Dear Olympians and Paralympians,

In this, my final letter to you as President of the USOPA, I would first like to congratulate Dick Fosbury, your new President-elect and the seven Vice Presidents, Allison Baver, Carol Brown, Candace Cable, Caryn Davies, Micki King, Carol Lewis and Iris Zimmerman, on being elected or re-elected as Officers of the Executive Committee of the USOPA. It looks like Dick will be surrounded by a lot of talented women while moving the USOPA forward in the next quadrennium.

I would also like to thank the Officers of the USOPA that did such an outstanding job over the past 4 years of helping our organization, but will no longer serve as members of the Executive Committee. Those include Joey Cheek, Eli Wolf and Judi Brown Clarke, who worked tirelessly in so many different ways to improve the USOPA. I am personally and deeply grateful for their efforts and contributions.

I recently completed George Hirthler’s biographical novel on the life of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympic Games, *The Idealist*. While some of the book may be fictional, I am certain that the described struggles he faced in resurrecting the Olympic Games were not. De Coubertin began the modern Olympic Games with the notion that it could become much more than a great sporting event. The modern Olympic Games and its philosophy of Olympism would become a movement with social purpose embraced by the entire world. He was right and the Olympic movement continues to grow.

Since the first modern Olympic Games of Athens in 1896, controversies and problems surrounding the Olympic Games have never ceased. In many respects, such as gender equity and inclusion, the Olympic Games has made tremendous progress. While in others, such as maintaining fair play (use of performance enhancing drugs) and financial parity for athletes, the Olympic Games still has a long way to go.

After spending the past 12 years as an Officer of the USOPA and gaining a much better understanding of how the entire Olympic system works, I am certain of two things. Many of the most important imperfections of the Olympic Games can and will be resolved in time and that the greatest pressure for those changes will come from the athletes, not the Olympic Committees, the International Governing Bodies nor any other organization within the Olympic hierarchy. The only question is how?

When I speak of athletes, I am not referring to just those that are currently competing, but rather to the entire family of Olympians and Paralympians of all ages and from all countries. Within the Olympic structure, we command the most attention and respect. We also have the most to gain or lose by correcting or not correcting the problems. The athletes are at the very center of the Olympic Games.
For this reason, I urge all of you to get involved. Get active in your Chapter and in the USOPA. The pressure required to realize the necessary positive changes in the Olympic and Paralympic Games will come only from solidarity of its athletes. To this extent, I am very pleased to see the growth and progress we have made within the USOPA and the WOA. There has never been a better time to become active. Collectively, we can make the Olympic Games and its movement better.

Finally, since the impact of the Olympic movement is felt strongest in its host country, I am committed to help bring the Olympic Games back to Los Angeles in 2024. As a parting request, I will ask each of you to do the following.

Wherever 24 or more of you and your friends are gathered, whether from sport, school, church civic, social or family and friends, take a photo of the group with your smart phone spelling out the letters/numbers LA24. It takes a minimum of 24 people to make this shot happen, six people for each letter or number. Take the photo from a ladder or chair, so we can clearly see the letters/numbers that are formed and then post it to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn or any other social media site. Title it – “_____________organization supports the Olympic bid for Los Angeles in 2024”. Ask your friends to share it with all of their friends. If you have more than 24 people in the group, it is not a problem. Just make the numbers and letters even bigger.

It is important that this bid becomes America’s bid for the Olympic Games, not just Los Angeles’ bid. If we can post these photos of various groups from all across America, the IOC voters will get the message. It will help show our passion to bring the Olympic Games back to America.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving you over the past four years. We have achieved a great deal, yet there is much more work to be done. I look forward to serving the USOPA under President Fosbury and continue to be a proud contributor to the Olympic movement.

Yours in Olympic spirit,

Gary Hall, Sr.
TEAM USA CONCLUDES RECORD-BREAKING RIO 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES WITH 121 MEDALS, 46 GOLD

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL - AUGUST 17: (L-R) Bronze medalist Kristi Castlin, gold medalist Brianna Rollins and silver medalist Nia Ali of the United States celebrate with American flags after the Women’s 100m Hurdles Final on Day 12 of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on August 17, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (Photo by Cameron Spencer/Getty Images)
RIO DE JANEIRO – The Rio 2016 Olympic Games drew to a close on August 21 following 17 days of competition between more than 10,900 athletes representing 206 nations. The Rio Games, which marked the first Olympics to be held in South America – saw Team USA top the medal chart in every category for only the seventh time in Olympic history and the first since 1948, leading all nations with 121 medals, including 46 gold, 37 silver and 38 bronze. The U.S. is one of only five nations to have accomplished the feat at the Olympic Games in summer competition and the first to do so in 40 years.

