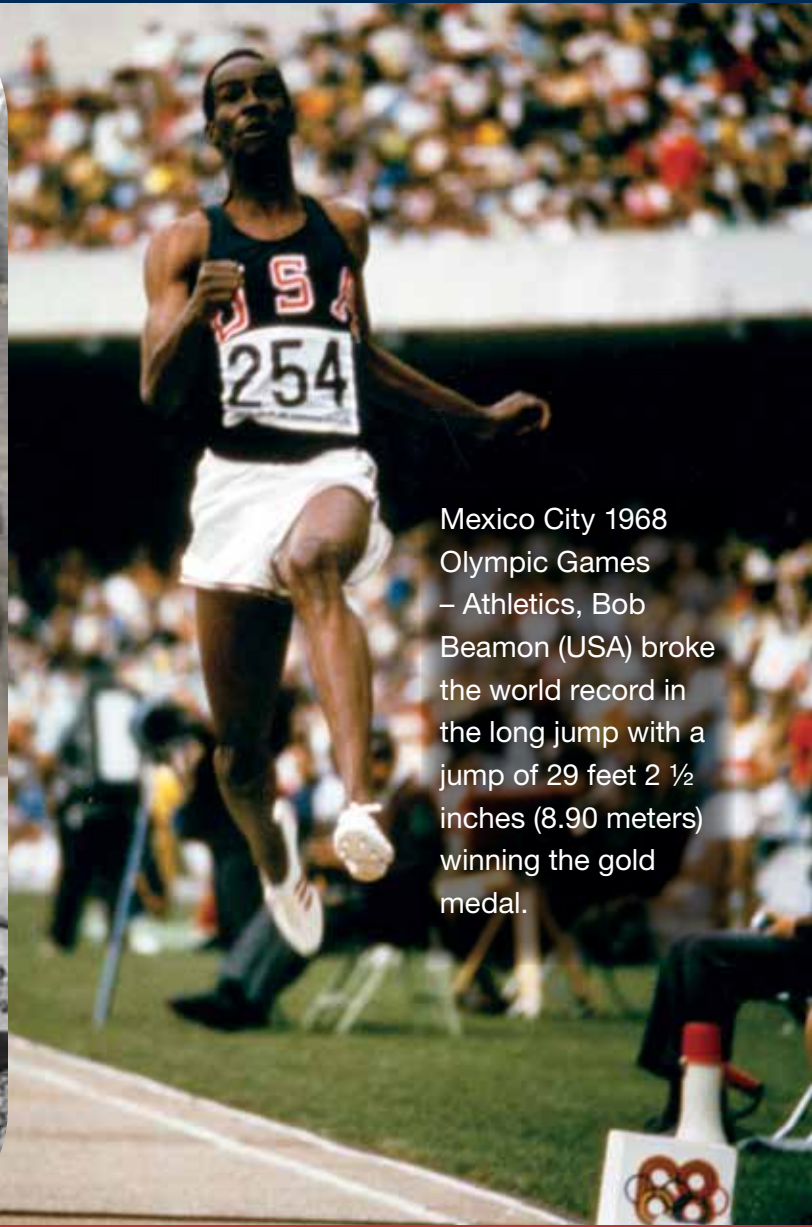
On a magical day at the Mexico City 1968 Olympic Games, Bob Beamon proved that humans could fly when he broke the world long jump record on track and field's grandest stage.

Beamon soared six feet into the air to make an epic long jump of 29 ft.-2 1/2

inches on his first attempt to win the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Mexico City. Beamon added an incredible 22.8 inches to the existing world record. It was twelve years before anyone else reached 28 feet and the record stood until 1991 when Mike Powell of the U.S. spanned 29.3 feet in Tokyo to win the world title.

Beamon's phenomenal leap at the Games inspired a new word. "Beamonesque" means an athletic feat so superior to what has come before, it is overwhelming. "Compared to this jump, we are as children," Soviet jumper Igor Ter-Ovanesyan said at the time.

BOB BEAMON



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Hundreds of long jumpers over the course of nearly five decades have attempted to break Bob Beamon's Olympic record in the event, and all have failed. The mark still stands 50 years after it was set in Mexico City.

Like the sensational upset of the Soviet

Union by the 1980 U.S. Olympic ice hockey team at Lake Placid, Beamon's spellbinding effort remains among the greatest performances by American athletes in Olympic history.

1968 remains arguable the most historic year in modern American history.

Leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy were both assassinated. The first 747 Jumbo Jet was introduced and with the Apollo 8 mission, for the first time in history humans orbited the Moon. The 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City also produced history. At just 22 years old,



During the Games of the XIXth Olympiad in Estadio Olimpico, Bob Beamon stood atop the medal stand and accepted his gold medal. His performance in Mexico City is recognized as the outstanding single performance in track & field history.

Bob Beamon landed a jump of 29'2 1/2" destroying the existing world and Olympic record by 1.8'. While other events in 1968 have faded into the pages of history books, Bob Beamon's record still stands 50 years later, more than a half a century. October 2018 was spearheaded by multiple activities and celebrations of this historic accomplished Golden Anniversary.

Bob's story does not start or end with this historic jump. His story actually starts in South Jamaica Queens, New York. He has told the story many times of making the transition from hanging out on the corner to attending college. Athletics was the catalyst that fueled this transition. Bob was a New York state record holder and Junior Olympian. He won the 1965 National

High School Triple Jump and High Jump awards. In 1967, he won the Indoor AAU Long Jump Championship as well as the silver medal at the Pan American Games

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Outdoor Long Jump Championships. The year of the 1968 Games, Bob won the final trials in Echo Summit, Calif., which assured him a spot in the Olympics. Reports today still attach the word Beamon-esque to describe great exploits in all sports.

Just like the fact that the Olympics did not start the story, nor does the story end with his athletic gifts and accomplishments. As the Associate Commissioner of Parks in Miami-Dade County, Bob Beamon along with actor Arnold Schwarzenegger organized the South Florida Inner-City Games for at-risk kids. He was Chairman of the Bob Beamon United Way Golf Classic, which benefited youth-related programs for the United Way. In addition, he has gone on to pursue new dreams. He operates his own corporation, Bob

Beamon Communications Inc., in Central Florida as well as Las Vegas Nev. where he now lives with his wife Rhonda. He collaborates with several organizations to facilitate scholarship fairs in the Central Florida area. More than 35 colleges and Universities award over \$10 million in scholarships to qualified high school seniors. He is also an exhibited artist designing and marketing a successful line of neckties and scarves and he has a line of apparel that can be purchased online at the IOC website. Bob spends much of his time as an inspirational speaker and corporate spokesperson. He has developed his own motivational program, The Champion in You, in which he describes how, "Champions are made by the things you accomplish and by the way you use your abilities in everyday life situations." Bob remains very active in



Bob Beamon jumping during his preliminary rounds.

Bob Beamon thanks the officials that over saw the long jump pit on that special day, October 18, 1968.

Mexico City 1968 Olympics Games— Athletics. USA) athletes Bob Beason and John Carlos in sombero.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM AND EY ANNOUNCE 2019 WOMEN ATHLETES BUSINESS NETWORK MENTEE COHORT

The Women Athletes Business Network Mentoring Program Announces Fifth Cohort of Elite Female Athletes

By: Karen Rosen

The International Women's Forum (IWF) and EY, announced the fifth cohort of Women Athletes Business Network (WABN) mentees.

Launched in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2013, EY's Women Athletes Business Network harnesses the often untapped leadership potential of elite women athletes as they transition from their sporting careers.

In 2015, EY called upon IWF to provide mentorship and leadership training designed to help exceptional women athletes refine, develop and grow their leadership capacity. To date, over 94 women athletes, including 52 Olympians and Paralympians across 24 countries and 36 sports, have benefitted from this unique program.

"The WABN Mentoring Program furthers our mission in an important way by leveraging the talents of these remarkable athletes," said Holly Cannon, Board President of IWF's Leadership Foundation. "We are particularly excited for this year's program as we unveil a new training module, the NIKE Leadership Roundtable, in March. Thanks to the generous support of IWF Oregon and NIKE, we are confident this roundtable will further enhance the program experience."

Each year, an international panel of EY and IWF advisors competitively selects 25 elite female athletes. The 2019 cohort of mentees, representing 23 sports and seven countries, includes:

Julia Mancuso

Olympic Athlete, Alpine Skiing—USA (Salt Lake City 2002; Turn 2006; 2010 Vancouver; 2014 Sochi)

Kotomi Ishizaki

Medical Clerk, Matsumo Hospital—Curling, Japan (Salt Lake City 2002; Vancouver 2010)

Bronwen Knox

Development Officer, All Hallows School—Australia (Rio de Janeiro 2016; London 2012; Beijing 2008)

Iris Zimmermann

Co-Owner and President, Rochester Fencing Club—Fencing, USA (Sydney 2000; US Fencing Hall of Fame)

Beth Brooke-Marciniak

EY Global Vice Chair of Public Policy and Co-Founder of WABN, said, "this program, and the wonderful partnership we have with IWF, has allowed EY to bring real focus to the discussion around sport and the power of sport to create more women leaders in the world. Personally, sport has taught me to be disciplined, focused, resilient and

fiercely competitive. I learned how to take on different roles based on a team's needs and how to get back up after getting pushed down – all traits that are essential for success in the corporate world. I am so proud that this program delivers the important support athletes need as they transition into the next chapter of their career."

About the International Women's Forum & Leadership Foundation:

IWF is an invitation-only, membership organization comprised of more than 6,800 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents. IWF is dedicated to building better leadership globally and locally. IWF's Leadership Foundation supports high-potential women through leadership development programs – the Fellows Program and the EY Women Athletes Business Network (WABN) Mentoring Program. For more information on IWF and LF visit www.iwforum.org and follow @IWFGlobal on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [Facebook](#).

