

Annual Salute to WOMEN IN SPORTS

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GREETINGS

Sports are a great metaphor for life. They teach and challenge, build our confidence and character. They test our limits, showing us what we are made of, what we can do, and whether we have the mettle to meet the moment.

Welcome to our Annual Salute to Women in Sports! After two years of a virtual then hybrid event, we are thrilled to have our annual celebration fully back in person again. Even though we were met with challenges the past two years, we are proud to say we excelled and continued on course as an ally, advocate and catalyst for tomorrow's leaders.

It is always a thrill to celebrate girls and women in sports, and this year, in particular, is special. Title IX's 50th anniversary has been at the forefront of many celebrations across the country, and marking this milestone has been at the center of WSF research, advocacy and programming throughout the year. Our Foundation has a well-earned legacy intertwined with Title IX. We are known as a preeminent protector and champion of this important law, and we fully understand its mere existence and longevity are not enough to ensure true equity for girls and women.

Our "50 Years of Title IX: We're Not Done Yet" research report launched earlier this year shows that although girls' participation in sports is nearly 12 times higher than it was at the time of the law's passage in 1972, girls still have far fewer sports opportunities than boys had 50 years ago. Today, girls miss out on an estimated 1 million sports opportunities at the high school level compared to boys. This opportunity gap is widest among girls and women of color, LGBTQ+ youth and those with disabilities — all of whom consistently have fewer opportunities than their peers.

As we continue to fight and strive for equity, remarkable strides have been made. From the opening night of the US Open setting an all-time night session attendance record to an NWSL expansion team's sellout crowd of 32,000 fans to the WNBA's double-digit growth in viewership and merchandise sales, the world is catching up to what we have known all along: Women's sports — and the athletes who play — are exciting, dramatic, competitive and a smart investment for broadcasters, brands and sponsors. Across all industries, women at the executive level also continue to make their mark as CEOs, presidents, commissioners, general managers, and owners.



GREETINGS

These impressive achievements would not be possible without the path to progress Title IX helped establish, but we know more must be done. As transformational as Title IX has been, its full promise has yet to be met. It is vital for everyone — especially younger generations — to understand their rights to equal access and opportunity, to be vigilant in ensuring those rights are upheld, and to not take them for granted. Now is not a time of rest, it is a time of urgency.

We forge ahead, building on the legacy of the Title IX pioneers whose vision, grit and determination got us to where we are today. Every day our fight for equity continues, the WSF is at the forefront, making a powerful impact in communities throughout the country. Since our founding in 1974, we have invested over \$100 million to expand access and opportunities for girls and women in sports. This extraordinary accomplishment would not be possible without the support of our exceptional group of stakeholders — our founder Billie Jean King, our Board of Trustees and Trustees Emeriti, our National Partners, corporate supporters, athletes, fellow advocates and individual donors who send sustaining contributions each month. It will take us all to continue to fuel our work and carry Title IX into the next 50 years.

Make no mistake, progress made does not guarantee the progress to come. The work of our Foundation is vital to the health and well-being of the next generation, who we fight for every day. We remain steadfast and resolute in our mission for girls and women to reach their potential in sport and life.

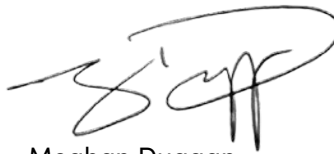
Together, we are building a future where every girl and woman can unlock their boundless possibilities through the power of sport. Together, we are showing the world what can happen when there is equal access and opportunity — it paves the road to true equity. We thank you for joining us in this movement and for supporting our mission.

Yours in Sport,



Danette Leighton

Women's Sports Foundation CEO



Meghan Duggan

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GALA SCHEDULE

Red Carpet Arrivals

Cocktail Reception

Annual Salute Begins

Star-Gazing Show

Title IX Tribute Video

CEO Remarks

Dinner

Awards Begin

Sportswoman of the Year — Team

Champion for Equality Award

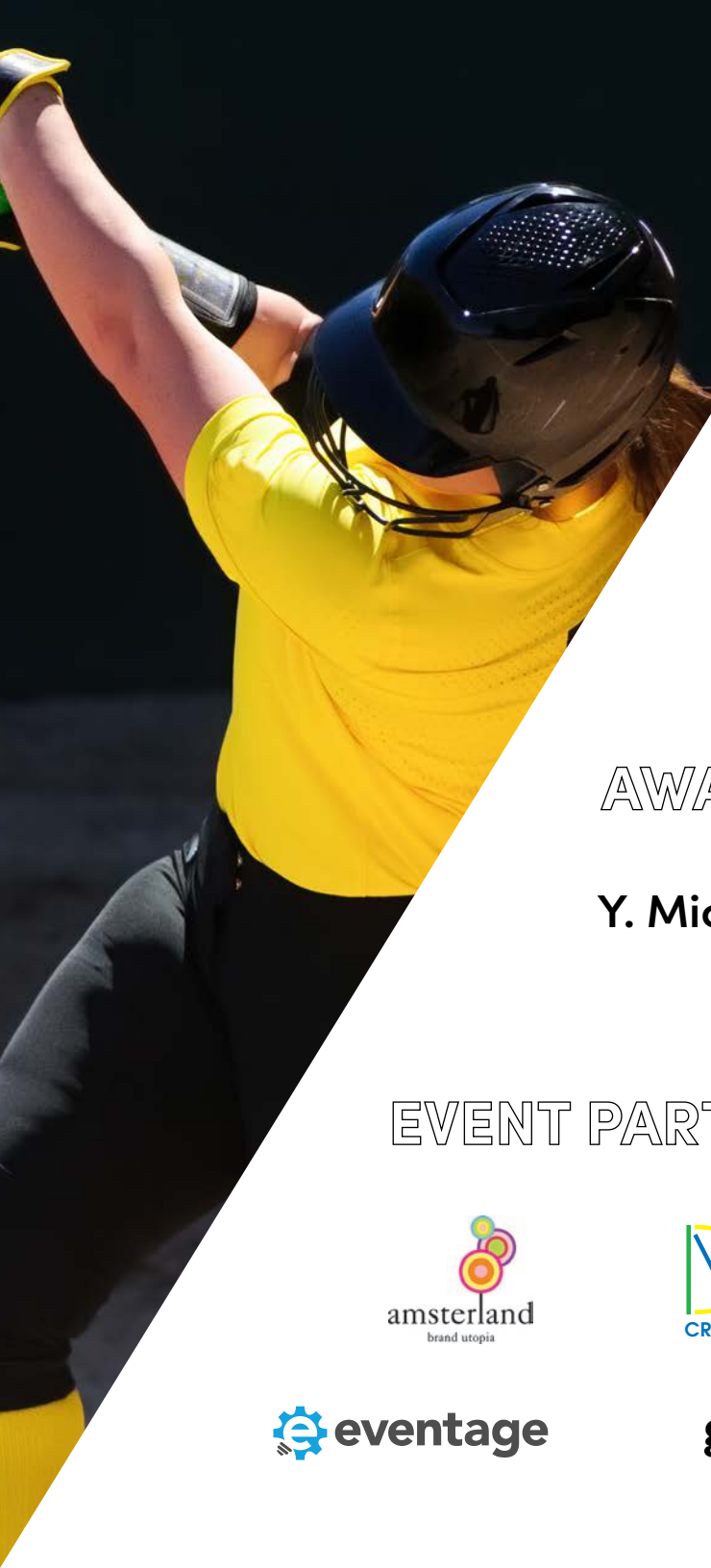
Billie Jean King Leadership Award

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Wilma Rudolph Courage Award

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50 YEARS OF TITLE IX

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

– Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972



50 YEARS OF TITLE IX

Sport opportunities have grown exponentially, yet the gender gap persists.