Team USA’s 121 medals are the most ever for a U.S. team in a non-boycotted Games, topping the previous high of 110 from Beijing in 2008.

“The Rio Games were very special and we’re incredibly happy to be where we are from a results standpoint and celebrating the success of our athletes,” said USOC CEO Scott Blackmun. “These Games will be defined by the inspiring performances of our athletes, the images of them on the podium and the success of the Organizing Committee.”

The winning campaign extended Team USA’s reign atop the overall medal chart to six straight Games, dating back to 1996. Overall, 210 American athletes contributed to the medal count, including 32 multiple medalists and 13 who won multiple gold medals. Of the 27 sports in which U.S. athletes competed, the U.S. brought home hardware in 20.

“I don’t think there’s anything better than having the opportunity to hang gold medals on American athletes and listen to the Star-Spangled Banner,” said USOC Chairman Larry Probst. “Overall, these have been a terrific Games – the venues have been spectacular and the volunteers were very friendly and did a fantastic job.”

For the second straight Olympics, China finished second with 70 medals (26 gold), ahead of Great Britain, which completed the Games with 67 medals (27 gold) to rank third among all nations. Team USA’s 51-medal margin of victory is the second largest at a non-boycotted Olympics, ranking second behind its previous high of 61 in 1924.

“This has been an incredible Games for Team USA by any measure, and I’m so proud and amazed by the spectacular performances of our athletes, the quality of our coaching and the way our organization came together to support them,” said Alan Ashley, USOC chief of sport performance and Team USA chef de mission. “There have been so many first-time performances by so many athletes in different sports and our hats go off to the Rio 2016 Organizing Committee for creating an environment in which our athletes could thrive and reach their potential.”

Team USA collected the most medals in swimming and track and field, combining for 65 podium finishes across the two sports – the most since 1972 and tied for fourth-best of all time.
U.S. swimmers topped all nations in both the overall (33) and gold medal (16) charts – marking the team’s greatest medal haul since 2000. Winning five of the six relays, the U.S. garnered nearly half of the 34 gold medals up for grabs, while no other country won more than three.

Making his fifth – and what he says is his last – Olympic appearance, Michael Phelps further cemented his legacy as the greatest Olympian of all time with 23 gold medals and 28 overall. With five gold and one silver, the 2016 Games marked the fourth straight in which Phelps led all multi-medalists across all nations and sports dating back to 2004. Sharing the spotlight in the pool was teenager phenom Katie Ledecky, who set two world records in route to winning four gold and one silver and became only the second swimmer to sweep the 200, 400 and 800-meter freestyle titles at a single Games.

American athletes also impressed in track and field, winning 32 medals and 13 gold, highlighted by the first-ever U.S. podium sweep in the women’s 100-meter hurdles from Brianna Rollins, Nia Ali and Kristi Castlin. Taking their place in history, Allyson Felix took home three medals to become the all-time winningest woman in Olympic track and field with six gold and nine overall, while Ashton Eaton tied an Olympic record to become the first U.S. decathlete to repeat as Olympic champion since Bob Mathias (1948 and 1952).

The U.S. women’s gymnastics team was equally spectacular, winning nine medals and surpassing the team’s previous high of eight from the 2008 Games in Beijing and the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.
Propelled by four medals from individual all-around champion Simone Biles, the nine medals are the most won by any nation since 1972 (Soviet Union, 10). Widely considered the best gymnast of her generation, Biles became the first American gymnast to win four gold at a single Games, helping Team USA medal in every event for the first time since 1984.

“This experience has been the dream of a lifetime for me and my team, and I consider it a privilege to represent my country, the United States Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics,” said Biles, who was selected by her peers to lead the U.S. delegation into the Closing Ceremony. “My first Olympic experience just keeps getting better and I want to thank Brazil for hosting an incredible Games.”

Multi-medalists Biles, Felix and Ledecky were among a strong contingent of American women, who for the second straight Olympics, set a record with 61 medals, exceeding its previous high of 58 from London in 2012. Had American women competed as their own country, they would have ranked fourth among all nations in the overall medal chart and tied for second in the gold-medal count with 27. Highlighting the list of firsts by American women, Gwen Jorgensen and Helen Maroulis gave the U.S its first gold medals in triathlon and women’s wrestling, while Kim Rhode (shooting) became the first woman from any nation to win a medal at six straight Olympic Games. Kayla Harrison (judo) and Claressa Shields (boxing) became the most decorated Olympic female athletes in their sport with four and five medals apiece.