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Alyssa Conley is a Track and Field Olympian who represented Team South Africa at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. Born and bred in the cultural South Africa, Alyssa Conley currently resides in Johannesburg where she is a NIKE-sponsored athlete. Known as the "City of Gold", Johannesburg is where Alyssa's passion and hunger for success grew. Her Olympic dreams were sparked after watching Marion Jones compete at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Jones' poise, style and incredible athleticism captivated her. Shortly after, Alyssa began rigorous training as a track athlete, overcoming numerous hurdles along the way, to finally qualify as an Olympian in 2016. Now, training for the 2020 Olympic qualifiers but also thinking about her post-athlete life, Alyssa's goal is to own her own elite training academy, the "Elite Stars Training Academy", in her hometown of Johannesburg. She is inspired to help develop, guide, and manage young South African athletes so they may reach their full potential. Alyssa has previously worked at the University of Johannesburg as a fitness instructor and as a lecturer for the Education Department. Prior to her sponsorship, she worked at NIKE Africa as a Product Specialist in the Marketing department.



Jennifer Davis is an elite amateur Triathlete who has represented Australia at World Championships for Ironman, 70.3 and the Xterra triathlon. She has also raced as a guide with Paralympic Gold Medallist triathlete Katie Kelly. Jennifer is a Veterinary Science graduate from the University of Queensland, with postgraduate qualifications in Veterinary Public Health Management from the University of Sydney, and membership by examination in the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists Epidemiology Chapter. Since graduation, Jennifer has worked for the Australian Government in a variety of veterinary technical roles, and more recently, in a leadership role as Director of the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer. Jennifer is passionate about animal health in Australia and worldwide. In particular, she seeks to understand how improvements in animal health and production can support the global sustainable development goals. Jennifer has been coaching triathlon for five years and is particularly interested in getting more female athletes involved with the sport. Outside professional and athletic endeavors, Jennifer shares her interest in competitive triathlon and associated sports with her husband Luke. She also enjoys spending time with her extended family, which helps bring perspective to what she has achieved, and allows them all to bond through shared interests in outdoor activities and farming.



Leanne Del Toso is a Wheelchair Basketball Paralympian who represented Team Australia at the 2012 London Games. At the age of 19, Leanne suddenly developed a neurological condition known as Hereditary Sensory and Motor Neuropathy causing her to lose the ability to run, jump and balance on her own, as well as, strength and sensation in both her hands and feet. With an unknown future, Leanne spent years completing constant physiotherapy and treatment. Desiring a greater quality of life and to return to her previous athletic capabilities, Leanne discovered wheelchair basketball. Her love for the sport was instant and in her first year, she was awarded "Best New Talent" in the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League (WNWBL). In 2009, three years after her first venture onto the court, Leanne played her first

international tournament in Japan. In her 12-year career, Leanne has won a multitude of awards including; Club MVP (5X); National MVP (2x); "Athlete of the Year" (2x); Banyule Council "Sportsperson of the Year"; the "True Sport Award"; and, multiple National Championships (2011, 2012, 2015). Leanne has also competed in three world championship campaigns. At the 2012 London Games, Leanne and the Australian national team, the Australian Gliders, won Silver. Drawing from her global experiences in wheelchair basketball, Leanne has assumed the Head Coach position for the Victorian Junior Wheelchair Basketball team as a mentor and role model for not only those with disabilities but for all women. Leanne is a motivational speaker. Her elite status and leadership abilities empower her to inspire the next generation to dream big. In September 2018, Leanne announced her retirement from the Australian Gliders, taking with her 164 International games, wonderful memories and long lasting friendships. She now turns her focus to creating the best opportunities for success both in life, and in the workplace.



Aja Evans is a Bobsled Olympian who represented Team USA at the 2014 Sochi Games and the 2018 Pyeongchang Games. Throughout her childhood and into college, Aja was a star track and field athlete. While at the University of Illinois, Aja was a Big-Ten Champion (3x); First Team All-Big Ten (3x); and, All-American (5x). In 2008, she represented Team USA at the NACAC Championships and competed in the Olympic trials that same year. Four years later in 2012, Aja's bobsled career began after her college track coach encouraged her to tryout for the sport. She was named USA Women's Bobsled "Push Champion" and "Rookie of the Year" in 2012-2013, setting global track records and finishing second in the World Cup. Aja took Bronze at the 2014 Sochi Games. As an Olympic medalist, Aja quickly became an ambassador for Team USA and for the sport of bobsled. After suffering a torn ACL and enduring two subsequent surgeries, Aja returned stronger than ever in 2016. She again won the title of Women's Bobsled "Push Champion" and won first overall with her driver, Jamie Greubel Poser, in the World Cup. The two were honored as the USA "Team of the Year" for 2017. She was a brand ambassador for Polo Ralph Lauren during the 2018 Pyeongchang Games and her story has been featured as part of Proctor & Gamble's *Thank You Mom* and *Love Over Bias* campaigns.



Anna Foli is an elite volleyball player who represented France in numerous international tournaments. Born in Cracow, Poland, Anna grew up outside Paris, France with a family intensely passionate for volleyball. Anna started competing at 11 years old and quickly was recruited to become a member of the French National Team with the Youth group and progressing to the Junior and Senior teams. She competed in 16 international tournaments, played in the University Olympic Games in Bangkok, and was named Team Captain during the 2006 European Championships. In conjunction with her athletic career, Anna was a top student and was recruited by the Ohio State University Women's Volleyball Team on a full scholarship. She was the first female student-athlete who completed the unique 3-2 MBA program, earning her BSBA and MBA in a joint 5-year curriculum. While competing for OSU, Anna was awarded numerous scholar athlete and "All-Big Ten" awards and the 2010 "Jack Stephenson Pace Setters Award for Outstanding Scholastic Leadership and Athletic Achievements". Before graduating, Anna received a job offer from Aggreko and ultimately, made the difficult decision to prioritize her professional career. She now lives out her Olympics dreams through her brother Nicolas who

competes professionally in Poland. With her PMP and Lean Six Sigma Black Belt certifications, Anna has grown in her career at Aggreko as a business transformation leader with a successful history of driving top and bottom line growth. She has managed multimillion-dollar acquisitions, established global business alliances, designed and implemented strategic initiatives, and conducted business analysis to accelerate growth in highly competitive industries. Anna met her husband Mark at Ohio State and they married in 2014. Together, they have traveled to 35 countries across 5 continents and strive to visit all seven wonders of the world.



Sian Fremaux is an elite Field Hockey athlete having represented New Zealand internationally as part of the Women's Blacksticks team and Maori team. She is a New Zealand sportswoman of European and Maori descent who has been selected by every New Zealand field hockey team, from the junior levels onward. Sian has also represented her home province of Canterbury in national tournaments since the age of 11, winning nine national titles throughout her career. Sian has been awarded numerous international "Top Goalscorer" awards and was awarded "Player of the Tournament" while competing with the junior Blacksticks team in the Lal Bahadur Shastri tournament in New Delhi, India. She has also played professionally in Paris, France and Antwerp, Belgium. Sian was a recipient of the Prime Ministers' Sporting Scholarship and holds a degree in Commerce. Sian continues to contribute to the development of youth in New Zealand through coaching, mentoring and various speaking engagements and is co-captain of the Canterbury province team. Sian is a young professional who has moved from the sporting arena into a career which she is exceptionally passionate about: communications and content creation within the Marketing and Advertising realms. Since moving on from playing international hockey, Sian enjoys trying new things, such as adventure racing and long-distance running. She also enjoys reading books and spending time outdoors with her bouncy Border Collie, Ralph.



Erin Hoare is an elite Footballer who competes in the Australian National Women's Football League. Erin is a former professional netballer in the Australian and New Zealand Netball League. Currently, Erin is a Public Health Postdoctoral Researcher at the Food & Mood Center at Deakin University in Australia. Her research program has established the potential to leverage diet and physical activity for the prevention of common mental disorders, including depression and anxiety. She leads the Prevention and Population Health Stream at the Food & Mood Centre, conducting epidemiological and community-based intervention studies. In 2017, Erin switched codes and now competes as a footballer in the Australian National Women's Football League. Erin is passionate about building the evidence for novel prevention approaches to mental health, and strengthening both national and international collaborations in the field. In 2019, she will complete a National Health and Medical Research Council Fellowship at the University of Cambridge, as well as a Fulbright Fellowship at Boston University. She is a strong advocate for reducing gender inequalities in both science and sport and regularly contributes to public discussion on such as both an athlete and scientist.



Margaret (Maggie) Hogan is a Canoe Sprint Olympian who represented Team USA at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. Maggie was the only U.S. athlete to qualify for these Games in Canoe Sprint and credits her coach and current business partner, Michele Eray, with getting her to the point where she could make the team. In 2005, she first became a member of the US National Canoe and Kayak team, going on to represent the US in numerous World Championships across five different paddling sports.

After the Games, she and Michele started "Paddle California", an online retailer of high-performance racing boats and paddle coaching business. After their first year, it became clear they wanted to create a successful business both financially and in impact. Maggie is currently working to sustainably change the sport of Canoe Sprint in the United States, a challenge she is uniquely situated to take on. Maggie has a BS in Bio-Psychology from UC Santa Barbara, an MBA from Oklahoma City University, and an Executive Education Certificate from the Tuck School of Business.



Kotomi Ishizaki is an Olympic Curler who represented Team Japan in the 2002 Salt Lake City Games and the 2010 Vancouver Games. Currently, Kotomi coaches Junior Curling and works as a curling commentator and Medical Coordinator for the Director of a local hospital. Growing up a shy child, Kotomi credits sports with giving her confidence. While in high school, she was named Captain of the Volleyball team and led them to the All Hokkaido Championship Tournament, becoming No.1 in the prefecture. It was around this time that Kotomi discovered an unflinching spirit to always work hard and keep striving until she achieved whatever goal she had set for herself. Kotomi began curling at the age of 18 with her company. Three short years later, Kotomi and her team became national champions, enabling them to compete on the world stage. After nine years of competing in Japan, she moved to Canada focused on developing her curling prowess. While there, she immersed herself in the Canadian curling culture learning everything from club management to the growth of curling for entertainment. She returned to Japan one year later, bringing these new skills and a dedication to strengthening Japanese awareness of sport and curling.



Erin Kennedy is an elite American Rugby player who has competed professionally for teams globally. She has worked in sports administration for over nine years, focusing mostly on rugby development and administration. She is a Co-Founder of Girls Rugby and currently leads Rugby Canada's Mass Participation Rugby Programs. Erin brings with her experience from her time with USA Rugby as a Youth Development Manager, where she managed mass participation programs like Rookie

Rugby and pioneered Try on Rugby, a female-specific development program for rugby across the United States. Erin has also worked for Rugby Americas North, developing youth rugby and women's rugby programs in the Caribbean and Mexico. Previously, Erin coordinated programs for the International Olympic Committee in Switzerland, focusing on the Youth Olympic Games. She is also a World Rugby Educator and coaches at the youth, high school, and adult club levels. Erin holds a Master's degree in Sport and Performance Psychology, is a USA Rugby certified coach and referee, and is a passionate advocate for the growth of youth

and women's rugby in North America. She is also the author of [The Value of Rugby](#) a children's book aimed at teaching the core values of rugby.