HIGH SCHOOL

Girls now have **3 million** more participation opportunities than before Title IX.¹

Girls miss out on **1 million** participation opportunities compared to boys.¹

Girls still have not reached the participation levels provided to boys pre-Title IX.¹

COLLEGE

Women athletes receive **43%** of athletic opportunities despite women being

55% of undergraduates.²

To close this 12-point gap, schools would need to add more than

81,000 athletic opportunities for women.²

COACHING

90% of women's collegiate teams were coached by women in 1971.³

41% of women's NCAA teams had a woman head coach in the 2020-21 year.³

Only **7%** of head coaches of women's sports are BIPOC women.⁴

DEMAND IX
EQUITY FOR EVERYONE

We've come a long way in 50 years, but we're not done yet!

Take the Demand IX pledge to demand "Equity for Everyone" and help advocate for strong Title IX protections and enforcement.

Sign the Pledge

Sources: 1. National Federation of State High School Associations; 2. U.S. Department of Education, 2021; 3. NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Participation Report, 1971-72 and 2020-21; 4. NCAA Race and Gender Demographics Database, 2020-21.
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OUR FOUNDER

Billie Jean King

Named one of the “100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century” by *Life* magazine and a 2009 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Billie Jean King is the founder of Billie Jean King Enterprises, the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative, the Women’s Tennis Association and the Women’s Sports Foundation. King is part of the ownership groups of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Sparks and Angel City FC. In September 2020 King became the first woman to have an annual global team sports event named in her honor when Fed Cup, the women’s world cup of tennis, was rebranded as the Billie Jean King Cup. The National Tennis Center, home of the US Open, was renamed the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in 2006 in honor of her accomplishments on and off the court. In 2017 Fox Searchlight released the critically acclaimed film, *Battle of the Sexes*, which depicts the cultural and social impact of the groundbreaking match. In 2018 King received a Lifetime Achievement Award as part of the prestigious BBC Sports Personality of the Year Awards; in 2019 King’s deep Southern California roots were recognized with the opening of the Billie Jean King Main Library in her hometown of Long Beach, Calif.; and in 2020 King was honored with the release of the Billie Jean King Barbie doll, part of Mattel’s Inspiring Women Series. In 2021 King received the Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award. King serves on the board of the Women’s Sports Foundation, is an Adidas Global Ambassador and is a past member of the board of the Elton John AIDS Foundation and a past member of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition. Her autobiography, *All In*, was released in August 2021.





SALUTE HOST

Mary Carillo

Sports Broadcaster, Emmy Award Winner

Widely recognized as one of the most talented and opinionated network TV sports announcers, Mary Carillo currently works for HBO Sports and NBC Sports. Carillo's career as a network broadcaster spans more than three decades, beginning in 1980 as an analyst for USA Network.

Her work as a tennis analyst for ESPN, CBS and NBC have earned her a "career Grand Slam" for working the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and US Open.

In 2017, Carillo was the recipient of the Eugene L. Scott Award at the International Tennis Hall of Fame Legends Ball, and in 2016 she was honored with the Annalee Thurston Award. Prior to that, in 2010, Carillo became the first female recipient of the Dick Schaap Award for Outstanding Journalism. In May of 2006, Carillo earned a Sports Emmy Award for Outstanding Long Feature for the inspiring story of the Hoyt Family. Carillo has also received three coveted Peabody Awards. *Sports Illustrated* named her the "top sports analyst of the decade." Carillo played on the professional tennis tour from 1977-80. She won the 1977 French Open mixed doubles title with her childhood friend, John McEnroe.

SALUTE HOST

Julie Foudy

Three-time Olympic Medalist, Soccer

One of sport's most recognized personalities, Julie Foudy has leveraged an accomplished soccer career into a leading role as a women's sports advocate and respected sports reporter and commentator. Foudy, a four-year All-American at Stanford University, played for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (USWNT) for 17 years, serving as captain for 13 years. She won two World Cup Championships, two Olympic gold medals and one Olympic silver medal. Foudy also served as the Women's Sports Foundation President from 2001-02 and was a member of the Board of Trustees for seven years; in 2003, she was appointed by President George W. Bush and Secretary of Education Rod Paige to the Commission on Title IX.

In 2006, Foudy and her husband founded the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy, a camp that teaches leadership and soccer skills. She is currently a reporter and analyst for ABC/ESPN and a contributor and writer for espnW. In 2018, Foudy published her first book, *Choose to Matter: Being Courageously and Fabulously You*. In 2019, she launched her own podcast series, *Laughter Permitted with Julie Foudy*. In 2020, alongside some of her former USWNT teammates, Billie Jean King and other leaders in sport and business, Foudy became one of the founding co-owners of Angel City FC, the National Women's Soccer League franchise based in Los Angeles.





SALUTE HOST

LaChina Robinson

WNBA Host/Analyst

An award-winning basketball analyst for ESPN in her 15th WNBA season, LaChina Robinson has provided her expert coverage of women's professional and collegiate basketball since 2009. During her tenure as an analyst and reporter, Robinson has covered all of the sport's major events, including WNBA and NBA games during the regular seasons; NCAA Tournaments; and WNBA playoffs, finals, and draft coverage. She is the host of espnW podcast *Around The Rim*, which was chosen as one of the best sports podcasts of 2017 by *Sports Illustrated*. Most recently she became the host of SiriusXM's podcast *Huuuge Fan*, a weekly series that provides a platform for today's biggest stars to talk about their favorite team. Robinson has also been a member of the Women's Sports Foundation's Board of Trustees since 2020.

In 2008, Robinson became Founder and CEO of her own consulting company, Stretch Beyond, through which she serves as a Transition Coach for women and athletes. In 2018 Robinson received high honors as the recipient of the Dawn Staley Excellence in Broadcasting Award. In 2020, Robinson was recognized with the Giving Gracefully Award as a nod to her work as co-founder of a nonprofit, Rising Media Stars, which is a mentorship and training program for young women of color who want to start a career in sports broadcasting.

ATHLETES & SPECIAL GUESTS

Katrina Adams, Tennis

NCAA champion, 1987; two-time NCAA All-American, 1987, 1988; 20-time Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Doubles titleist; former United States Tennis Association (USTA) Chairperson of the Board and President

Danielle Aravich, Biathlon, Cross Country Skiing, Track & Field

Two-time Paralympian, 2020, 2022; multi-sport athlete competing in track & field, biathlon and Nordic skiing^{TT}

Scout Bassett, Track & Field

Paralympian, 2016; seven-time national champion, 100m; gold medalist in long jump at Parapan American Games, 2019; world championship bronze medalist, 100 meter and long jump, 2017; world record holder in the 400m and American record holder in the 200m^{AAP, B, TT}

Toni Breidinger, Auto Racing

First female Arab American to compete in a NASCAR national series; fourth-place finisher in Carolina Pro Late Model Series, placing in the top five in three events, 2020; record holder for most wins by a female driver in United States Auto Club history

Swin Cash, Basketball

Three-time WNBA champion; four-time WNBA All-Star; two-time WNBA All-Star Game MVP; two-time Olympic gold medalist, 2004, 2012; Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, 2022; VP of Basketball Operations for the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans^B

Meryl Davis, Ice Dancing

U.S. Skating Hall of Fame inductee, 2020; Olympic gold and bronze medalist, 2014; Olympic silver medalist, 2010; five-time U.S. champion; two-time world champion; WSF Sportswoman of the Year, 2014^{AAP}

Donna de Varona, Swimming

Olympic gold medalist, 1960, 1964; one of *Sports Illustrated's* Top 100 Greatest Female Athletes of the 20th Century; America's Outstanding Woman Athlete, 1964; National Academy of Sports Award recipient; National Women's Hall of Fame, International Women's Sports Hall of Fame, and International Swimming Hall of Fame member; first president of the Women's Sports Foundation^{PP}