“Title IX paved the way and created so many opportunities for women in sport,” said Felix. “I feel so proud and so inspired by the strong women on our team. It’s such an amazing group to be a part of and I think about all the images of successful women reaching young girls back at home – those are the things that last. These performances will inspire future Olympians, and I am just so humbled and honored to be a part of these amazing women.”

American women also delivered some of the most memorable moments of the Rio Games. On the same night of Phelps’ last career race, the U.S. women’s 400-meter medley relay team of Kathleen Baker, Lilly King, Simone Manuel and Dana Vollmer made history by securing the 1,000th gold medal for Team USA at the Olympic Games in summer competition. The milestone highlighted Team USA’s sustained competitive excellence, dating back to the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Additionally, Manuel made history by becoming the first African-American woman to win Olympic gold in swimming, while fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad became the first U.S. athlete to compete at the Olympic Games in a hijab. Also proving mettle without a color, American 5,000-meter runner Abbey D’Agostino received the Rio 2016 Fair Play Award, along with fellow runner Nikki Hamblin (New Zealand) and the Norwegian men’s handball team.

Of the 210 Americans who earned medals in Rio, nearly 85 percent competed in NCAA collegiate athletics, with the majority...
Olympic champion, Kayla Harrison became the first in U.S. judo to win Olympic medals in back-to-back Games in the women's 78 kg. gold-medal match, Ryan Murphy beat reigning 200-meter backstroke (swimming) world champion Mitch Larkin of Australia with a time of 1:53.62 to win his second individual gold medal, Michael Phelps won his fourth gold of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and his fourth consecutive 200-meter individual medley (swimming) title with a time of 1:54.66, Setting an Olympic record with a time of 52.70, Simone Manuel tied Canada's Penny Oleksiak for gold in the 100-meter freestyle (swimming), first-time Olympian Maya DiRado won her first individual Olympic gold medal with a time of 2:05.99 in the 200-meter backstroke (swimming), Katie Ledecky defended her London 2012 Olympic title in the 800-meter freestyle (swimming) by breaking yet another world record—again her own—with a time of 8:04.79. Ledecky left Rio with five medals from the five events she competed—four gold and one silver, Anthony Ervin reclaimed his title in the splash 'n' dash 50-meter freestyle (swimming) at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, beating reigning Olympic gold medalist Florent Manaudou of France with a time of 21.40, Michelle Carter won Team USA's first shot put (track and field) gold, breaking her American record with a throw of 67 feet, 8 ¼ inches, The U.S. women's rowing eight team maintained an 11-year winning streak in international competition, winning a third-straight Olympic gold medal for Team USA in the event with a time of 6:01.49. the 2016 team of Amanda Elmore, Tessa Gobbo, Eleanor Logan, Meghan Musnicki, Amanda Polk, Emily Regan, Lauren Schmetterling, Kerry Simmonds and Katelin Snyder did their predecessors proud. With a season-best leap of 27 feet, 6 inches, Jeff Henderson beat defending Olympic champion Greg Rutherford of Great Britain to win long jump (track and field) gold.
of those coming in swimming, track and field, and team sports. Overall, the U.S. collected 28 medals in team events, including three gold (basketball and water polo) and two bronze (indoor volleyball) in traditional team sports. Highlighting the list of team accomplishments, the U.S. women's eight extended its gold-medal reign to 11 straight Olympic and world championship titles, winning its third straight Olympic gold medal in Rio. The U.S. also continued its winning traditions in basketball and water polo. Led by tournament MVP Maggie Steffens, the U.S. women's water polo team became the first to successfully defend its Olympic title and the only nation to medal at each of the five Olympic Games since the sport debuted in 2000. A day later, the U.S. women's basketball team extended its Olympic women's record to six straight Olympic titles and eight overall.