Bronwen Knox is an Olympic Water Polo player who represented Team Australia at the 2008 Beijing Games, 2012 London Games, and 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. In her debut Olympic Games, Bronwen scored 12 goals, making her the third leading goal scorer in the tournament. During the 2016 Games, she was named Captain of the Australian women's team. Bronwen made her debut with the Australian National Team, the Aussie Stingers, in 2005 after a test match against trans-tasman rivals New Zealand. Competing at the highest levels for over a decade, Bronwen recently played in her 350th international cap, a testament to her work ethic and commitment to the sport. She hopes to make Tokyo 2020 her fourth Olympic Games. Outside the pool, she is pursuing a degree in Law, having previously completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science.



Joanna (Jo) Lohman is an elite Soccer athlete who competes in the US National Women's Soccer League. She has been a professional athlete for 14 years and is currently a midfielder for the Washington Spirit, located in Washington, DC. As a professional athlete, Jo has leveraged her platform to impact people around the world including time as a Sports Envoy on behalf of the US Department of State. Jo is also a tireless human rights advocate, traveling often to Global South countries to run programs promoting gender equality and peace and conflict resolution, impacting cross-cultural relations and local economic development. Jo helps individuals and groups "find their cool" by living an unabashedly authentic life based around a deep-rooted sense of acceptance and discovering a comfort in their own skin.



Julia Mancuso is an Olympic Skier who represented Team USA at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, 2006 Torino Games, 2010 Vancouver Games, and the 2014 Sochi Games. Nicknamed "Super Jules" and often sporting superhero attire, Julia has always had a fun-focused, unconventional ski racing career, splitting her time between surfing in Maui and traveling the world chasing snow. Julia has captured more major championship medals than any other American woman in history, with four Olympic and five World Championship podiums. High vibes and positive energy are her motto, and Julia loves to share the stoke with her clients. She is an ambassador for the High Fives Foundation, bringing opportunity to action sports. When Julia isn't on the mountain or in the ocean, she is focused on fitness, health and wellness. After overcoming three hip surgeries due to chronic pain, she decided to immerse herself into health coaching, focused on helping injured athletes. Julia has been a sponsored athlete for major brands like GoPro, Spyder, POC, and Stöckli. Her post ski racing endeavors include adventuring and sharing her story through motivational speaking at engagements such as the SPIRI Injury Prevention Symposium, Sotheby's, Ciena, and HFMA conferences.



Violetta Nosareva is an elite tennis athlete hailing from Australia. From an early age, Violetta Nosareva applied herself to establishing achievements in whatever she set her mind to. Her tennis career began at the age of six when she started training regularly. This passion and drive translated into numerous achievements, including participation in various international tennis academies, achieving a Top 100 national tennis ranking for Under-18s in 2006, and participation in the professional junior tennis circuit (ITF).

During her time in California, Violetta competed within NCAA Division II. In 2012, she was awarded a place in the Elite Athlete Program within the University of Sydney, receiving a talented athlete scholarship. Violetta has represented the University of Sydney in the Australian University Games, competing with national tennis teams and ultimately winning a Gold medal. While pursuing a tennis career, Violetta has not ignored her passion for excelling in academics. In 2014, Violetta graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Sydney, majoring in Management and International Business. Currently, she's pursuing a Master of Business Administration and working full-time for HSBC Bank in Australia. She has been working in the financial services industry for the past four years, with experience in institutional banking, corporate finance and debt markets. Violetta is passionate about gender equality in the banking sector and has been a strong advocate of helping women achieve in the financial services industry. Violetta has great confidence in the ability of people to examine their own circumstances, set goals and improve their lot in life. It is an outlook that she strives to put into effect with each new day, as she seeks to continually improve herself, whether that be professionally or academically.



Sally Roberts is an elite Wrestler who represented the United States in numerous World Cups. She is a retired Army soldier, sport psychology consultant and founder of *Wrestle Like A Girl, Inc.*[®], a nonprofit organization. Sally was a resident at the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center for eight years, during which she was a 3-time national champion, 2003 World Cup Champion, 2003 & 2005 World Bronze Medalist, and a 2008 Olympic Alternate. She served six years in the Army

as a Psychological Operations soldier, where she volunteered for deployment in Afghanistan. She was also a member of the Army's prestigious World Class Athlete Program and represented both the US Army and Team USA in elite athletic competitions. Sally is the youngest in her family and the first to graduate from high school. She earned a B.A. in Psychology from University of Colorado - Colorado Springs and a Master of Arts degree in Sport and Performance Psychology from University of the Rockies. She has a certification in nutrition from the Institute of Integrative Nutrition. In 2016, Sally founded the nonprofit organization *Wrestle Like A Girl, Inc.*[®] on the premise that girls can do anything and that through sport, they can realize their full potential. Sally received the 2016 Women in Sport Award on behalf of United World Wrestling and the International Olympic Committee. She is a board member of USA Wrestling, the United States Olympic Committee Youth Development Working Group, and the Association for Applied Sports Psychology. She is an athlete ambassador for TrueSport, the grassroots organization for the United States Anti-Doping Agency. Sally spoke at the United Nations "Global Good" summit and participated in the Global Goals World Cup activist soccer tournament on Team Sports Equality Enforcers, promoting the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals. Sally and *Wrestle Like A Girl, Inc.*[®] was featured on the *Megyn Kelly Today* show. In 2018, Sally was named USA Wrestling's "Women of the Year".



Carolina Romeo is an elite Ringette and Field Hockey player who represented Team Canada in World Championships. Carolina became the youngest female athlete in Canadian Interuniversity Sport in 2008 when, at the age of 15, she played her first field hockey game for the University of Calgary. While a student at the University of Calgary, Carolina was a Chancellor's Club Scholar and a Canada Top 20 Under 20 recipient. She played in the Canada Winter Games, became a National Champion, organized a sports camp for underprivileged kids, and coached various sports teams. Upon completing her Mechanical Engineering degree with a Biomedical Specialization (with Distinction), Carolina moved to Vancouver to train with the National Women's field hockey team, competing in the 2013 Junior World Cup in Germany before returning to Calgary to start her engineering career. Carolina is a Completions Engineer for Shell, working both in the office and on-site locations including an off-coast drillship, in the USA, and was the first women supervisor in her company to work in Argentina for complete operations. Carolina continued to play in the National Ringette League until 2017. In her time off during field work, Carolina has traveled to 40 countries to explore new cultures, try new things and meet new people. Carolina enjoys learning and truly believes that "the more you know, the less you know!" She coaches and tutors, most recently coaching the U18 Women's Alberta field hockey team.



Rika Saito is an Olympic Weightlifter who represented Team Japan at the 2008 Beijing Games. She came to weightlifting while training for athletics after her coach told her she had the ability to rank top in Japan. In her freshman year of high school, Rika won the All Japan Junior Weightlifting Championships. In recognition of this accomplishment, she was selected to represent Japan at the World Junior Weightlifting Championships and began competing in an increasing number of international tournaments. Rika retired in 2012 and studied abroad in Vancouver, Canada. She was deeply inspired at witnessing the Canadian sport culture and its impact on their personal lives. Now back in Japan, Rika is eager to lead activities that demonstrate the appeal and value of sports for people of all ages. Currently, she works as a strength and conditioning trainer at NRT-method Co., Ltd. She helps manage the company, proposing and executing plans to improve operational effectiveness and increase revenues. Besides her work, she also serves as an athlete committee member of the Japan Anti-Doping Agency to raise awareness on anti-doping initiatives. She is also a member of the Athlete Commission for the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, contributing to proposal development.



Brianna Salvatore is an elite American basketball player who competed professionally in Europe, playing with Switzerland LNA. As a Division I athlete at the University of California-Davis, Brianna has taken her passion for sports and applied it in the diplomatic field, currently working with the United Nations Educational Cultural and Scientific Organization (UNESCO/IEP). She credits sports with helping her overcome the loss of her mother at an early age and believes in the power of sport to transform lives. Brianna has developed a passion to use sport as a way to address the United Nations Sustainable Agenda 2030. Through her work with UNESCO, as well as in the pursuit of her Master's in International Development from Sciences Po, Paris School of International Affairs,

Brianna has dedicated herself to making this dream a reality and becoming an expert of Sport for Development. In January 2019, Brianna will be serving as a camp coordinator for young female basketball player with the NGO Leading, Youth, Sport and Development in Lomé, Togo.



Caitlin Leverenz Smith is an Olympic Swimmer who represented Team USA at the 2012 London Games. As a member of the USA Swimming National team for over a decade, she won a Bronze medal in the London 2012 Olympic Games and two Gold medals in the 2015 Pan American Games. Originally from Arizona, Caitlin graduated from the University of California-Berkeley with a degree in Public Health. While representing UC-Berkeley in her collegiate career, she won nine individual and relay national titles and led her team to two NCAA National Championship wins. Recognized by her peers as a leader, Caitlin was elected captain of her college team her senior year, as well as five different US national teams. She has now retired from professional swimming and is working at Visa as a Rotational Associate as a part of Visa's Olympic and Paralympic Business Development Program. She completed her first rotation with Visa's North America Client Marketing team focused on activating marketing campaigns and initiatives with Visa's US merchants. Her second rotation was in a Sales role working with Visa's largest financial institution clients in the US. Her current and third rotation is a Strategy role for Visa's Global Risk organization, helping commercialize the value of Risk that Visa brings to both their clients and the overall ecosystem. Caitlin currently lives with her husband, Collin, and their 140lb Mastiff, Chennon, in the San Francisco East Bay.