ATHLETES & SPECIAL GUESTS

Sasha DiGiulian, Climbing

USA Climbing National Champion (sport), 2010, 2011, 2012; overall female world champion, 2011; five-time Pan American gold medalist (bouldering, sport and combined), 2010, 2012; climber who accomplished over 30 first female ascents and eight significant first ascents around the world, including the first female free ascent of Mora Mora, one of the world's most challenging walls, 2017^{AAP, B}

Meghan Duggan, Ice Hockey

Olympic gold medalist, 2018; two-time Olympic silver medalist, 2010, 2014; seven-time International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) women's world champion; two-time Clarkson Cup champion, 2012, 2015; ESPN Sports Humanitarian Team of the Year award winner, 2018; WSF Wilma Rudolph Courage Award winner, 2017; Director of Player Development for the NHL's New Jersey Devil; WSF President^{AAP, B, WR}

Grete Eliassen, Free Skiing

Six-time Winter X Games medalist (gold: 2005, 2006; silver: 2007, 2009; bronze: 2010, 2011); four-time US Open Champion, 2004–07; two-time world championships bronze medalist; Guinness World Record holder for women's hip jump^{AAP, PP}

Sue Enquist, Softball

NCAA record holder for Division I softball coach highest career win percentage; 11-Time national champion player and coach; six-time Hall of Famer, UCLA; Softball World Champion, 1978; USA Softball National Team coach and player; Olympic gold medalist, volleyball consultant, 2020

Aja Evans, Bobsled

Olympic bronze medalist, 2014; three-time Olympian, 2014, 2018, 2022; 14-time International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation World Cup medalist, 2012–18; USA Bobsled (USABS) Rookie of the Year, 2013; USABS Team of the Year award winner, 2017; All-American shot putter at University of Illinois^{AAP, TT}

Julie Foudy, Soccer

Two-time Women's World Cup Champion, 1991, 1999; two-time Olympic gold medalist, 1996, 2004; Olympic silver medalist, 2000; captain of the U.S. National Women's Soccer Team for 13 years; U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame inductee; founding investor of the National Women's Soccer League's (NWSL) Angel City FC^{PP}

Courtney Gano, Softball

Japan Cup gold medalist, 2018; USA Softball International Cup bronze medalist, 2018; member of the Athletes Unlimited softball league^{CCG}

ATHLETES & SPECIAL GUESTS

Rachel Garcia, Softball

Olympic silver medalist, 2020; World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Women's World Championship gold medalist, 2018; Japan Cup gold medalist, 2019; USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year, 2018, 2019; two-time Honda Cup winner, 2019, 2021; NCAA champion with UCLA, 2019; member of the Athletes Unlimited softball league^{AAP}

Sam Gordon, Soccer, Football

Collegiate student-athlete, Columbia University, soccer; first female to receive an NFL Honors Game Changer Award, 2017; founder of the first all-girls' tackle football league in the country, 2022; first female football player to make the cover of a Wheaties Box, 2012

Hannah Halvorsen, Cross Country Skiing

Olympian, 2022; two-time U.S. Championships medalist (silver and bronze), 2019^{TT}

Destanni Henderson, Basketball

20th overall pick in 2022 WNBA Draft; Indiana Fever player who made appearances in all 36 regular-season games, with five starts; NCAA National Champion, 2022

Sophia Herzog, Swimming

Paralympic bronze medalist, 2020; Paralympic silver medalist, 2016; World Para Swimming Championship silver medalist, 2022; six-time Pan Pacific Para Swimming Championships gold medalist, 2018; world championship gold medalist, 2017^{AAP, TT}

Wendy Hilliard, Rhythmic Gymnastics

Three-time world championships competitor, 1979, 1981, 1983; nine-time U.S. national team member; USOC Rings of Gold award recipient, 2001; USA Gymnastics Hall of Famer^{PP, TT}

Brenna Huckaby, Snowboarding

Three-time Paralympic gold medalist, 2018, 2022; Paralympic bronze medalist, 2022; three-time world championships gold medalist; two-time world championships silver medalist; first Paralympian to appear in *Sports Illustrated's* swimsuit issue^{TT}

Anna Johannes, Swimming

Paralympic bronze medalist, 2012; current board member of Adaptive Sports New England; former member of United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Social Racial Justice Task Force; co-lead of U.S. chapter of Omnicom's Disability ERG, Open Disability

ATHLETES & SPECIAL GUESTS

Jaelin Kauf, Free Skiing

Olympic silver medalist, 2022; two-time Olympian, 2018, 2022; world championships silver medalist; world championships bronze medalist^{TT}

Billie Jean King, Tennis

Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient; one of *Life Magazine's* 100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century; one of *Sports Illustrated's* Top 100 Greatest Female Athletes of the 20th Century; winner of 39 Grand Slam titles, including a record 20 titles at Wimbledon; part of the ownership groups of the LA Dodgers, Angel City FC, and LA Sparks; founder of the WTA; founder of the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative; founder of the Women's Sports Foundation

Ilana Kloss, Tennis

Former world No. 1 doubles player; US Open doubles champion and US Open and French Open mixed doubles champion; two-time Wimbledon over-35 doubles champion; Jewish Sports Hall of Fame member; former CEO and Commissioner of World Team Tennis; co-founder of the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative; CEO of BJK Enterprises; part of the ownership groups of the LA Dodgers, Angel City FC, and LA Sparks^B

Phaidra Knight, Rugby, MMA

U.S. Women's Rugby National Team player, 1999-2013; three-time Women's Rugby World Cup participant; All-World Team honoree, 2002, 2006; USA Rugby's Player of the Decade, 2010; World Rugby Hall of Fame inductee, 2017^{AAP, PP, TT}

Betnijah Laney, Basketball

WNBA All-Star, 2021; WNBA Most Improved Player, 2020; WNBA All-Defensive First Team member, 2020; fourth player in WNBA history to finish with 16.7+ points, 5.0+ assists and 4.0+ rebounds per game, 2021

Alysa Liu, Figure Skating

Olympian, 2022; two-time U.S. championships gold medalist, 2019, 2020; U.S. championships bronze medalist, 2022; the youngest U.S. women's national champion, having won her first title at age 13^{TT}

Alysia Montaño, Track & Field

Olympian, 2012; six-time national outdoor champion, 2007, 2010-13, 2015; world indoor championship bronze medalist, 2010; NCAA indoor and outdoor champion, 2007

Megan Morant, WWE

WWE SmackDown backstage correspondent; former broadcaster and sports talk show host for the New England Patriots

ATHLETES & SPECIAL GUESTS

Liv Morgan, WWE

Member of the SmackDown women's division; SmackDown women's champion, 2022; Women's Money in the Bank Ladder Match winner, 2022

Benita Fitzgerald Mosley, Track & Field

Olympic gold medalist, 1984; Pan American Games gold medalist, 1983; 14-time NCAA All-American and eight-time national champion; *Track & Field News* Hurdler of the 1980s; University of Tennessee Hall of Fame and Virginia Sports Hall of Fame member; Special Olympics Board of Directors member^{PP}

Alana Nichols, Skiing, Wheelchair Basketball, Canoeing

Three-time Paralympic gold medalist, 2008, 2010; two-time Paralympic silver medalist, 2010, 2014; Paralympic bronze medalist, 2010; five-time Paralympian; bronze medalist in International Canoe Federation Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Cup, 2015; USOC Paralympic Athlete of the Year, 2011^{AAP, B, PP}

Nzingha Prescod, Fencing

Two-time Olympian, 2012, 2016; four-time world championships medalist (gold: 2018, silver: 2017, bronze: 2015, 2016), first African-American woman to win an individual medal at the senior world championships, 2015

Dawn Riley, Sailing

Raced around the world twice and competed in four America's Cups; Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year, 1999; *Sports Illustrated* "Top 100 Greatest Female Athletes of the 20th Century" list member; youngest and only female "Dual Famer": National Sailing and America's Cup Halls of Fame^{PP}