With the U.S. men's basketball team winning its third consecutive gold medal – and 15th overall – on the final day of competition, the Rio Games also marked the first time Team USA won both the first and last gold medal at a summer edition of the Olympics. Shooter Ginny Thrasher helped the U.S. to a strong start on day one, setting an Olympic record to claim the first gold medal awarded in Rio.
The U.S. women's water polo team successfully defended its London 2012 gold with a dominant 12-5 win over Italy in the final, becoming the only nation to win back-to-back women's water polo golds, the team of English Gardner, Allyson Felix, Tianna Bartoletta and Tori Bowie win gold in the 4x100-meter (track and field) in a time of 41.01 seconds to successfully defend Team USA's 2012 gold, Gwen Jorgensen was the favorite to win triathlon gold in Rio. She did just that in a time of 1:56:16, the U.S. extended its Olympic winning streak to 49 straight games. The win marks the women's team's sixth consecutive Olympic gold, Matthew Centrowitz was eager to improve on his fourth-place finish from four years prior and he did that in stunning fashion, winning the 1,500-meter (track and field) in 3:50, The relay team of Allyson Felix, Phyllis Francis, Natasha Hastings and Courtney Okolo continued a 20-year winning streak for the U.S. in the 4x400-meter (track and field), winning a sixth straight gold in the event in 3:19.06, LaShawn Merritt, Gil Roberts, Tony McQuay and Arman Hall brought the U.S. back to the top of the podium in the 4x400-meter (track and field), Claressa Shields wins Olympic boxing gold, Kyle Snyder the 20-year-old Ohio State student is the youngest U.S. wrestler to win Olympic gold. In the final event of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and Coach Mike Krzyzewski's final game as head coach of the national team, the U.S. men's basketball team delivered, claiming its third-straight Olympic gold medal with a 96-66 win over Serbia.
TEAM USA CONCLUDES RECORD-BREAKING RIO 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES WITH 115 MEDALS, 40 GOLD
RIO DE JANEIRO -- Team USA wrapped up the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games on September 19, having completed its most successful performance at the Games in recent history. The team of 289 athletes won a total of 115 medals, and finished fourth in the overall medal count.

Below are some of the highlights of the outstanding U.S. athlete and team performances in Rio.

Team USA’s haul of 115 medals marks the most won by the U.S. team since the 1996 Games in Atlanta (158). The U.S. women won more than half of Team USA’s medals, with 70 medals, including 24 gold, 24 silver and 21 bronze.

Most decorated athletes: For the U.S. women, Tatyana McFadden, track and field, and Jessica Long, swimming, both won six medals apiece. McFadden won four gold and two silver medals and Jessica Long won three silver medals, two bronze and a gold. In men’s competition, Brad Snyder, swimming, won the most U.S. medals with three gold and a silver.

Team USA swept the podium three times – in two different sports. The track and field trio of Tatyana McFadden, Chelsea McClammer and Amanda McGrory claimed the top three spots in the T54 1,500 and 5,000-meter finals. In the debut of paratriathlon, Allysa Seely, Hailey Danisewicz and Melissa Stockwell swept the medals in the women’s PT2 classification.

Grace Norman won gold in paratriathlon and bronze in track and field, with her two medal winning races coming less than 36 hours apart.

U.S. athletes set a total of eight world records in Rio, six in the pool, with three of them made by Rebecca Meyers. The other two WRs were in track and field by athletes David Blair and Rachael Morrison.

The U.S. Paralympic Cycling Team won the most ever medals at a Games, with a total of 18 podium finishes.

Firsts in Rio
First time since 2004 that the men’s and women’s teams both reached the podium in goalball; the U.S. men won silver, while the women’s team brought home the bronze. Incidentally, both teams finished in the same spots on the podium back in 2004.

It was the first time since 1996 that both the men’s and women’s teams reached the podium in basketball – both winning gold.
The men’s win in basketball marked the first time since 1988 – or 28 years - which the U.S. men’s wheelchair basketball team won a gold medal.

Military veteran athletes also made their presence known in Rio. The following military veterans, including one active duty service member, had performances in Rio that resulted in a total of 16 medals: Army Sergeant Elizabeth Marks, swimming - gold, 100m breaststroke SB7; bronze, 4x100m medley relay – 34 pts.
Army veteran Kari Miller, women’s sitting volleyball – gold
Army veteran Shawn Morelli, cycling – gold, 3000m individual pursuit C4; gold, time trial C4
Army veteran Scot Severn, track & field – silver, F53 shot put
Army veteran Melissa Stockwell, paratriathlon – bronze, women’s PT2
Marine Corps veteran Oz Sanchez, cycling – silver, mixed team relay H2; bronze, time trial H5
Navy veteran Will Groulx, cycling – gold, road race H2; silver, time trial H2; and silver, mixed team relay H2
Navy veteran Brad Snyder, swimming – gold, 50 free S11; gold, 100m free S11; gold, 100m free S11; and silver, 100m back S11
Navy veteran Andre Shelby, archery – gold, men’s individual compound open
Row 1 (left to right) Raymond Martin, Men’s 1,500m T51/52 (Track and Field) , Brad Snyder, Men’s 100m Freestyle S11 (Swimming), Deja Young, Women’s 200m T45/46/47 (Track and Field) Row 2 (left to right) McKenzie Coan, Women’s 100m Freestyle S7 (Swimming), David Blair, Men’s Discus Throw F43/44 (Track and Field), Jessica Long, Women’s 200m Medley SM8 (Swimming) Row 3 (left to right) Tatyana McFadden, Women’s 800m T54 (Track and Field), Men’s Wheelchair Basketball Team Row 4 (L-R) Amanda McGrory, Tatyana McFadden and Chelsea McClammer swept the podium twice during Team USA’s 115-medal haul at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.
News from LA 2024
“America’s diversity is our greatest strength…”