Haruka Takashima is an elite Japanese Ice Hockey player who played professionally in Europe. Haruka was selected as member of the Japan Women's National Team as a high school freshman. Since then she has played in many international competitions, including the Ice Hockey World Championships and a 2006 Winter Olympics qualifier where she was the youngest member of the team and awarded MVP. Due to her international sporting achievements, Haruka was selected to study at Waseda University. She received the prestigious "Azusa Ono Memorial Award" while studying at Waseda. Upon graduation from University in 2010, Haruka moved to Europe to play professionally with top teams in the region. From 2015 to 2017, Haruka worked with the Japan Olympic Committee where she supported elite athletes who contribute to Japan's future sporting world and society at large. Currently, Haruka works in the Japan Sport Council, an incorporated administrative agency. At the same time, she has energetically pursued career enhancement activities, including working as a sports commentator for the Olympic games and a lecturer on themes such as dual career development for athletes.



Rohre W. B. Titcomb is an elite American Ultimate Frisbee athlete who has earned five World Championships. Rohre threw her first frisbee in 1998 and made her first National Team roster in 2004. She won her first world championship with the US Women's Beach National Team in 2011, and then again in 2015. From 2012 to 2016, she captained her club team, Seattle Riot, to multiple National Championship finals and a 2014 World Club gold medal. She earned her fourth World Championship in 2016 with the US Women's National Team. After a third ACL tear shortly thereafter, she hung up her cleats to focus on her coaching career. She has coached a developing college program, the Whitman Sweets, since 2017. In 2018, during her second season as coach of Seattle Riot, she led the team to a repeat World Club gold medal. Thanks to her international upbringing, she is conversational in both Spanish and Arabic and fluent in French, Italian, spoken Mandarin, and English. Her life's work has been in the sport of ultimate, where she has not only successfully competed but also founded three businesses. After graduating cum laude from Dartmouth College with a degree in Chinese and Arabic Literature and Language, she started her career as an entrepreneur. With her four siblings, she founded a leading ultimate apparel brand, Five Ultimate. In her nine years with Five, she has worked in product development, marketing, HR, and executive leadership. From 2012 to 2015, she served as CEO, ultimately resigning after her husband suffered a spinal cord injury and became a tetraplegic. Rohre is also an owner of Seattle's professional ultimate team, the Seattle Cascades. As one of six female owners in the league, she advocates to get women on the professional field. Rohre currently works in project management for Girl Rising and serves as an active board member for her three businesses.



Morgan Tracey is an elite skeleton athlete who represented Team USA in numerous international tournaments. Morgan played soccer at Mercyhurst University on an athletic scholarship, where she led the team to Sweet-16 and Elite-8 playoff berths. Upon graduation, Morgan joined the Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), the domestic equivalent of the Peace Corps, where she discovered a love of wildland firefighting and ultimately earned a spot on an elite Interagency Hot Shot Crew. As the lone woman on the team, Morgan spent five years fighting fires across the country while simultaneously studying law and passing the Ohio bar exam in 2010. While studying for the bar exam, Morgan learned about the Olympic sport of skeleton. She postponed her legal career to chase her Olympic dreams, while it would still be possible. Morgan competed for Team USA for seven years and won numerous national and international medals. She states her proudest accomplishment was being awarded the "Randy Price Memorial Award for Sportsmanship" by her teammates. Morgan's passion for service and leadership was recognized by President Obama at the White House by being honored as a 2012 Champion of Change. She recently became the Team Operations Coordinator position for USA Bobsled and Skeleton Federation and hopes to help her former teammates find success in the upcoming Olympics.



Jessica Vliegenthart is a Wheelchair Basketball Paralympian who represented Team Canada at the 2012 London Games. Jessica completed law school at the University of Victoria while competing for Team Canada from 2007-2012. After the 2012 London Paralympics, she retired from international play and returned to Canada to start her legal practice. She is a 2010 World Championship bronze medalist, two time Canadian champion (2012 and 2010), a two-time PanAmerican Games silver medalist (2007 and 2011), and a veteran of many international caps. Following her international sport career, Jessica started her legal career and now practices exclusively in the area of tort law as a civil litigator at Fulton & Company, LLP. Currently, Jessica serves on the board of directors for Spinal Cord Injury British Columbia and as the athlete representative on the Revenue Generation and Government Relations Section of the Canadian Paralympic Committee. Following the Paralympics, she co-founded the Kamloops Adapted Sport Association, a multisport adapted sport organization that provides adapted sport opportunities to the interior of British Columbia, and she continues to sit on this board today. Jessica has been recognized for her contributions to her community with the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Ann Roberts Humanitarian Award from UVic Law, and the Terry Fox Gold Medal from Simon Fraser University. Jessica is passionate about the advancement of women in both the corporate and sporting worlds.



Allison Wagner is an Olympic Swimmer who represented Team USA at the 1996 Atlanta Games. As the child of a US Army lawyer, Allison grew up in Texas, Virginia, Germany, Maryland and Florida. During the 1992 Olympic qualifiers, she jumped from being tied for 71st place in the country to placing 5th in the final race of the competition. Allison credits this as a turning point in her swimming career, and she began devoting as much time as possible to training, hoping to realize her Olympic dreams. In the swimming world, she was known for her love of racing, strong finishes to races, for winning by "touching people out," a fierce work ethic, setting a world-record that stood unbroken for 14 years, and for pioneering the use of a new back-to-breast transition medley turn. After competing in the Atlanta Games, she pursued studies of Buddhist Psychology at Naropa University in Colorado. Upon graduation, Allison traveled the Pacific Rim by herself for almost a year. After returning stateside, she worked in a residential treatment center for kids and adults with developmental disabilities. She returned to swimming from 2005-2008 and after retiring again, felt compelled to begin a coaching business to share her learnings. Over the years, Allison has found and created many opportunities to advocate for causes that she believes in by using her Olympic experiences as a platform to open the door to being able to contribute to positive change.



Iris Zimmermann is an Olympic Fencer who represented Team USA at the 2000 Sydney Games. Over the course of her career as a professional fencer, Iris has broken many records, including becoming the first ever American to win a World Championship title and youngest national champion. In total, Iris holds three age category World Championship medals, one Senior World Championship medal, two National Championships, and one NCAA National Championship title. Throughout her career, she battled countless injuries and an abusive coach, hurdles that ultimately led to a



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forced retirement from sport. However, those lessons in strength and perseverance have led her to find purpose in learning and teaching about leadership and education. After retiring from professional sports and graduating from Stanford University, Iris earned an MBA and then turned her passion of fencing into a career. In 2009, she purchased the Rochester Fencing Club and has since grown its' membership by 150% and tripled the size of the facility with her business partner and sister, Felicia Zimmermann. Through the fencing club, Iris has spent countless hours thinking of how to best tap into the inspiration of Olympism and the power of sport in order to inspire the next generation to become not only great athletes, but effective and successful adults. Additionally, Iris continues her passion for childhood education by volunteering as a Campaign Steering Committee Member for the Rochester Strong Museum of Play. The mission of The Strong is to "understand 'play' as a science which aids in the total mental development." Today, Iris has transitioned her love of coaching into becoming a Performance Coach with a startup called Valor Performance. Through this start-up, she has found a new passion for taking her experience in sports, business, and coaching youth, and translating that into helping professionals become their best self. Although her career is important to her, Iris is also a dedicated wife and mother to two wonderfully independent girls, aged 4 and 6.

USOC Department Spotlight: Collegiate Partnerships

By Leah Jenk

In June 2016, the United States Olympic Committee launched its collegiate partnerships department. With more than 80 percent of the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team and one-third of the 2018 U.S. Olympic Team having competed collegiately, the department was charged with keeping Olympic sport opportunities strong on campus so athletes can continue to grow and develop personally and athletically in the college system.

2016 U.S.
OLYMPIC TEAM

U.S. SCHOOLS
REPRESENTED
DIVISIONS I, II AND III


150

28 OF 31
U.S. SUMMER SPORTS WITH
COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

 **85%**
OF U.S. MEDALISTS WERE
COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

2018 U.S.
OLYMPIC TEAM


48

U.S. SCHOOLS
REPRESENTED
DIVISIONS I, II AND III

10 OF 14
U.S. WINTER SPORTS WITH
COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

HALF OF TEAM USA
MEDALISTS WERE
COLLEGIATE ATHLETES 

USOC Collegiate Advisory Council

In October 2017, the USOC Collegiate Advisory Council was formed. The CAC is comprised of nine collegiate athletic directors and one conference commissioner who lead institutions with broad-based Olympic sport programs that have historically contributed to Team USA. The 10 members are:

Sandy Barbour, Pennsylvania State University
^Bob Bowsby, Big 12 Conference
Greg Byrne, University of Alabama
Bubba Cunningham, University of North Carolina
Bernard Muir, Stanford University

Rob Mullens, University of Oregon
Chris Plonsky, University of Texas
Gene Smith, The Ohio State University
Scott Stricklin, University of Florida
*Kevin White, Duke University

The council is driven by two priorities: facilitating the student-athlete pathway to national team representation; and enhancing the narrative around collegiate Olympic sport programming on campus.

Pathway Project

The collegiate partnerships department and CAC interviewed collegiate-centric National Governing Bodies and received feedback from U.S. Olympians, Paralympians and national team coaches. The research provided insight on how a USOC-NCAA relationship may benefit national team athletes who simultaneously compete in intercollegiate athletics.

As a result of this research, the USOC and CAC are examining NCAA legislative reforms that would: provide more personal and athletic resources to athletes who are training to become the best in the world; allow athletes more flexibility to access coaches in and out of season; provide support for athletes who are transitioning to the post-college environment; and offer more inclusion of adaptive sport athletes in intercollegiate athletics.

While the pathway project is in its early stages, the USOC and CAC are working collaboratively with the NCAA ahead of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Messaging Project

To demonstrate the solidarity between collegiate athletics and Team USA, the USOC has collaborated with the NCAA, schools and conferences to develop the *Olympians Made Here* and *Paralympians Made Here* campaigns. Set to launch in the summer of 2019, these non-commercial and educational campaigns are designed to help schools tell the stories of their Olympic and Paralympic national team student-athletes, not just every two years, but continuously throughout the Olympic cycle. Through enhanced awareness, Olympic sport opportunities on campus can continue to thrive.

*USOC board member

^Former USOC board member

Olympic journeys don't start in college,
but that's where they take shape.

Olympians

MADE HERE ■■■



It's time to celebrate the contributions of our uniquely American education system to Team USA.

During the 2019-20 academic year, the United States Olympic Committee will launch a non-commercial campaign to demonstrate the important role colleges and universities play in preparing athletes to compete on the world's largest stage.