Jocelyn Rivas, Running

Known as "The Warrior;" Guinness World Record holder for youngest woman (24) to run at least 100 marathons; record holder for youngest Latina to run 100 marathons

Angela Ruggiero, Ice Hockey

Olympic gold medalist, 1998; Olympic silver medalist, 2002, 2010; Olympic bronze medalist, 2006; four-time world championship gold medalist, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011; nine-time U.S. women's national team member; NCAA championship participant with Harvard University; member: U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee Hall of Fame^{AAP, PP}

ATHLETES & SPECIAL GUESTS

Kendall Coyne Schofield, Ice Hockey

Olympic gold medalist, 2018; two-time Olympic silver medalist, 2014, 2022; six-time IIHF women's world champion; two-time IIHF Women's World Championships silver medalist, 2012, 2021; six-time Four Nations Cup champion, 2011, 2012, 2015-18; USA Hockey Bob Allen Women's Player of the Year, 2019; President of the Professional Women's Hockey Players Association ^{WR}

Elana Meyers Taylor, Bobsled

Three-time Olympic silver medalist, 2014, 2018, 2022; two-time Olympic bronze medalist, 2010, 2022; eight-time world championships medalist; nine-time U.S. Push Champion; four-time USABS Women's Bobsled Athlete of the Year, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017; most decorated Black winter Olympian and most decorated woman to compete in Olympic bobsled ^{AAP, B, CCG, PP}

Brenda Villa, Water Polo

Olympic gold medalist, 2012; two-time Olympic silver medalist, 2000, 2008; Olympic bronze medalist, 2004; most decorated athlete in women's water polo; FINA Female Water Polo Player of the Decade, 2000-09 ^{AAP, TT}

Maggie Viosin, Freestyle Skiing

Three-time Olympian, 2014, 2018, 2022; seven-time Winter X Games medalist (gold: 2018, 2020, silver: 2014, 2020, bronze: 2017, 2019, 2020); only American woman to win in the slopestyle discipline at X Games

Lora Webster, Sitting Volleyball

Two-time Paralympic gold medalist, 2016, 2020; two-time Paralympic silver medalist, 2008, 2012; Paralympic bronze medalist, 2004; five-time Paralympian; World ParaVolley Championship silver medalist, 2018 ^{CCG}

Lucy Westlake, Mountain Climbing, Track & Field

Youngest American woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest, 2022; Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award recipient, 2022; member of the University of Southern California track & field and cross country teams

Lauryn Williams, Bobsled, Track & Field

Olympic gold medalist, 2012; two-time silver medalist, 2004, 2014; four-time Olympian, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2014; first American woman to earn a medal in both the summer and winter Olympic Games ^{AAP}

ATHLETES & SPECIAL GUESTS

NJ/NY Gotham FC

Beverly Goebel Yanez, *Assistant Coach*

Ifeoma Onumonu, *Forward*

Taylor Smith, *Defender*

Taryn Torres, *Midfielder*

McCall Zerboni, *Midfielder*

Premier Hockey Federation

Kacey Bellamy, *Defense*

Kali Flanagan, *Defense*

Mikyla Grant-Mentis, *Forward*

Madison Packer, *Forward*

Washington Spirit

Anna Heilferty, *Midfielder*

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Cheyenne Moses, *Participant*

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Harmony Sturdant, *Participant*

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Milagros Rivera, *Participant*

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AWARDS

Wilma Rudolph Courage Award

The Wilma Rudolph Courage Award is presented to a female athlete who exhibits extraordinary courage in her athletic performance, demonstrates the ability to overcome adversity, makes significant contributions to sports and serves as an inspiration and role model for others. The award is named in honor of Wilma Rudolph, the first American woman to win three gold medals in an Olympic Games. Rudolph overcame many childhood diseases, including polio, to become a world champion. Rudolph died in 1994 of brain cancer.

Champion for Equality Award

The Champion for Equality Award is presented to an individual or organization that has shown an unwavering commitment to gender equality and to the advancement of girls and women in sports. Through their personal and professional example, the recipients have inspired others to advocate for diversity and inclusion; to hire, support, mentor and elevate women; and to strive for equality because it's the right thing to do.

Billie Jean King Leadership Award

The Billie Jean King Leadership Award, presented with the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative, honors an individual or group who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and made significant contributions to the advancement of women through achievements in sports and the workplace. Through their personal and professional example, the recipients have inspired women and girls and demonstrated a lasting commitment to the growth of sports and physical activity for all women and girls. The Leadership Award is presented with the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative, a non-profit dedicated to promoting equality and inclusion in the workplace. Founded by Billie Jean King in 2014, the organization advocates for equal pay for equal work, and partners with leaders who are making positive change.

Sportswoman of the Year Award

Every athlete has at least one crowning moment in their career when they feel completely invincible. A truly exceptional athlete has many such moments throughout her athletic career. When a series of high points comes in a particular year, the athlete earns a special distinction of being eligible for the Women's Sports Foundation Sportswoman of the Year Award. Two champions — one individual and one team sport athlete — are honored for extraordinary performances that distinguish them from their peers.



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WILMA RUDOLPH COURAGE AWARD

Elana Meyers Taylor

The most decorated Black athlete in winter Olympic history

Elana Meyers Taylor has brought the heat to bobsled since beginning her career 15 years ago, proving she is a force to be reckoned with and a fierce competitor who handles each awe-inspiring run with courage and determination. From concussions to a partially torn Achilles tendon to testing positive for COVID-19 at one of the global pinnacles of sports, Taylor has proven time and again that she can overcome any and all obstacles thrown her way for an opportunity to compete that she never takes for granted. What makes her deserving of the Wilma Rudolph Courage Award is not only her grit, determination and the undeniable impact she has made within the sports community, but also her efforts to show the world that mom-athletes can compete and win, while using her platform to advocate for racial justice and disability inclusion.

She is a four-time Olympic bobsledder and was flag bearer for Team USA in the 2022 Winter Games in Beijing. After earning two historic podium finishes in 2022, Taylor has become the most decorated Black athlete in winter Olympic history with five medals.

WILMA RUDOLPH COURAGE AWARD

Her ability to pilot the d-rings have landed her three silver and two bronze medals since her first Olympic Winter Games in 2010. In addition, Taylor is a four-time world champion, eight-time World Championships medalist, and 2015 World Cup champion in bobsled. In fact, she has medaled at every single bobsled competition she has ever competed in.

Taylor is a naturally gifted athlete with a knack to compete in many sports. She knew from the young age of 9 that she wanted to be an Olympian. Her athletic career began on the softball field, attending George Washington University on a softball scholarship and playing professionally for the Mid-Michigan Ice. She tried out for the U.S. Olympic Softball Team, calling it "the worst tryout ever in the history of tryouts" and thought her long-time Olympic dream was over. It was her parents who saw bobsled on TV and encouraged her to give it a try. That turned out to be great advice.

Her courage to trade in her cleats for spikes has allowed her to accomplish many firsts in the sport of bobsled. In 2015, she made history by becoming the first woman to earn a spot on the U.S. National Men's Bobsled Team, competing with the men as a four-man bobsled pilot. She went on to become the first woman to win a medal in international competition in a men's event.

She is a champion on and off the ice, never yielding and always striving to find ways to remain competitive. She has strong ties to the Women's Sports Foundation, serving as our President in 2019 and being a former grant recipient. She also served a six-year term as an athlete director on the USA Bobsled and Skeleton Board of Directors and is currently a mentor for Classroom Champions, an organization that empowers children to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Taylor's most rewarding role is mother to son, Nico, who was born with Down syndrome and profound hearing loss. Using her platform, she advocates for equity and inclusion in sports and society. Taylor joined the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities to advocate for inclusive education for children with disabilities. And as the nation learned of COVID-19 impacting her ability to carry the flag into the 2022 Olympic Winter Games opening ceremony, she shared the daily challenge and journey to recovery, citing the inspiration of her son to push herself through the obstacles. Carrying the flag in the closing ceremony was a well-deserved and powerful conclusion to that journey.