LA 2024 leaders traveled to Doha, Qatar to make the first presentation to the Olympic family at the Association of National Olympic Committees [A N O C]. The presentation featured remarks by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the only female track-and-field athlete in Olympic history to win six gold medals, Allyson Felix, LA 2024 Chairman Casey Wasserman, LA 2024 Vice Chair and Director of Athlete Relations Janet Evans and two US IOC Members – IOC Executive Board Member Angela Ruggiero and USOC Chairman Larry Probst. LA 2024 pledged to deliver a “Transformative Games” to guarantee greater sustainability and youth connection for future Games.

Mayor Garcetti set out LA 2024’s commitment not just to hosting an outstanding Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024, but also to ensuring future success and relevancy for the Olympic Movement. He said: “We know that LA 2024 must not only deliver great Games, they must also deliver transformative Games. And we know that we can help transform the Games because we are a transformative city that reflects creativity and innovation – and because the Olympics are in our DNA.” Mayor Garcetti went on to describe how ensuring America “remains actively engaged in the world” was a core motivation behind LA 2024’s mission to bring the Games to the United States for the first time in a generation. He said: “I see an America that is outward-looking, ready to play its role alongside the community of nations to address our world’s most pressing challenges. Choose LA 2024 and help us show a new generation of Americans that our strength is being with the world, not turning our backs to it. I believe the Olympic and Paralympic Games are the light we are seeking and that we must look to follow.”

Six-time Olympic champion sprinter Allyson Felix stressed why the diversity of America and LA in particular makes the City of Angeles perfectly placed to welcome – and benefit from – the world’s greatest celebration of unity in diversity: “I want to tell you about the America that I love, and the America that needs the Games to help make our nation better – now more than ever. America is diverse. We are a nation of people whose descendants came from all over the world for a better life. We’re not a nation that clings to our past, no matter how glorious or how painful. Americans rush towards the future. “Please don’t doubt us. America’s diversity is our greatest strength. Diversity is not easy. Diversity is a leap of faith that embraces all faiths. And that’s why I believe LA is a perfect choice for the 2024 Games, because the face of our city reflects the face of the Olympic Movement itself.”

Follow the Sun to the 128th Rose Parade...

Top Olympians and Paralympians will ride the City of Los Angeles’ flower-studded float celebrating America’s 2024 Olympic and Paralympic bid at the 128th Rose Parade on January 2, 2017. Created in partnership with LA 2024 and the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board (L.A. Tourism), L.A.’s “Follow the Sun” float will bring to life the city’s iconic venues and will feature Olympic and Paralympic legends including Nadia Comaneci, Bart Conner, Lex Gillette and April Ross. Also riding the float will be several young Angeleno athletes with the LA84 Foundation, the youth sports nonprofit funded by the success of the 1984 Games.

In addition to Comaneci, Conner, Gillette and Ross, the current lineup of athlete participants includes Haley Anderson, Candace Cable, Dawn Harper-Nelson, Holly McPeak, Howard Shu, Sinjin Smith and Rudy Garcia Tolson.

The landmark Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum will stand tall at the front of the float, with a flame burning atop its cauldron, as L.A.’s new Olympic logo - our LA 2024 Angel - flies high above the Coliseum’s famed peristytle. Framed by stylized sculptures of Los Angeles’ signature palm trees, the Coliseum is flanked by stunning floral arrangements made up of Bird of Paradise flowers, the official flower of Los Angeles. And in celebration of L.A.’s diverse recreational activities, breathtaking landscapes and scenic coastline, live beach volleyball will take place at the float’s center, surrounded by floral illustrations of crystalline crashing waves. At the rear of the float will be L.A.’s biggest star, a larger-than-life sculpture of the setting sun.

“On behalf of LA 2024, we are honored to participate in the City of Los Angeles’ float for the 128th Rose Parade,” said LA 2024 Chairman Casey Wasserman. “The Rose Parade is the perfect stage to show the world our city’s enthusiasm and passion for the Olympic Movement. Our ‘Follow the Sun’ float reflects the City of Angels’ trademark optimism, innovation and creativity that LA 2024 intends to harness to deliver a New Games for a new era.”