For more information on how you can be involved, email OlympiansMadeHere@usoc.org.

More details on the *Paralympians Made Here* campaign will appear in the next issue of *The Olympian*.



From left, Elizabeth Beisel (University of Florida), Caitlin Leverenz (University of California, Berkeley), Maya DiRado (Stanford University) and Madisyn Cox (University of Texas) represent their schools at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Swimming.



GROWING YOUR AND TEAM USA'S PROFESSIONAL CAREERS IN 2019

As Team USA athletes, you do so much more than represent the United States at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. You share the Olympic and Paralympic values within your communities, act as role models to the next generation, and inspire all Americans to chase their dreams. Simply put, you represent the best of the nation — and you deserve support that mirrors your commitment. That's why the United States Olympic Committee's Athlete Career and Education (ACE) program is committed to supporting you at every turn in your career journey, from getting a degree to transitioning out of elite sport to following a new career path.

In 2018, 588 Team USA athletes received scholarships, career coaching, peer-to-peer networking and advising services that set them up for success both during and after their athletic careers. ACE provided \$256,000 in tuition grants and \$1.5 million in DeVry scholarships, hosted 88 Olympians and Paralympians from PyeongChang 2018 at the ACE Summit, and assisted in finding careers and part-time work for 95 athletes.

In 2019, you too have the opportunity to take part in these programs — by taking advantage of an opportunity below, or even by giving back and sharing your knowledge with ACE and Team USA athletes.

2019 ACE PROGRAMMING GUIDE

Below is a list of ACE programming for this year. For more information about all ACE programs, visit TeamUSA.org/ACE or email ace@usoc.org.

For scholarships and grants...

ACE | USOC Tuition Grants. Apply to receive a \$1,000-\$6,000 grant by April 3. Next application period will be September 1 – October 1.

DeVry University and it's Keller Graduate School of Management Full Scholarship. Apply to receive a full scholarship to attend DeVry. To enroll in the May 2019 session, apply by April 29.

William E Simon Olympic Endowment for the Support of Athletes (Simon Grant) is a travel and training grant for currently training athletes. Application period will run from September 1 – October 1.

For your transition out of sport...

Pivot Program for recently retired and retiring athletes. Attend a workshop in Colorado Springs, Colo. on June 6-7 (applications now open) or November 8-9 (application period Aug.1–Oct. 1).

Next Step: Transition to Business at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. Register with ACE to receive a notification when applications open for its next program.

For your job search and your career...

Visa Olympians and Paralympians Business Development Program. Apply by April 26.

Nike Job Recruitment event, March 29 in San Diego, Calif. Email terris.tiller@usoc.org if interested in attending.

Invenergy Team USA Fellowship. Register with ACE to receive notification when applications open.

One-on-one career coaching. Work with an ACE coach to help you find your next job or make a career change.

For your finances...

Tax resource guide. Download your athlete tax resource guide at TeamUSA.org/ACE

Financial Wellness resources. ACE provides other finance resources, such as expense tracking templates and basic budgeting tips, at TeamUSA.org/ACE.

For your entrepreneurship endeavor...

ACE Entrepreneurship Workshop for Starters. October 20-21 in San Diego, Calif.

ACE Business Startup Workshop for Athletes Launching Ventures. October 21-24 in San Diego, Calif.

GIVE BACK TO YOUR OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC FAMILY

Many USOPA members give back to Team USA by donating time, sharing job opportunities and creating scholarships, here are some ways you can get involved:

- Hire an athlete. ACE can feature your business and job roles in newsletters

and on our platforms. With the help of Kate Johnson (rowing), Visa created its Olympians and Paralympians Business Development Program.

- Reserve grants or scholarships. Garrett Weber-Gale (swimming) created a Team USA scholarship for athletes to pursue their MBA in entrepreneurship at the Acton School of Business.

- Provide free or reduced admission to events. Thanks to Angela Ruggiero (ice hockey), Team USA athletes were able to attend CES 2019 and her sports lounge at the event.

For more information about all ACE resources and opportunities, or to share an opportunity, visit TeamUSA.org/ACE or email ace@usoc.org.

VISA



OLYMPIAN & PARALYMPIAN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



YOU ARE AN ATHLETE WHO WANTS TO MAKE AN IMPACT.

WE HAVE A PROGRAM TO ACCELERATE YOUR GROWTH.

At Visa, we believe that Olympic and Paralympic athletes have the potential to become tomorrow's business leaders. As you look to enter into the next chapter of your life, Visa's Olympian and Paralympian Business Development Program will empower you to hone your talent, potential, and unique leadership skill set in a business setting.

Program

The Olympian and Paralympian Business Development Program is a 12-month to 24-month program, with two to four six-month rotations through different departments within Visa including but not limited to: Sales, Marketing & Sponsorship, Product, and Strategy. At one of the world's most powerful brands, you'll gain unrivaled training and development, mentoring, networking, and leadership exposure.

Candidate Profile

- Competed at any Olympic or Paralympic Games
- Bachelor's and/or Master's degree
- All majors welcome
- Excellent analytical abilities
- Outstanding verbal and written communication skills
- Currently open to US athletes only

Apply between March 1, 2019 - April 26, 2019

Program start date: August 2019

As a global company, Visa is proud to foster an environment where diversity is celebrated. We recognize that differences in opinions, ideas, approaches and backgrounds encourages a workplace where learning and growth can thrive.
Visa is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

UPDATES FROM THE LA84 FOUNDATION



1. 1972 Olympic show jumping silver medalist, Kathy Kusner, participated in the celebration of the 1968 Mexico City Olympic poster exhibition at the LA84 Foundation. Kusner also represented the United States at the 1964 and 1968 Olympic Games.



2. Olympian, Doug Nordquist, took part in the LA84 Foundation coaching clinic. Nordquist, who finished fifth in the high jump in the 1984 Olympic Games, shared his knowledge with the more than 100 coaches who attended the clinic.



3. The LA84 Foundation exhibit, Los Angeles: The Olympic City will be coming down soon and replaced with a new display. Located inside the LA84 Foundation Sports Library in the historic West Adams district of Los Angeles, the exhibit features medals, trophies, photographs and other artifacts highlighting the rich Olympic history and importance of the 1932 and 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. The display also features torches and memorabilia from other Summer and Winter Games, displaying the foundation's wide-ranging Olympic archives.



4. "Total inclusion. Whether it be a person of color, their religious background, their sexual identity." Four-time Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis, who was a speaker at 2018 LA84 Foundation Summit, shares what the Play For All movement means to him.



5. John Naber and Ann Myers joined some of their fellow Olympians at the LA84 Foundation for an event celebrating an exhibition that features posters from the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. Naber, won five Olympic medals in swimming at the 1976 Games, four of them being gold. Myers was a part of the silver-medal-winning women's basketball team in '76 and is a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame.



6. Four-time Olympian, shot putter and discus thrower, Ramona Pagel, was part of a stellar lineup of instructors at the LA84 Foundation track and field coaching clinic. Pagel qualified for the 1984, 1988, 1992 and 1996 Games. She had a top-10 finish at the Atlanta Olympics.



8. 1996 Olympic triple jump gold medalist Kenny Harrison shared his knowledge at the LA84 Foundation track and field coaching clinic. Harrison also won gold at the 1991 World Championship in Tokyo and was elected into the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2013.



10. “I know there are a lot of underserved communities, predominantly communities of color, that aren’t given equal access to sports.” Olympic bronze medalist and activist Ibtihaj Muhammad shares what the Play For All movement means to her while at the 2018 LA84 Foundation Summit.



7. Paralympians Candace Cable and Scot Hollenbeck were joined by wheelchair athlete, pioneer and adaptive sports activist, Marty Ball, at the LA84 Foundation to work on a special project. Cable is the first woman to medal in both the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games, won eight golds in her career. Hollenbeck is a five-time Paralympic medalist, who is also an advocate for equal rights for disabled athletes. Details about the project the three were a part of will be released soon!

9. UCLA women’s gymnastics coach Valorie Kondos Field was the featured speaker at the LA84 Foundation’s National Girls & Women in Sports Day celebration. Kondos Field has coached several Olympians during her tenure with the Bruins, such as Jordyn Wieber and Kyla Ross. Several Olympians attended the event, including Southern California Olympians and Paralympians Association President, John Moffet.



11. Pole Vaulter, Stacy Dragila was an instructor at a recent LA84 Foundation coaching clinic. Dragila won gold at the 2000 Olympic Games. She also topped the podium twice at the World Track and Field Champions, and has nine USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships gold medals on her resume.



USOPA REUNION 2019

Celebrating our Olympic and Paralympic Spirit
“The greatest Olympic and Paralympic party since the last one”

ATTENTION REUNION ATTENDEES: The USOC has announced the revival of the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame!

The 2019 U. S. Olympic Hall of Fame Class will be inducted on Friday, November 1st in conjunction with the USOPA reunion welcome reception. We are looking forward to having hundreds of Olympians and Paralympians in attendance to honor their teammates!

The deadline is approaching for the Early Bird registration!

WHEN:	November 1-3, 2019
WHERE:	The Broadmoor – Colorado Springs, Colorado
WHY:	To renew friendships and celebrate the unique experiences of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. To support Team USA on their Road to Tokyo 2020 and to have fun!
REGISTRATION FEE:	<p>The Early Bird fee is \$250* per adult registration (this fee will increase to \$300 per adult registration on April 1, 2019), children (ages 6-12) \$75, children 5 and under are complimentary.</p> <p>The registration deadline is Friday, September 13, 2019.</p> <p><i>*If you have registered and have not yet paid your registration fee, please be aware the unpaid fee will increase to \$300 on April 1st.</i></p>

The registration fee will cover the following:

- Friday, November 1 – Reunion Registration (Broadmoor Main)
- Friday, November 1 – Welcome Reception/VIP Tour/Team USA Shop/U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (U.S. Olympic Complex)
- Saturday, November 2 – Breakfast at your leisure (Broadmoor Restaurants)
- Saturday, November 2 – Lunch/Sneak “Peak” (U.S. Olympic Museum & Hall of Fame)
 - Now would be a great time for you to consider donating some of your Games memorabilia to the USOC Archives – these items could potentially be loaned to the U.S. Olympic Museum for display. Pack them in your luggage to save on postage!
- Saturday, November 2 – Gala Reception, Dinner Celebration (International Center)
- Sunday, November 3 – Brunch/Tokyo 2020 Update – “Connecting to Tomorrow” (Broadmoor Hall)
- Commemorative gift and Reunion photo
- Transportation to/from the Colorado Springs Airport

Schedule is subject to change.