From bobsled tracks to motherhood, Taylor deftly navigates the twists and turns with courage and determination. She inspires and encourages reaching for your best and the need for equity and inclusivity for all.

CHAMPION FOR EQUALITY AWARD

Alexis Ohanian

Founder of Seven Seven Six, Co-Founder and Former Executive Chair of Reddit, lead founding investor in Angel City FC

Alexis Ohanian is amplifying women's sports for what it is, "damn good business." As the lead founding investor in Angel City FC, he issued a call-to-action for society to follow his lead and invest in women's sports, confidently challenging all to "check the receipts in a decade." A visionary entrepreneur, he invests in the future of girls and women through sports, venture capital and family leave advocacy. For his unwavering commitment to level the playing field — on the pitch, in the boardroom and in the halls of Congress — and inspiring a whole new generation of male leaders to become allies and take the smart bet on women, he is the 2022 Champion for Equality Award recipient.

Ohanian was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and grew up in the suburbs of Baltimore, Md. He is an entrepreneur and investor widely known for knocking his business deals out of the park. He co-founded Reddit, one of the largest websites in the United States, which was funded by Y Combinator in 2005 and sold to Conde Nast in 2006. He returned as executive chairman in 2014 to help lead the turnaround of the now-independent



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company that today is valued at over \$10 billion.

In 2016, he left Reddit to run the venture capital firm he co-founded, Initialized Capital, and built it to \$100 billion in market value through early investments in companies like Coinbase, Opendoor, Instacart, Patreon, and Ro.

He is a husband and has become one of the most recognized “girl dads” — roles that encourage him to use his entrepreneurial skills to build a better world for all. After the murder of George Floyd, he considered a future conversation he’d have with his daughter, Olympia, about what he did to create a more equitable world online and offline for her. He resigned from the board of Reddit in June of 2020 in protest — relieved that Reddit fulfilled his wish to have his seat filled by a Black director and started taking steps to curb hate on the platform.

In 2020, Ohanian also left Initialized Capital to launch Seven Seven Six, a firm built like a technology company that deploys venture capital. Since its inception, Seven Seven Six has already grown to oversee \$769 million in assets. Fast forward to this year, he has officially launched the 776 Foundation to support marginalized individuals and announced a \$20 million commitment to climate action through his new 776 Fellowship Program.

His advocacy on behalf of paid family leave demonstrates that his commitment to gender equity goes beyond women’s sports. Ohanian has lobbied for federal legislation that mandates quality paid family leave for all — birth parents, adoptive parents and caregivers. As he penned in a 2019 *New York Times* opinion article, “All people deserve fulfilling work and close family ties.” He is especially focused on normalizing paternal paid time off, challenging a generation of dads to take the full opportunity if they get the chance. It’s an issue he dives into on his podcast, *Business Dad*, where he interviews other fathers about what it means to be a dad in today’s world and how they balance their careers and families.

Whether he is catching an Angel City home game at Banc of California Stadium or advocating for change on Capitol Hill, this savvy start-up investor strives to devote his time and skills to build a more equitable world, not only for women in sports but also for families and the communities they live in.



BILLIE JEAN KING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dawn Staley

University of South Carolina Women's Basketball
Head Coach

There are billions of people in this world, but there is only one Dawn Staley. Certainly, the accomplishments Staley has achieved during her decades-long basketball career are significant, but her leadership goes beyond statistics and sports highlights. She is fierce, unapologetic and tenacious. She uses her platform to speak out against inequities, advocates for increased opportunities for women in sports, and leads with purpose. We salute our 2022 Billie Jean King Leadership Award recipient.

Catapulting the University of South Carolina into the national spotlight, Staley has made the Gamecocks a mainstay in the battle for Southeastern Conference (SEC) and national championships since becoming head women's basketball coach in 2008. Under her leadership, the Gamecocks have reached many firsts: Staley made history as the first Black woman to win two NCAA Women's Basketball National Championships as head coach, in addition to guiding the team to NCAA Final Fours, No. 1 rankings, SEC regular-season and tournament titles, and players to SEC Players of the Year, National Players of the Year, WNBA No. 1 Draft picks and No. 1 recruiting classes — to name a notable few.

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Staley is an advocate to her core. With over 30 years of experience in the spotlight, she does not hesitate to teach, speak out and hold institutions accountable for the inequities in sports and beyond. When the “madness” of the NCAA’s tournament in 2021 showed glaring disparities between the women’s and men’s facilities, she used her platform to bring national attention to the issue — which went well beyond barbells and swag bags — urging the NCAA to re-evaluate how they value women. She continues speaking out to this day, calling out institutions for how they market women’s sports and how they could be doing more to create an equitable playing field for all women in sports.

While we celebrate Staley’s historic coaching milestones, let’s not forget she was an outstanding player as well. An integral part of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team, whose success and popularity helped pave the way for the creation of the WNBA, she is recognized as one of the most decorated players in U.S. women’s basketball history. She broke out on the international scene in 1989, making her first appearance in a USA Basketball uniform as a member of the 1989 Junior World Championship Team and 15 years later played her final international game after assisting the organization to a 196-10 record. She also has quite an impressive medal collection — as an athlete she won three Olympic gold medals, two FIBA World Championship gold medals and one bronze medal, and seven international invitational titles from 1989-2004. Flash forward to her USA Basketball coaching career, and Staley continued to land on the top podium, serving as an

assistant coach on the 2008 and 2016 Olympic gold-medal teams and leading the U.S. to gold in the 2020 Olympic Games as the head coach.

Following the 1996 Olympic Games, Staley joined the Richmond Rage of the ABL, one of the two women’s basketball professional leagues started in the wake of USA Basketball’s success on the world stage. After two all-star seasons with the organization, she moved to the WNBA in 1999, playing for the Charlotte Sting and Houston Comets before announcing her retirement in 2005. Following her retirement, the WNBA began awarding the Dawn Staley Community Leadership Award in 2007, honoring the player who best exemplifies the characteristics of a leader in the community in which she works and lives.

Staley still encourages her teams to be active members in their communities and is the co-founder of INNERSOLE, an organization that provides new sneakers to children who are homeless and in need.

Staley has built her success on a foundation of discipline and vision. She’s a leader on and off the court, using her platform to encourage others to get out of their comfort zone, challenge things that they know are wrong, and not be afraid to talk about hard-hitting issues in and outside of sports.



INDIVIDUAL SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Sunisa Lee

Gymnastics

She is known as an uneven bars specialist, but Sunisa “Suni” Lee has proven to the world she is unshakeable and can excel at all four categories in women’s gymnastics — and the global spotlight — with poise, strength, and agility. At only 19 years old, Lee has a long list of accomplishments to be proud of. Her impressive skill set paired with a grace-under-pressure performance during the 2020 Olympic Games earned her this year’s WSF Individual Sportswoman of the Year award.

Lee’s story is more than just triumph, it’s one of representation. She is the first Hmong American to compete in an Olympic Games, a historic moment that has given a voice to a community that she says often goes unseen. She is also a first-generation American who dedicates her success to her parents, especially her dad, who have made countless sacrifices to fuel her dream of being an Olympic gymnast.

One of the most talked-about moments of the Games was the way Lee rose to an unexpected challenge. She put her talents on full display when she quickly filled in during the

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team competition following Simone Biles' withdrawal, which drew global attention. Lee said it was the most pressure she had ever felt, but she went on to fearlessly nail her bar and floor routines, helping the team win silver. Two days later she took home the esteemed gold medal as the all-around champion, making her the fifth consecutive American to win gold in the category. She also clinched a bronze medal in uneven bars.