Stay tuned for opportunities to engage with LA 2024 at the 128th Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA on January 2, 2017.
WOA outlines commitment to the growth and development of National Olympians Associations at ANOC General Assembly – Doha, Qatar

World Olympians Association (WOA) President Joël Bouzou has called for greater collaboration between National Olympic Committees and National Olympians Associations, citing the strong relationship between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and WOA as an example of two organizations that are successfully working together in the best interests of Olympians.

Speaking at the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) General Assembly in Qatar, Mr. Bouzou urged all NOCs present to consider ways in which to develop deeper, more meaningful relationships with their country’s National Olympians Associations (NOAs) in order to enhance the legacy of Olympians in society.

WOA is committed to the ongoing development of its 148 NOAs around the world, which provide vital support to Olympians at a national level as they transition to life after sport. Each NOA represents a great and often underutilized resource for NOCs, which could be better used to maintain the involvement of Olympians after they have finished competing. By encouraging a more coordinated approach, WOA believes both organizations can benefit while also providing greater support to Olympians and establishing a longer-term connection to those who have represented their countries at an Olympic Games.

Among the suggestions made to NOCs were to:

- Use NOAs to further enhance the impact of NOC activities and programs such as the annual Olympic Day celebrations
- Maximize the lifetime value of Olympians by creating a pathway for Olympians to maintain involvement with the NOC after they have finished competing
- Involve NOAs in programs supporting the development of sport in their country by using Olympians to help foster the next generation of athletes

WOA President Joël Bouzou said:
“The mission of the World Olympians Association is to be of service to Olympians on their journey through life, empowering them to serve society and help make the world a better place. This mission was developed in line with Olympic Agenda 2020 and signifies our close relationship with the IOC and the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter.

NOAs act as a crucial link between Olympians and their NOC, allowing NOCs to retain a meaningful connection with their Olympic alumni, while also empowering Olympians to remain involved with the Olympic Movement in the long term.

We understand the investment that goes into training and supporting Olympic athletes at the elite level - it is this support that helps inspire the lasting loyalty of Olympians to their country. By working with their NOAs to build and strengthen a pathway for Olympians’ long-term involvement, NOCs can maximize that loyalty and gain a return on their investment, encouraging Olympians to give back to their community and fulfil their mission to serve society.

I urge NOCs to work with their country’s NOA to help foster the next generation of Olympians, promote the Olympic values and help build a better and more cohesive society by harnessing the experience, knowledge, hard work and passion of Olympians who have retired as athletes but remain vital members of the Olympic community.”

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ATHLETE CAREER & EDUCATION (ACE) PROGRAM

OVER 200 ATHLETES INDUCTED INTO THE U.S. OLYMPIANS AND PARALYMPIANS ASSOCIATION AT ACE SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Hours after Rio 2016 Olympians and Paralympians visited the White House and greeted President Obama and the First Lady, more than 210 of those Team USA athletes gathered for the U.S. Olympic Committee’s Athlete Career & Education (ACE) Olympic and Paralympic Summit. Presented by The Foundation for Global Sports Development. The three-day event featured dynamic speakers and engaging workshops geared towards providing Team USA athletes with tangible and actionable takeaways, resources and connections, while opening dialogue around planning for retirement and successful transition from sport.

Eighteen Olympic and Paralympic alumni were in attendance, providing wisdom and guidance as workshop facilitators, panelists, mentors and network connections. The opening night of the Summit featured the inaugural U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association (USOPA) Induction Ceremony, LA 2024 Town Hall led by three-time Olympian Janet Evans, and keynote address from nine-time Olympic Champion Carl Lewis. The USOPA Induction Ceremony, led by Olympians Cindy Stinger and Joey Cheek, along with the Athlete Town Hall, truly set a tone of community support and demonstrated the USOC’s attempt to recognize and address the needs and opinions of athletes.

Cheek, along with fellow USOPA alumni Jeremy Bloom, Steve Mesler, Erin Popovich and Lauryn Williams kicked off the second day of the program candidly sharing the triumphs and challenges faced along their personal journeys toward success beyond sport. The honesty conveyed by the panel resonated with the Rio 2016 athletes, motivating the participants to engage in a number of breakout sessions addressing a variety of areas in personal and professional development. Workshops such as Navigating Life After Sport, Finding and Securing Sponsors, Public Speaking, Being Your Own Boss, Leveraging Your Brand and Find Your Professional Personality all sought to set up athletes for success in the future, regardless if they continue to compete, decided to retire, or are simply exploring the idea of “what’s next.”