THE BROADMOOR HOTEL INFORMATION:

The USOPA Reunion 2019 negotiated nightly room rate is \$169 + tax equals an approximate nightly rate of \$190.97. There is a separate daily Resort Service Charge – please see details below. This special rate is effective from November 1 – 6 (based on availability). Check in is after 4:00 pm, Check out is before 12:00 pm. The deadline to reserve your room is Friday, September 13, 2019.

RESORT SERVICE CHARGE:

In an effort to add value and simplify incidental fees encompassing a number of guestroom services, offerings and activity access, a resort charge of \$32.00 per room plus tax will be added to your account daily. The Service Resort Charge includes:

- Wired and wireless high-speed internet access up to 4MB
- Local and toll-free calls up to one hour
- Online access to over 2,000 newspapers and magazines
- Unlimited access to the Fitness Center
- Two daily group fitness classes: Early Bird Aquatics and Broadmoor Bootcamp
- Resort and activity shuttle service to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center, The Broadmoor World Arena and The Broadmoor Seven Falls
- Admission to movies and select matinees in The Little Theatre
- In-room hot beverage program: teas, coffee, hot chocolate
- Two bottles of water and ice delivered daily at turndown
- Art and History Tour: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:30 am
- Golf Clinic: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3:00pm (Seasonal)
- All incoming faxes
- Tennis Round Robins: Fridays at 5:00 pm in the Tennis Bubble
- One-hour use of paddle boats (Seasonal)

As we confirm the daily events for what will be a weekend you do not want to miss, we will be sending out communications on a regular basis via email and in The Olympian. Please make sure you keep us abreast of your current contact information, so you don't miss any of this very important information.

REUNION FEE CANCELLATION POLICY:

The deadline to cancel your reunion registration is September 13, 2019. If you cancel by this date, you will be entitled to a full refund. There will not be any refunds given after this date.

THE BROADMOOR HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY:

In order to prevent a cancellation or change fee of one night's room rate, cancellation or changes in arrival and/or departure date must be confirmed no later than seven (7) days prior to your arrival date.

Please send all questions to: Reunion2019@usoc.org.

REGISTER EARLY TO RECEIVE YOUR DISCOUNTED RATE!!

USOC ARCHIVES & ARCHIVIST NEWS

TERESA HEDGPETH, USOC ARCHIVIST & HISTORICAL STEWARD

I met Randy Dean in passing. Last October, he was detained coming from a meeting at the U.S. Olympic Committee Headquarters and missed the tour of the Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives. He apologized for missing the tour, explained he did not have time, at the moment, to see the archives and that he is a 1976 Olympian in team handball. As I walked him back to the elevators, I handed him my card and stated the earliest team handball items we had were from 1984 and if he was interested in donating, we would love to capture his history in the archives.

Truthfully, it usually takes 3-5 personal contacts with an athlete before a

donation is made. Yes, they want to donate; however, rarely do they have anything from their Olympic or Paralympic career handy to donate when I first meet them giving a tour of the archives or at an event. Time passes, obligations appear, and our athletes only remember that they are willing to donate upon visiting the archives again or myself at an event ... or both. When Randy boarded the elevators, I returned to the archives to lock up and did not think about his offer to donate again. That is until he emailed the next day assuring me he would check for his 1976 game uniform and parade uniform. Four days of back and forth emails and not only had Randy agreed to donate;

but, he also had his twin brother Rob promise a donation. Twin brother? That's when my research began.

Rob and Randy Dean are the younger of four sons of Ross and Elizabeth Dean. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Rob and Randy played high school football in Whitefish Bay and both went to Northwestern University. Randy was quarterback and Rob a defensive back for Northwestern from 1973 to 1976. Later that same summer, both brothers played on the 1976 U.S. Olympic men's team handball team with Randy tying Richard Abrahamson as the high scorers for the United States, each scoring a total of 24 goals in the tournament.



Randy Dean



Randy Dean's 1976 Men's Handball U.S. Olympic Uniform.



Rob Dean's 1976 U.S. Olympic Men's Handball Uniform



Rob Dean



Crawford Family U.S. Olympic Archives, U.S. Olympic Committee

1976 Montreal Olympic Games, Team Handball. Front Row (L-R): Dennis Berkholtz, Jerry Glantz, Sandor Rivynak, Vincent DiCalogero, Harry Winkler, Robert Sparks, Kevin Serrapede, Tom Digby. Back Row (L-R): Willie Borda? (manager), Rob Dean, Randy Dean, Rick Abrahamson, Roger Baker, Pat O'Neill, Billy Johnson, Peter Buehning.

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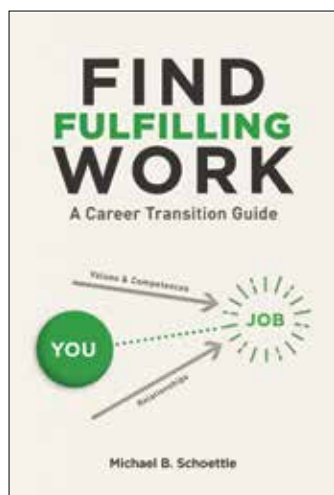
1976 Montreal Olympic Games, U.S. Olympic Men's Team Handball. Top row 2nd from left, Rob Dean and Randy Dean.

The United States' participation in Olympic team handball began at the Berlin 1936 Olympic Games in Men's Outdoor Handball. However, it was not until 1963 that the United States Team Handball Federation joined the International Federation and competed in its first Men's Outdoor Championships in Czechoslovakia. Team Handball took a hiatus from the Olympic Games from 1936 until its reintroduction in 1972 at the Munich Olympic Games. In 1976, women's handball was introduced into the Olympic Games, reducing the amount of men's teams in the Olympic tournament to twelve teams from sixteen.

The unusual event of identical twins competing in the Olympic Games is not so unlikely as one might think. Randy and Rob were not the first set of twins to compete in the Olympic Games. Vilhelm and Eric Carlberg from Sweden have that honor when they competed in the Athens 1906 Olympic Games. Nor are Randy and Rob the first set of American twins to compete for the United States at the same Olympic Games; that honor goes to Thomas and Eugene Clark who competed in men's coxless pairs at the Los Angeles 1932 Olympic Games. What makes this story truly unique though, is this past October, the Dean twins each donated a 1976 U.S. Olympic

Team Handball competition uniform – one blue uniform from Randy and one white uniform from Rob to the archives – in addition to more items from their Olympic careers. Not only was I thrilled to receive the competition uniforms, I was humbled by the thoughtfulness of the Dean brothers to donate opposite competition uniforms. This donation marks the first time we have had siblings, yet alone twin brothers, donate artifacts to the archives. Thank you, Randy, for following through on your promise.

BOOK REVIEWS



Find Fulfilling Work

Find Fulfilling Work, A Career Transition Guide, by Michael B. Schoettle

If you are looking for a new job and are not sure what you want to do next, this book will help you decide what you want to do and where you want to work. The book begins by helping you get a clear idea of what is most important to you - your values, competencies, and the role that would be best for you. Then the book guides you through your search - preparing for the search,

networking to identify opportunities, interviewing, getting closure on a good job at the right place for you, and joining the new organization. In each step of the process, the book presents ideas and insights, gives example of others who have addressed similar issues, and recommends actions for you to take.

To conduct an effective search, you must understand yourself well and interview the interviewers to see if the job and organization are right for you. Then join only an organization where you feel good what you will be doing, the people with whom you will be working, and the results that they are trying to achieve.

In the Epilogue, the book points out the similarities between success at work and winning in Olympic competition. It gives the example of a competitor in a single handed boat thinking too much about winning a medal while competing and getting disqualified twice. Then thinking she was out of the competition at that point, she decided to concentrate on sailing well and enjoying what she was doing. She

did well in the remaining five races and won a bronze medal! In both work and Olympic Competition to be successful, one must focus on the present and feel good about what one is doing.

Schoettle is a three time Olympian. In the Helsinki 1952 Olympic Games, he crewed on the 5.5 meter boat that won the gold medal, in the Munich 1972 Olympic Games with sailing in Keil, he was the crew alternate for all classes, and in the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games, he was team leader of the U.S. Sailing Team that won 9 medals out of 10 events.

Schoettle has spent the last 40 years involved with people in career transition, including being a partner in the executive search firm, Heidrick & Struggles, and conducting a career coaching program for Executive MBAs at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Find Fulfilling Work is available on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle.

ALUMNI IN HONOR



Misty May-Treanor

Misty May-Treanor (Beach Volleyball, 2004, 2008, 2012) will be honored as an All-Time Great Female Beach Player by the Volleyball Hall of Fame. May-Treanor shared a record setting 21-Olympic match winning streak with partner Kerri Walsh Jennings, which include three consecutive gold medals.



Jason Lezak

Olympian Jason Lezak (Swimming, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012) was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Lezak's anchor performance in the relay event in 2008 was voted by Sports Illustrated as the most memorable single performance by an American at the Beijing Games.



Natalie Coughlin and Dick Fosbury

Olympians Natalie Coughlin (Swimming, 2004, 2008, 2012) and Dick Fosbury (Track and Field, 1968) were inducted into the Pac-12 Conference Hall of Fame. Coughlin and Fosbury, along with their fellow hall of fame inductees were honored at a special halftime ceremony during the Pac-12 Conference men's basketball tournament.



Bode Miller

Olympians Bode Miller (Alpine Skiing, 2002, 2010, 2014) and Andrew Weibrecht (Alpine Skiing, 2010, 2014) were inducted into the Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame during a celebratory ceremony in Salt Lake City. Miller and Weibrecht share a combined eight Olympic medals and four World Cup podium finishes.



Iris Zimmermann

Olympian Iris Zimmermann (Fencing, 2000) has been awarded the Jean Giambrone Service Award, presented by the Rochester's Press-Radio Club. This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to women's sports and is named after Jean Giambrone, who was its first recipient and nicknamed "Rochester's First Lady of Sports".