There were many moments leading into the Olympic Games that showcased the young gymnast's perseverance, grit and determination. She has overcome many obstacles, including ankle and foot injuries and deeply personal struggles to make it to sport's biggest stage. In 2019, her dad, John Lee, fell off a ladder, leaving him paralyzed from the chest down. Two days later, she went on to win silver at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships and later in the year, she won three medals at the World Championships. Soon after, she earned the second guaranteed team spot for Tokyo, her dad serving as inspiration even amid his own challenging recovery — pushing her to keep doing what she loved.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Lee's journey has now taken her to Alabama, where she is in her sophomore year at Auburn University. So far her budding collegiate career has gotten off to a great start. She was crowned balance beam champion and placed second in the all-around at the 2022 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships. She also was named the 2022 Southeastern Conference (SEC) uneven bars champion and SEC Freshman of the Year.

From the start of each routine to her dismount, you can't help but watch Lee in awe as she makes the hardest skills look effortless. As she continues to compete, she hopes to inspire and empower her peers and the next generation to work hard toward their passions and achieve their dreams, like her dad did for her.

INDIVIDUAL SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Erin Jackson, Speedskating

Olympic gold medalist, 2022; two-time Olympian, 2018, 2022; first Black woman to win a speedskating medal at the Olympic Winter Games



Chloe Kim, Snowboarding

Two-time Olympic gold medalist, 2018, 2022; two-time gold medalist at FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboarding World Championships, 2019, 2021



Nelly Korda, Golf

Olympic gold medalist, 2020; KPMG Women's PGA Championship winner, 2021; two-time Solheim Cup winner, 2019, 2021; first golfer in history to win a major and Olympic gold medal in the same year

Katie Ledecky, Swimming

Seven-time Olympic gold medalist, 2012, 2016, 2020; three-time Olympic silver medalist, 2016, 2020; 19-time world championships gold medalist; three-time world championships silver medalist; WSF Sportswoman of the Year, 2017



Sunisa Lee, Gymnastics

Olympic all-around gold medalist, 2020; Olympic silver medalist (team), 2020; Olympic bronze medalist (uneven bars), 2020; three-time world championship medalist, 2019; NCAA balance beam champion, 2022; SEC Freshman of the Year, 2022; SEC uneven bars champion, 2022; *Sports Illustrated* Female Athlete of the Year, 2021



INDIVIDUAL SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Jessica Long, Swimming

Sixteen-time Paralympic gold medalist, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020; eight-time Paralympic silver medalist, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020; five-time Paralympic bronze medalist, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020; five-time Paralympian, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020; 32-time world championships gold medalist; two-time *Sports Illustrated* "World's Best Female Athletes" list member, 2001, 2006 ^{AAP}



Oksana Masters, Nordic Skiing, Road Cycling

Seven-time Paralympic gold medalist, 2018, 2020, 2022; seven-time Paralympic silver medalist, 2014, 2018, 2022; three-time Paralympic bronze medalist, 2012, 2014, 2018; six-time Paralympian, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022; first Paralympian to receive ESPY Award nomination for Best Athlete, 2022; 13-time world champion, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022; WSF Sportswoman of the Year, 2018 ^{AAP}

Sydney McLaughlin, Track & Field

Two-time Olympic gold medalist, 2020; three-time world championships gold medalist; world championships silver medalist



Tamyr Mensah-Stock, Wrestling

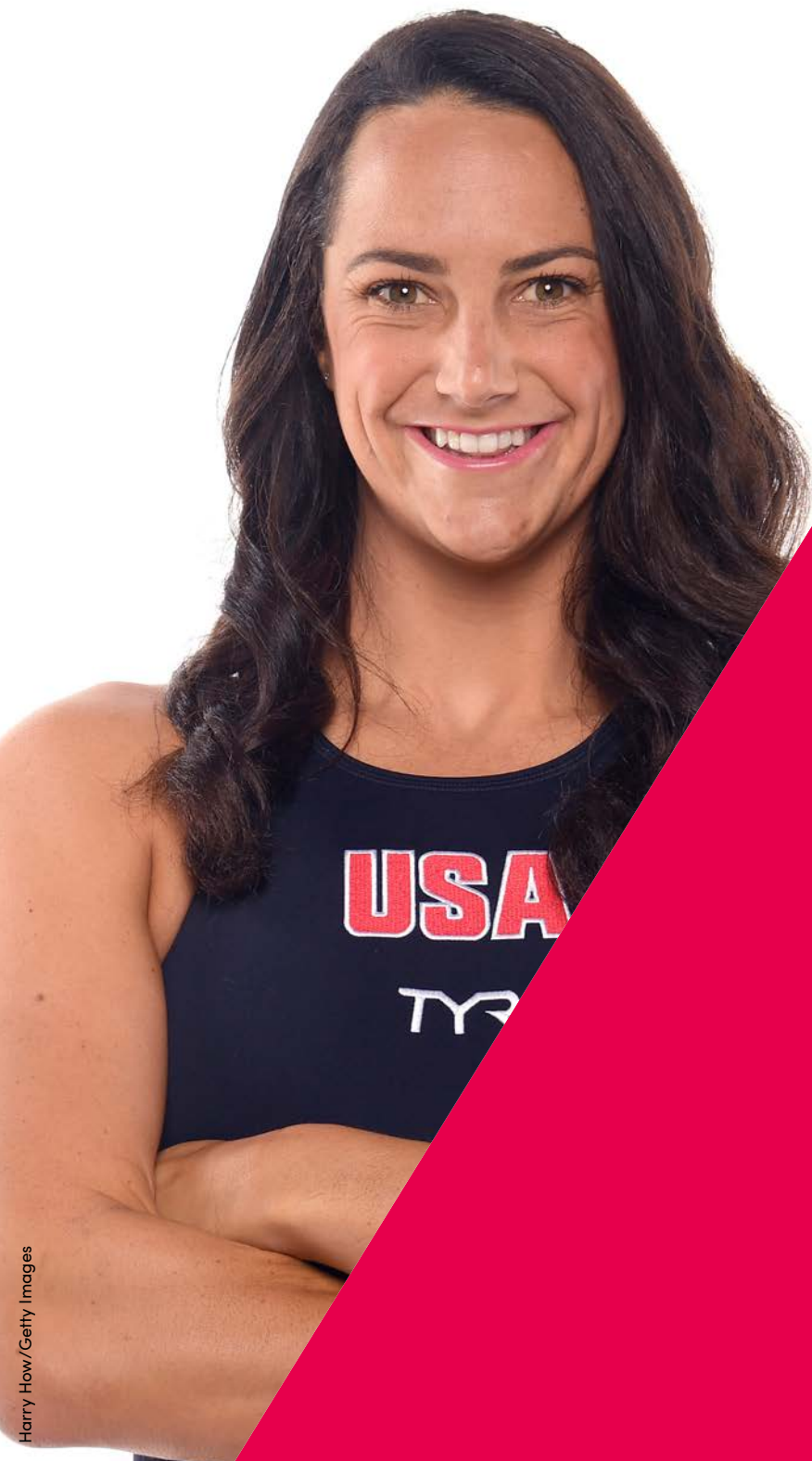
Olympic gold medalist, 2020; first Black woman to win a gold medal in wrestling; World Wrestling Championships gold medalist, 2022; World Wrestling Championships bronze medalist, 2021



Carissa Moore, Surfing

Olympic gold medalist, 2020; five-time World Surf League World Champion, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2019, 2021; Surfer's Hall of Fame inductee, 2014





TEAM SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Maggie Steffens

Water Polo

If you look up legendary athletes competing in women's water polo, you're bound to see Maggie Steffens' name at the top of every list. Steffens is a 29-year-old "utility player" who has competed on the U.S. Women's National Water Polo Team since 2009. Steffens scored a total of 18 goals during the Olympic Games in Tokyo, helping her team win their third consecutive gold medal and becoming the all-time leading scorer in Olympic women's water polo history with 56 goals. Her incredible performance, ability to push herself and her team to new heights, and determination to stay at the top of her sport is why she is this year's WSF Team Sportswoman of the Year.