Day two concluded with a spirited networking reception connecting athletes with facilitators, Olympic and Paralympic alumni and over 80 business professionals. The final day of the Summit featured one-on-one sessions between athletes and business professionals, financial planners, career coaches and sport psychologists, along with a recruitment session by the FBI, with thanks from Olympian and FBI agent Jason Read. Characterized by laughter, community, mentorship, dialogue, personal exploration, and lifelong connections, the ACE Summit served as a stepping stone and confidence builder for athletes to embark on their lifelong journey as Olympians and Paralympians, never former, never past.

Following the ACE Summit, athletes are engaging with the program in more ways than ever. In November, ACE hosted its second PIVOT workshop – a program where Team USA athletes are equipped with a variety of tools, techniques and support to help facilitate their transition to life beyond sport. Athletes are also scheduling sessions on the ACE Mentor Network, a network of Olympians, Paralympians and business professionals who engage in one-on-one video sessions.

Visit www.teamusa.org/ace and register on the new online platform to learn more and receive updates about alumni resources coming in 2017 including education opportunities. If interested in joining the ACE Mentor Network as a mentor, contact ace@usoc.org.

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“The newly elected USOPA executive committee comes to the table with a wealth of professional expertise and a strong commitment to Team USA,” USOC CEO Scott Blackmun said. “I have no doubt that president-elect Dick Fosbury and his executive team will forge meaningful connections with our Olympic and Paralympic alumni, thereby advancing the values of Olympism across the nation.”

Dick Fosbury became a living legend at the 1968 Mexico City Games when he astounded the crowd and the global television audience with his revolutionary technique, The Fosbury Flop, winning gold and setting a new Olympic Games record of 7'-4 ¼" in the process. Dick changed his event forever, as virtually every modern high jumper uses his technique.

A retired civil engineer, Fosbury currently dedicates himself to coaching kids in the high jump at clinics and camps across the country, speaking to groups and corporations about innovation and enjoying participating in Olympian alumni work around the world. He is Chairman of the Simplot Games Indoor Track Meet in Idaho, the largest indoor meet for high school athletes in the country.

Fosbury has served as Secretary-General of the World Association of Olympic Winners, past President of the World Olympians Association, Vice President and Treasurer of USOPA for 12 years, and is founding president of the Idaho USOPA Chapter. Becoming an Olympian changed his life in a profound way and Dick hopes to continue to inspire other Olympians and Paralympians to become Ambassadors of Sport and to become active in the USOPA.

Born in Portland Oregon, Dick lives in Bellevue, Idaho, with his wife Robin, and enjoys growing grass hay for their horses and hiking in the mountains with their dogs.
MEET YOUR NEWLY ELECTED USOPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

VICE PRESIDENTS

Allison Baver
(Speed skating, 2002, 2006, 2010)

Allison Baver has her MBA in Marketing, is a notable spokesperson and the founder of Allison Baver New York (www.allisonbaver.com), an athluxury fashion brand. She is also the founder of Off the Ice Foundation (www.offtheice.org), where she has gained an expansive understanding of how the non-profit structure works and how to create integrated strategies to benefit the cause. With an entrepreneurial, and marketing background, Baver aims to utilize her talents in business and philanthropy, to increase awareness, support, and success for the USOPA and its athletes.

Baver is one of the most preeminent short-track female speed skaters in USA history and is the current American record holder in the 1500m. She was the 2007 national champion and formerly held the American record in the 1000m, a record she proceeded to break four times. In 2009 Allison was positioned to win the overall World Cup Title in the 1500m when she tragically broke her right leg and ankle after a teammate collided with her during the World Cup Final in Sofia Bulgaria, just one year before the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. After making one of the biggest comebacks in sports history, Baver was able to lead her team to the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games where she and the 3000m ladies relay team brought home the bronze.

Allison has been a part of the Olympic movement for over 25 years and has an understanding of all that Olympians and Paralympians face, from grassroots throughout retirement. Her background as an Olympic medalist and USOC resident athlete has given perspective in ALL Olympic, Paralympic and PanAm Sports. Through serving on numerous councils, task forces, and committees, as well as lobbying for BJ Stupak, Allison has been prepared and has the experience to advocate, collaborate and commit to hard-work as your USOPA Vice President and to proudly lead our team to new heights.

In 2010 and 2011, she was Chair of the USOC Assembly Committee. Carol was also the assistant chef de mission for Team USA at the 1992 Pan American Games and Athlete Representative/Manager at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games.

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Carol Brown
(Rowing, 1976, 1980, 1984)

Carol Brown works as a Finance and Operations Director for the University of Chicago’s Medical and Biological Sciences Development group. This team is responsible for raising over $100m annually to support medical research and facilities at the U of C.