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



Kendall Coyne-Schofield

Olympian Kendall Coyne-Schofield (Ice Hockey, 2014, 2018) became the first woman to compete in the NHL All-Star Skills Competition when she took part in the “Fastest Skater” event. Coyne-Schofield clocked in a time of 14.346 seconds, skating one lap around the rink from start to finish. The following week, she was asked to provide live, in-game analysis during NBC’s Wednesday Night Hockey’s nationally televised game.

highlight women in sports, featuring competition in gymnastics, basketball, ice hockey, beach volleyball, figure skating and tennis. Joyner-Kersee will captain the North and South Americas team, while Comaneci will captain the Worlds Team.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Nadia Comaneci

Jackie Joyner-Kersee (Track and Field, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996) and fellow Romanian Olympic champion Nadia Comaneci (Gymnastics, 1976, 1980) were selected to be honorary captains for the inaugural Aurora Games, to be held in Albany, New York in August of 2019. The Aurora Games is a sports and entertainment event designed to



ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM



Richard J. Boushka

(Basketball, 1956)

Richard Boushka died on February 19, 2019 at the age of 84.

Richard was born in St. Louis, Mo. to Richard and Mildred Boushka. He was the oldest of two children. They moved to Springfield, Ill. where he was active in basketball, football, baseball and golf during his youth.

Richard attended Campion High School in Prairie du Chien, Wis., before enrolling at St. Louis University in 1951. He was a standout basketball player and student during his time at SLU. On the basketball court, Richard ended his illustrious Billiken career owning virtually every scoring record at the time. Richard is a 1976 inductee into the Billiken Hall of Fame and was voted to SLU's Men's Basketball All-Century team in 2015. His No. 24 jersey is retired and hangs in the rafters of Chaifetz Arena.

Following his graduation from SLU in 1955, Richard was a member of Team USA, winning a gold medal at the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games. The team was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1986. He was drafted by the Minneapolis Lakers but chose instead to play semi-pro basketball for Vickers Petroleum team, while working for the company.

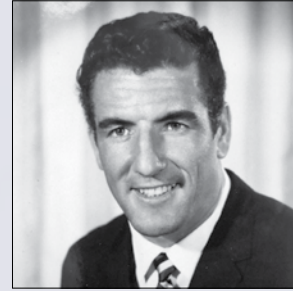
He married Joan Lillis in 1956 and moved to Wichita, Kan., where they

reared 5 sons. Spending countless hours watching them play sports and grow into adults. He quickly moved up the Vickers company ladder, becoming the president of the company by the time he was 29. He retired from the corporate world and became an entrepreneur in his late 40's, owning restaurants, shopping centers, interests in an energy company and a race track.

Richard maintained a strong faith throughout his life and enjoyed attending weekly Mass. He enjoyed golfing, playing cards, smoking his cigars, listening to his beloved Cardinals on the radio, watching his sons and grandchildren play various sports and spending time at the race track.

He was a kind, sweet, gentle man. Richard was not a glass half full, but a glass "full" kind of guy. He always saw the best in people and was a pleasure to be around. His personality was larger than life. Most of all he was proud of his sons, a legacy which will continue in the next generations.

Richard is survived by his five children - Richard III (Julie), Michael (Lois), James (Patricia), Patrick (Michele), John (Tricia), 11 Grandchildren - Christine, Paul, Morgan, Brian, Mark, Bridget, Andrew, Bryce, Megan, Matthew and Bennett. Richard was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Mildred Boushka and his sister Diane Dondero.



Donald "Don" George Bragg

(Track & Field, 1960)

Donald Bragg died on February 16, 2019 at the age of 83.

Nicknamed "Tarzan" and known as a multi-talented Renaissance man, Don became a U.S. national icon when he vaulted 15 feet, 5 inches (4.70 meters) to win the Olympic title on an inflexible aluminum pole which required significantly more upper-body strength than today's fiberglass poles. His winning vault was an Olympic record.

Don had broken the world record - clearing 15 feet, 9 1/4 inches (4.80 meters) on July 2, 1960 in the lead-up to the Games, establishing him as the favorite. His world record, which was set at the U.S. Olympic trials in Palo Alto, California, stood until May of the following year.

The pole vault legend from Penns Grove, New Jersey was also the 1959 Pan American Games champion and a six-time AAU champion. He was also the 1955 NCAA champion while at Villanova University.

At the Rome 1960 Olympic Games, Bragg developed a long-term friendship with fellow Olympic gold medalist Muhammad Ali, then Cassius Clay.

In addition to his pole-vaulting talents, the outgoing Don was also an actor, author, poet and motivational speaker. He became the athletic director at

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Stockton State College in New Jersey, was a health club owner and worked at the New Jersey governor's office as a youth-recreation adviser.

Don is survived by his wife of 58 years, Theresa and four children, Renee, Mark, Tracey, and Jeff; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



John Richard Clawson
(Basketball, 1968)

John Clawson died on December 15, 2018 at the age of 74.

John was born to Rev. Kenneth and Ruth Clawson in Duluth, Minn., he founded Clawson Construction in Danville, Calif. He was a beloved husband, father and friend.

John played basketball at The University of Michigan, winning three Big-10 Championships and participating in two Final Fours. He won a gold medal in the Mexico City 1968 Olympic Games before joining the Oakland Oaks, winning an ABA Championship.

John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Susan Clawson; son Matt (Michelle) Clawson of Danville, Calif.; daughter Katie (Shan) Foster of Sheridan, Wyo.; seven grandchildren; sister Anne Koth of W. Des Moines, Iowa; and sister Jane (Bob) Hogan of Rutledge, Ga.



LTC Joseph "Joe" W. Gentry
(USATF, Coach)

LTC Joseph Gentry died on January 26, 2019 at the age of 75.

In high school, Joe sang in the St. Louis Public School Boys Choir. Later, he received his bachelor's degree from Lincoln University where he played on the marching band's drum line and was commissioned into the Army through ROTC. While on active duty, he earned his master's degree.

Joe married his college sweetheart and was assigned to the 49th MP Battalion. He was stationed overseas in Germany and South Korea, he was deployed to Vietnam and had several CONUS assignments. Joe subsequently retired as Deputy Post Commander at Fort Carson at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Joe joined the Colorado Springs School System as the Athletic Director for Harrison High School. He was passionate for track and field and coached at the Junior Olympic and Olympic levels. He established the Joe Gentry Track Troop, where he helped many athletes earn college scholarships through track. He received numerous awards in track and field and was a three-time Olympic track coach. He continued to coach athletes through the NFL combine and served as the speed coach for NFL athletes on the Minnesota Vikings and the Seattle Seahawks. He supported USA Track and Field, serving on the USA Track and

Field Committee for many years.

He was a proud member and Past President of the Iota Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Colorado Springs.

Joe is survived by his sister, Marabeth; two daughters, Stephanie, Janeen and her husband Duane; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His joy for life will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



Robert Martin "Bob" Horn
(Water Polo, 1956, 1960, Coach, 1968)

Robert "Bob" Horn died on January 11, 2019 at the age of 87.

Robert Martin Horn served as UCLA's head men's water polo coach for 28 seasons (1963-90) before retiring at the conclusion of the 1990 campaign. That fall, he led the Bruins to a third-place NCAA finish and a 24-8 record. In a prolific career that spanned four decades, Bob guided UCLA to seven national titles including three NCAA championships, four runner-up awards and seven third-place finishes.

The Bruins secured 13 league titles under Bob, and his 1988 squad captured the Club National Championship, marking the first time a team comprised entirely of collegians won the Club National Title. Bob tutored 36 first-team All-America selections and 22 Olympians

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during his time at the helm of the Bruins' program. He guided UCLA to a school record-50 consecutive victories over five years (1964-68), a record that stood until 2016, coaching four undefeated squads in the process.

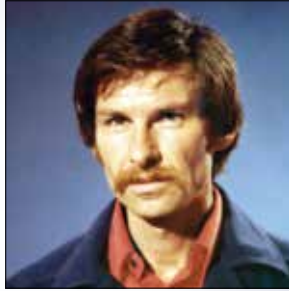
He retired with an overall record of 487-188-8 and a 102-62 mark in league play. Selected as the 1965 water polo "Coach of the Year", Bob also doubled as UCLA's swimming coach from 1963-74. In 1976, he was inducted into the U.S. Water Polo Hall of Fame and in 1999, the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame.

He was a member of the United States Olympic Team as a player in the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games and the Rome 1960 Olympic Games, he returned as a coach in the Mexico City 1968 Olympic Games. He also served as the head coach for Team USA in the 1967 Pan American Games, defeating Brazil in the finals to win gold.

Bob is also remembered for teaching legendary actor Burt Lancaster how to swim so that he could take the role of Ned Merrill in the John Cheever's film "The Swimmer". After the filming, Bob and Burt became life-long friends, and he convinced the Oscar winner to appear in and narrate a training film for U.S. Water Polo.

Bob is survived by his wife Dorothy "Dottie" Horn, two sons, Jeff and Greg, three stepchildren, Lynn, Anne Marie and Mark and seven grandchildren.

"Bob will be missed so much by our family," Dorothy Horn said. He was an amazing husband, father and grandfather. He never missed an opportunity to express his love for us and has left us with so many great memories."



Lawrence "Larry" J. Klecatsky
(Rowing, 1976)

Lawrence "Larry" Klecatsky died on December 13, 2018 at the age of 77.

Larry graduated from St. Thomas College in St. Paul in 1963 and earned his medical degree from the University of Minnesota in 1967. Serving as a physician and Lieutenant First Class in the U.S. Navy, he moved to New York City and continued to build his medical career of over 30 years as director of emergency medicine at the Sound Shore Medical Center in New Rochelle, N.Y. He was honored as Physician of the Year in 2000 before retiring in 2008.

Larry began rowing as a teenager, eventually becoming an elite sculler. He competed for St. Thomas College, Minnesota Boat Club and then the New York Athletic Club, which was close to his longtime home in Pelham Manor, N.Y.

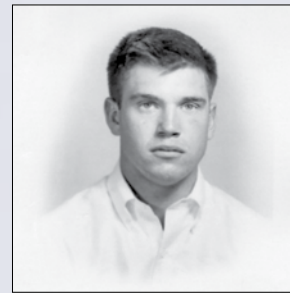
Larry made his first U.S. National Team in 1974, racing in the open weight quadruple sculls at the 1974 World Championships in Lucerne, Switzerland, before going on to finish eighth in the open weight double sculls at the Montreal 1976 Olympic Games. A natural lightweight, he competed in lightweight events at six world championships, winning a silver medal in the lightweight double sculls in 1980 in Hazewinkel, Belgium.