Steffens has dreamed of being an Olympian since she was a child, and it is no surprise water polo is how she got there. Her father played for the Puerto Rican National Team and collegiately, while her mom is part of an extensive water polo family. Steffens grew up the youngest of four water-polo-playing siblings. Talk about "everybody in the pool," her direct and extended family have helped fuel her competitive drive and passion for the sport.

Starting out, Steffens' journey wasn't easy. The lack of junior leagues where she grew up in Northern California had her

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playing against girls who were twice her age and size. This was a blessing in disguise as it helped lay the foundation for her to become one of the youngest athletes to compete on the U.S. Women's National Water Polo Team.

At just 16 years old, she was asked to play in her first Team USA match — a call-up with special significance to her and her family, since she would be playing alongside her sister Jessica, who was already established on the team. The duo went on to play together in the 2012 Olympic Games in London, and Maggie's Olympic debut did not disappoint. Not only did the team win gold, but she was named MVP, tying a record of 21 goals scored during a single Olympic Games and the most goals scored during a single game.

Following her standout performance, she landed the team captain position, helping the team win gold in the 2016 and 2020 Games. Her leadership skills were on full display in Tokyo, where she helped the team rebound from their first loss in the Olympic Games since 2008 — going on to win four straight games to land at the top of the podium once again. Even more impressive, Steffens did it all with a broken nose, showcasing her unwavering resolve.

Beyond the Olympic Games, Steffens led the U.S. women's national team to their seventh consecutive title at the FINA World League Super Final in Greece and was named the 2021 FINA Women's Water Polo Athlete of the Year for the third time in her

career (2021, 2014, 2012). She is a member of the Quadruple Gold Club, earning Olympic gold, FINA World Championship gold, FINA World Cup gold and FINA World League gold, an accomplishment only a handful of other athletes have claimed. Collegiately, she competed at Stanford University where she helped the team win three NCAA championships (2017, 2015, 2014) and was named the NCAA tournament MVP in 2017.

Steffens' passion for her sport is transcending the pool. She is the co-founder and owner of 6-8 sports, a performance analytics company designed to take a data-driven approach to evaluating athletes' strengths and weaknesses to help them improve over time. She takes pride in her Puerto Rican heritage, and though she has planted roots in Long Beach, Calif., she considers Puerto Rico to be her home. Most recently, she has taken on a GlobalGiving campaign to raise money for those in communities across the country recovering from Hurricane Fiona.

Whether she is scoring goals, setting records or traveling around the world to introduce and inspire young girls and women to play water polo, Steffens' love for her sport shines bright. She dreams big and plays big up against the shot clock — in and out of the pool — and will go down in history as one of the best to ever play the game.

TEAM SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Katie Holloway Bridge,
Sitting Volleyball

Two-time Paralympic gold medalist, 2016, 2020; two-time Paralympic silver medalist, 2008, 2012; Paralympic Games Most Valuable Player, 2020; first woman to compete with a prosthetic limb in the history of NCAA Division I basketball



Taylor Cummings, Lacrosse

Federation of International Lacrosse World Cup gold medalist, 2017; World Games gold medalist, 2017; All-World Team member, 2017; member of the Athletes Unlimited lacrosse league; only player to win the Tewaaraton Award three times, 2014-16



Alix Klineman & April Ross,
Beach Volleyball

Olympic gold medalists, 2020; world championships silver medalists; Gold Series Manhattan Beach Open champions, 2021; Gold Series Chicago Open champions, 2021

Hilary Knight, Ice Hockey

Olympic gold medalist, 2018; three-time Olympic silver medalist, 2010, 2014, 2022; record holder for most games played at Olympic Winter Games by an American player; eight-time International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) women's world champion; record holder for most points at the IIHF Women's World Championship; WSF Wilma Rudolph Courage Award winner, 2017



Amanda Magadan, Field Hockey

Member of the 2021-22 Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH) Pro League; fourth-place finisher with Team USA at the Pan American Cup, 2022; earned her 100th international cap for Team USA



TEAM SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Haylie McCleney, Softball

Olympic silver medalist, 2020; World Games gold medalist, 2022; World Games Most Valuable Player, 2022; two-time World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Women's World Championship gold medalist, 2016, 2018; WBSC Women's World Championship silver medalist, 2014; member of the Athletes Unlimited softball league



Candace Parker, Basketball

Three-time Olympic gold medalist, 2008, 2012; two-time WNBA champion, 2016, 2021; two-time WNBA Most Valuable Player, 2008, 2013; seven-time WNBA All-Star; member of the WNBA 25th Anniversary Team, 2021; WSF Sportswoman of the Year, 2013

Mallory Pugh, Soccer

FIFA Women's World Cup champion, 2019; two-time CONCACAF Women's Championship winner, 2018, 2022; National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) MVP runner-up, 2021



Maggie Steffens, Water Polo

Three-time Olympic gold medalist, 2012, 2016, 2020; four-time Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) World Championships gold medalist, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022; three-time NCAA champion with Stanford University, 2014, 2015, 2017; three-time FINA World Player of the Year, 2012, 2014, 2021; all-time leading scorer in Olympic women's water polo history with 56 goals^{TT}



Lindsey Zurrbrugg, Wheelchair Basketball

Paralympic bronze medalist, 2020; Team USA scoring leader during bronze-medal game at Paralympic Games, 2022; NWBA Women's National Tournament champion, 2022



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IN MEMORIAM

All-American Girls Professional Baseball League

The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL) was a professional women's baseball league, which was founded by Philip K. Wrigley in 1943 and existed until 1954. The AAGPBL is the forerunner of women's professional sports leagues in the United States. More than 600 women played in the league, which eventually consisted of 10 teams located in the American Midwest. In 1948, league attendance peaked at over 900,000 spectators. The most successful team, the Rockford Peaches, won a league-best four championships. The 1992 motion picture *A League of Their Own* is a mostly fictionalized account of the early days of the league and its stars.

All members were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988.

Shirley (Salisbury) Hilbish, 86, Baseball
South Bend Blue Sox

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Kalamazoo Lassies, Grand Rapids Chicks

Inez "Lefty" Voyce, 97, Baseball
South Bend Blue Sox, Grand Rapids Chicks

Shirley "Hustle" Burkovich, 89, Baseball
Muskegon Lassies, Chicago Colleens, Springfield Sallies,
Rockford Peaches

Marguerite "Kerry" Kerrigan, 91, Baseball
Rockford Peaches

Evelyn "Evie" (Wawryshyn) Moroz, 97, Baseball
Kenosha Comets, Muskegon Lassies, Springfield Sallies,
Fort Wayne Daisies

Mary (Weddle) Hines, 87, Baseball
Fort Wayne Daisies

Kathryn "Kate" Vonderau, 94, Baseball
Fort Wayne Daisies, Muskegon Lassies, Chicago Colleens,
Peoria Redwings, Muskegon Belles

IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Bailey, 96, Athletics Administrator, Title IX Pioneer
Phyllis Bailey arrived at The Ohio State University in 1956 to pursue a Ph.D. and work with women's sports club teams as Associate Director of Recreation, Intramurals, and Intercollegiate Sports for Women. In 1971, Bailey helped oversee the establishment of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, which organized and recognized female intercollegiate competition for the first time. The passing of Title IX in 1972 and the acceptance of women in the NCAA in 1981 resulted in a restructure of the Ohio State Athletics Department, in which Bailey was appointed the first administrator over women's athletics. Around 10 years later, Bailey led the transition of the Alumnae Society for Women Athletes to the Varsity O Women. This organization drafted and implemented guidelines that would elect the first class of female athletes into the Ohio State Sports Hall of Fame.