During his rowing career, Larry won more than 800 races including over 50

U.S. Rowing national championships and more than 50 Royal Canadian Henley titles. He held the course record for the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston for 12 years and held the record for the Grand Masters Singles from 1992-2014.

In 1978, he was inducted into the National Rowing Hall of Fame and subsequently the New York Athletic Club Hall of Fame in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, three sons and three granddaughters.



Robert Willis Morey, Jr.
(Rowing, 1956)

Robert Morey, Jr. died on January 18, 2019 at the age of 82.

Robert attended Phillips Exeter Academy where he began rowing. At Yale University he stroked the men's varsity eight oared crew to a gold medal in the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games. The 1956 crew remained lifelong friends and gathered annually before the Harvard/Yale race to row together. In four years at Yale, Robert never lost to Harvard. From the 1956 crew, he is survived by William Becklean, Caldwell Esselstyn and Thomas Charlton.

Upon graduation from Yale, Robert was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy. He served as navigator aboard the icebreaker USS Atka. Following active duty, he

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completed his graduate education at Harvard Business School.

He began his career in finance at Brown Brothers Harriman. In New York City he met and married his wife of 50 years, Maura Burke Morey. They settled in Tiburon, Calif. In 1984 Robert founded his own underwriting company, R.W. Morey, Inc., a pioneer in the catastrophic health care reinsurance market. He served on the boards of the San Francisco Opera, California Pacific Medical Center and Coventry Health Care, Inc. Robert was a lifelong Rotarian and founding member of the Rotary Club of Tiburon Sunset.

Robert and Maura spent summers in Hyannis Port, Mass. He cherished his time on Cape Cod golfing and sailing with friends. Over the years, it was there that he gathered most with family. It was a place of lively dinners, social gatherings and quiet reflection.

A strong proponent of education, Robert served on the boards of Marin Country Day School, Santa Catalina School, Portsmouth Abbey School, Georgetown University College of Arts and Sciences, and the California State University Maritime Academy.

Robert's life was deeply rooted in faith. He was born Episcopalian and later converted to Catholicism. He was an active parishioner and served in advisory roles at St. Stephen's (Belvedere, Calif.), St. Hilary's (Tiburon, Calif.), St. Dominic's (San Francisco, Calif.) and St. Andrew's (Hyannis Port, Mass.). Robert was a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher and the Order of Malta. He served on the Regional Board of the Order of Malta and was instrumental in the development of the Order's Parish Nurse Program in San Francisco. His faith led him to become a daily communicant and devotee to a life of the Sacraments.

Robert is survived by his wife Maura, his sister Louise Severance (Dick) of Stowe, Vt., and five children, Suzanne Morey of Pueblo, Colo., Robert W. Morey III (Kristin) of Syracuse, N.Y., Jennifer Morey Sutter (Garrett) of Princeton, N.J., Alison Morey Garrett (Mark) of Mill Valley, Calif., Edward Morey of Boston, Mass., and 9 grandchildren.



Maureen "Mo" Murphy
(Swimming, 1956)

Maureen "Mo" Murphy died on January 22, 2019 at the age of 79.

Maureen is the daughter of Gertrude Keber Murphy and Cornelius Murphy. She grew up in the Laurelhurst neighborhood and attended All Saints Catholic School. After graduating from Holy Child Academy, she attended Oregon State University and Portland State University, earning a Bachelor's in secondary education.

A world-class swimmer, Maureen trained in her youth and teen years at the Northeast YMCA in Hollywood and the Multnomah Athletic Club in downtown Portland, where she remained an active lifetime member. Swimming for the MAC, she won the AAU national championship in the 200-yard backstroke in 1955, earning All-America honors and qualifying for the U.S. exhibition team that competed in Europe and the Middle East that year. She represented the United States again in the Melbourne 1956 Olympic

Games, placing 5th in the 100-meter backstroke. She was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

After retiring from competitive swimming, Maureen taught at Air Force bases in Pirmasens and Kaiserslautern, Germany, before returning home to teach in the Portland public schools and at her alma mater, All Saints. She worked as a salesperson for IBM in Reno, Atlanta and Portland and for the Halton Company in Portland. In her later years, she was a Realtor.

Maureen was an active and devout member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Oswego, serving as both an usher and a Eucharistic minister. An avid reader, she belonged to several parish-based book clubs. She remained a dedicated swimmer throughout her life. Maureen- known to her friends as "Mo"- loved to travel, especially in Europe, and had particularly fond memories of trips to Italy and France.

She is survived by her brothers, Neil Murphy of Branson, Mo., and Monsignor Timothy J. Murphy of Portland; her longtime companion, Doug Bollam of Portland; and extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Jean Ann.



Fred D. Thompson
(Track & Field Coach, 1988)

A lawyer and former New York State assistant attorney general, Fred founded

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the Atoms Track Club of Brooklyn in a Bedford-Stuyvesant community center, mostly out of frustration with New York City public schools that, for budgetary and other reasons, limited the participation of girls, but not necessarily of boys, in physical education and high school sports.

Fred was also the founding organizer of the annual Colgate Women's Games, the nation's largest amateur track series for women. Since 1974, the games, open to girls and women from elementary school through college (and with a competitive division for women over 30), have attracted thousands of participants, mostly from East Coast states, to various venues from Boston to Virginia.

A former track star at Boys High School in Brooklyn and the City College of New York, Fred inspired remarkable loyalty in his Atoms, which often had 40 to 50 members. Most were runners, some as young as 9, but most were teenagers who regarded him as a counselor, friend and father figure. He paid nearly all the expenses of the club, which was independent of schools or sponsors.

Early on, the Atoms practiced in community center hallways or in locked schoolyards (by scaling fences at twilight). But he eventually found a home for the club at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. His coaching combined sophisticated training techniques with one-on-one skill sessions. And beyond coaching, he demanded good grades and personal responsibility from his athletes.

For many Atoms, the club was a refuge from broken homes and lives of poverty, as well as a path to education and upward mobility. In time, despite financial and logistical obstacles and a lack of the public support that flows

readily to football, basketball and baseball, the club became a symbol of inner-city success as its runners won regional, national and finally Olympic recognition.

Its stars include Cheryl Toussaint-Eason, a silver medalist at the Munich 1972 Olympic Games in the 1,600-meter relay and a gold medalist at the Pan American Games; Diane Dixon, who won gold at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games in the 400-meter relay and was an 11-time national indoor champion; and Grace Jackson-Small, the silver medalist in the 200-meter sprint at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games. Fred was an assistant coach of the United States track team in Seoul.

Many of the Atoms' victories could not be clocked by stopwatches. In its first 15 years, the club produced 50 college graduates, a remarkable record given the economic status of their families. They became teachers, lawyers, nurses, psychologists, entrepreneurs — and mothers.

Fred was born in Brooklyn. When he was 5 his parents split up, he and his brother John were sent to live with an aunt who had a deep influence on the boys. Fred recalled his Aunt Ira Johnson saying, "Life is two things; one, get an education, because once you have a college diploma nobody can take that away from you. And two, get involved with people."

Fred followed both suggestions. He grew up in Bedford-Stuyvesant and graduated from Boys High in 1950. At City College, he began as a chemical engineering major but switched to history and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1955. He then studied law at St. John's University, earning his degree in 1958.

After two years in the Army, he was admitted to the state bar in 1961 and opened a private law practice in Brooklyn. He worked mostly on negligence cases.

Aware of the city's shortage of track facilities for the young, and particularly concerned about limited girls' participation in intramural and interscholastic sports activities, Mr. Thompson followed his aunt's advice to become involved. He became a civilian volunteer with the Police Athletic League and then founded the Atoms Track Club. Soon he had dozens of members.

A decade later, in 1972, the landmark federal legislation known as Title IX, which banned sex discrimination in any educational program receiving federal funds, became law. It was the beginning of change for female athletes.

Fred, who handled legal cases for ABC-TV, the Federal Trade Commission and Madison Square Garden and was an assistant state's attorney general from 1967 to 1969, gave up his law practice in 1974, when he became the full-time paid director of the Colgate Women's Games. Sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive, the games have been a huge, complex operation, often attracting as many as 20,000 competitors of all ages.

He remained the coach of the Atoms until after the turn of the century, when its membership began to dwindle, and directed the Colgate Women's Games for 40 years until his retirement in 2014.

Fred, whose brother died some years ago, leaves no immediate survivors. He had Alzheimer's disease in recent years but remained at his home in Brooklyn, cared for by Ms. Lorna Forde, one of his best and most devoted former runners.

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1. In celebration of Black History Month, the Global Sport Institute at Arizona State University presented a special screening and discussion of “The Renaissance Period of the African in Sports”, a film that highlights the achievements of nine African-American athletes that competed in the Berlin 1936 Olympic Games. The panel included track and field Olympians Herb Douglas (1948) and Harrison Dillard (1948 and 1952). Also pictured are, Kenneth Shropshire, CEO of the Global Sport Institute, Victoria Jackson, PhD, Sports Historian & Lecturer at School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies at Arizona State University and Bob Lott, film Co-producer.

2. Bob Beamon, the world’s greatest long jumper and U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame member, was the special guest at an all-star cast for the Colorado Springs Sports Corp’s Salute to the U.S. Olympic Family Luncheon on March 20 at The DoubleTree by Hilton. On a magical day at the Mexico City 1968 Olympic Games, Beamon proved that humans could fly when he broke Jesse Owens’ world long jump record on track & field’s grandest stage. In honor of Olympic City USA a fantastic group of panelists entertained the guests during the luncheon.

They were: LtoR: Melanie Margalis (swimming, 2016), Allysa Seely (Paratriathlon, 2016), Adeline Gray (wrestling, 2016), J’den Cox (wrestling, 2016), Luncheon MC: Mike Moran, Bob Beamon (track & field, 1968), Sarah Hildebrandt (wrestling hopeful, 2020), Naomi Graham (boxing hopeful, 2020), Troy Isley (boxing hopeful, 2020). Photo credit: Ford McClave





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