Medina Dixon, 59, Basketball

Dixon was a member of the 1992 bronze-medal-winning U.S. Olympic Women's Basketball Team. She was also part of the 1991 U.S. Pan American Games Team, the gold-medal-winning 1990 FIBA World Cup Team, the gold-medal-winning 1990 USA Goodwill Games Team, the 1989 USA Tournament of the Americas Team, and the 1981 U.S. Olympic Festival East Team. While in college at Old Dominion she won the 1985 national championship and was named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, a member of the Kodak All-American first team, and a finalist for the Naismith Player of the Year award. She finished her career with 1,968 points and 979 rebounds. In 2011, she became the seventh player on the Old Dominion women's

basketball team to have her jersey retired. In 2017, she was inducted into the Old Dominion Athletics Hall of Fame.

Kathleen "Kathy" Theresa Flores, 66, Rugby

Flores was a rugby player and coach, winning multiple national championships during her 45-year career. She began her career as a player at Florida State University, where she led her team to four national championship titles. In 1985, she was a member of the invitational women's national team, the first U.S. women's rugby team to play international matches. Flores also was a member of the first official USA Women's Rugby Team, and from 1994-2010 she had one of the most successful coaching stints of all time, leading the Berkeley All Blues to 11 National Championships. She was the first captain of the USA Women's Rugby Team in 1987 and helped lead them to the 1991 World Cup championship. Flores was the first woman to coach a national rugby team and the first woman of color to coach a national team.

Christine Grant, 85, Athletic Director

Grant became the University of Iowa's first women's athletic director in 1973, the year after Title IX was passed. During her 27-year tenure, Iowa sponsored 12 women's sports that won one NCAA championship (field hockey) and 27 Big Ten Conference championships. Grant is also remembered for her commitment to gender equality in sports. She played an important role in implementing Title IX in Iowa's athletic department and served as a consultant for the Civil Rights Title IX Task Force. After Grant's retirement in 2000, Iowa combined the men's and women's athletic departments into one. She is a member of the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame.

IN MEMORIAM

Lusia Harris, 66, Basketball

Harris was the first Black woman inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, in 1992. In 1977, Harris was drafted by the NBA's New Orleans Jazz, becoming the first and only woman to be officially drafted by an NBA team. She is a three-time national champion at Delta State, where she remains the university's career record-holder in points (2,891) and rebounds (1,662), shooting 63.3% from the field for her career. In 1976, she brought home a silver medal representing the U.S. at the Olympic Games, which marked the first Games to feature women's basketball. Harris scored the first points in Olympic women's basketball history.

Robin Herman, 70, Sports Journalist

While working at the New York Times, Herman, alongside Marcelle St. Cyr, a local radio reporter, was assigned to cover the 1975 NHL All-Star Game in Montreal. This assignment ended up making history as Herman and Cyr became the first two women journalists to interview players in the locker room after an NHL game. Herman went on to become the assistant dean of communications at Harvard University's School of Public Health in 1999 and retired in 2012. She was also a member of the first Princeton University class that admitted women.

Tiffany Jackson, 37, Basketball

A three-time All-American, 2004 Big 12 Freshman of the Year, and three-time first-team all-conference player, Tiffany Jackson was a Texas Longhorn legend. She is the only player in Texas women's basketball history to have at least 1,000 points, 1,000 rebounds, 300 steals and 150 blocks. Jackson was the fifth overall

pick in the 2007 WNBA draft after being selected by the New York Liberty. She went on to play nine seasons in the WNBA with the Liberty, Tulsa Shock, and Los Angeles Sparks. Following her WNBA career, Jackson returned to Texas as an assistant coach for two years. She was named head coach of Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, in April.

Joan Joyce, 81, Softball, Golf

The only coach in the 28-year history of the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) softball program, Joyce led her team to 11 NCAA postseason tournaments and was honored as conference coach of the year eight times. She was inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame in 1983, the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1989, and the International Softball Federation Hall of Fame in 1999. Aside from her successful softball career, Joyce spent 19 years as a member of the LPGA Tour and served as FAU's women's golf coach from 1996 through 2014. In 1961, she famously struck out retired baseball players Ted Williams and Hank Aaron at an exhibition game.

Suzanne "Suzy" Maguire, 87, USTA Executive

Maguire spent almost three decades with the USTA. During her time at the USTA, she helped facilitate the relocation of the US Open from the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, N.Y., to its current home at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. In 1980, Maguire became Director of Marketing for the US Open; in that position, she helped negotiate the tournament's first million-dollar sponsorship. She was inducted into the Eastern Tennis Hall of Fame in 2006.

IN MEMORIAM

Hilaree Nelson, 49, Ski Mountaineer

In 2012, Nelson became the first woman to climb two 8,000-meter peaks in a day after she summited Mount Everest and its adjacent peak, Lhotse, in a 24-hour window. Six years later, she completed the first descent down Lhotse on skis; this accomplishment earned her the National Geographic Adventurer of the Year award. Nelson went on more than 40 expeditions in 16 countries, from the Himalayas to one of the most remote mountains in Myanmar, and also Antarctica, where in 2020 she climbed the continent's two highest peaks — and skied down both.

Shirley Spork, 94, Golf

Spork was one of 13 women who founded the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) in 1950. In 1959, she helped found the LPGA's Teaching & Club Pro Division. She was named LPGA National Teacher of the Year in 1959 and 1984. Spork was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 1968 and was a recipient of the Byron Nelson Award (1994), the Joe Graffis Award (1976), the LPGA's 1998 Ellen Griffin Rolex Award, and the 2000 Commissioner's Award as an LPGA Founder.

Bonnie Slatton, 84, Title IX Pioneer

Slatton came to the University of Iowa in 1964 as a faculty member and coach of tennis and badminton. Over the next three decades, Slatton was an advocate for women's track & field in Iowa and across the country. But she did not pursue these advocacy efforts alone, she led alongside longtime Iowa women's athletics director Christine Grant and her colleague Peg Burke. She served as President of the National Association for Girls and Women in Sports and spent a year in Washington, D.C., as Acting Executive Director of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. She also served as an Iowa faculty representative to the Big Ten and the NCAA for 21 years and served on the NCAA and U.S. Olympic Committees.



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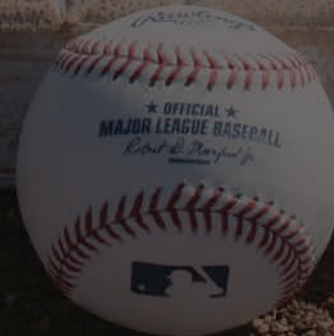
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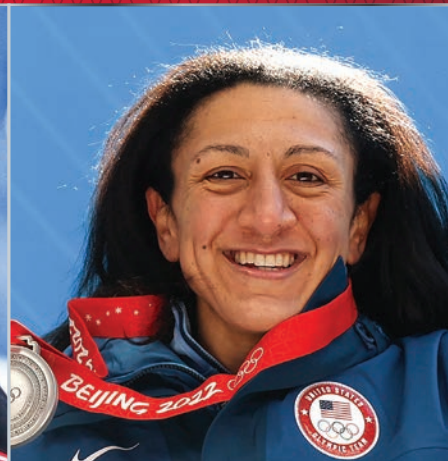
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A photograph of three women in red athletic jerseys hugging on a basketball court. The woman in the center is smiling and looking towards the camera. The two women on either side of her have their backs to the camera, and they are all embracing each other. The background is a blurred indoor basketball court.

Congratulations to the Women's Sports Foundation
and all those recognized and celebrated tonight.

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Deborah Olson

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