A three time Olympian in the sport of rowing (1976, 1980, 1984) Brown won a bronze medal as a member of the first U.S. Women’s Olympic Rowing team in 1976 and 4 World Championship medals in her 10 years on the US National Team. She has served on the USOC Executive Board, as Vice President of the AAC, Chair of the Athlete Support Committee, and Chair of the Sports Equipment and Technology Committee.

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Candace Cable

Being involved in sports following a spinal cord injury at the age of 21 in 1975 changed the direction of her life and gave her purpose. Following her athletic career, Candace felt she could use her sport career platform to affect positive change in the world. Candace wants to give opportunities to Paralympic and Olympic athletes to feel the power of affect by networking with fellow athletes. She would like to expand the database of Olympians and Paralympians and increase the number of active athletes within the organization. She believes that there are several athletes that don’t know about the USOPA and the networking
opportunities that are available. She would like to improve on this communication.

Nine-time Paralympian and the first American woman to medal in both summer and winter Paralympic Games in 1992. Cable competed in three sports, wheelchair racing, alpine and cross country ski racing winning 12 medals and in three Summer Games in wheelchair racing exhibition sport, winning two medals.

Candace is a writer, webcast host, video producer and Human Rights representative to the United Nations for the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation and a trainer with Open Doors Organization since 2010. Globally she shares messages of advocacy, sport diplomacy and the understanding of disability with the U.S. Embassies as a member of U.S. State Department Speaker and Specialist Program.

She is a member of UNICEF’s inclusive education task force. She serves on three boards; Virgin America’s Advisory Board, the United States International Council on Disability and as Vice Chair of the LA2024 bid commission to bring the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games to Los Angeles in 2024. Candace served as the athlete services coordinator for 2010 Paralympic Winter Games and for the past four years on the USOC athlete advisory council.

The U.S. Rowing women’s eight has become something of a legend lately, having won every major competition it has entered since 2006. Caryn was integral in building that legacy. She competed in the eight on and off from 2002 to 2012, first earning an Olympic silver medal in 2004 and then stroking the boat to a gold medal in both 2008 and 2012. During that time Caryn also earned a bachelor’s degree from Harvard College and a Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School. She now works as a corporate lawyer in Boston.

Acquaintances of Caryn’s often exclaim, “Wow, I’ve never met an Olympian before!” She tells them most likely they have, they just didn’t know it at the time. Most Olympians and Paralympians toil in obscurity before the Games; frankly not much changes afterward. Caryn has made it her mission to change that. She envisions a robust network of current and former athletes that provides social connection, civic engagement, business opportunities, and—most importantly—embodies the Olympic ideals of joy in effort, educational value of good example, social responsibility, and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles.

Caryn served previously on the USOPA executive committee between 2008 and 2012, during which time she started the USOPA Facebook page, created an “Olympic Experience” booklet offering advice to first-time athletes, and led the initiative to welcome Paralympians into the organization’s ranks. She very much wants to hear from you and to learn what you want out of this organization, so please get in touch!

Micki J. King
(Diving, 1968, 1972)

Micki is very excited to continue working on behalf of all Olympians and Paralympians. She is eager, motivated and inspired to give back. Besides her two Olympic Games as an athlete, she served as the USA Diving Team Leader for the 1988 and 1996 Olympic Games. She was the first Athletes Advisory Council (AAC) chair and was also involved in the rally by athletes to pass the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 and served as Chair of USA Diving Board of Directors.

Micki was active duty in the U.S. Air Force for 26 years and coached the Air Force Academy diving team for six years. In short, she has touched most every aspect in the field of athletics as an athlete, a coach and an administrator. She looks forward to continuing her work within the USOPA and another great four-year term.
Carol Lewis
(Track & Field, 1980, 1984, 1988)

The Olympic movement will always be a priority for Carol because it has been a pivotal influence in her development as an athlete and person. She has served as a Vice President of the USOPA for many years and appreciates the opportunity to continue passionately serving you, her fellow alumni, because she believes that YOU ARE the Olympic movement.

While serving as VP on the current executive committee, she has the honor of acting as the alumni liaison to the current AAC. She is proud of the relationships she has developed on behalf of the USOPA, and has thoroughly enjoyed her interactions with the current athletes on Team USA.

Lewis has the time, desire and energy to devote to this incredible organization and sincerely looks forward to serving another term as VP. For Carol, these words will always be incredibly important; “Once an Olympian, Always an Olympian, Never Former, Never Past.

Iris T. Zimmermann
(Fencing, 2000)

Iris is a graduate of Stanford University and Simon Business School at the University of Rochester. She and her sister, Felicia Zimmermann (1996 and 2000 Olympian), currently own and operate the Rochester Fencing Club in Rochester, N.Y., where they are currently training the next generation of American fencers. Along with juggling her time as a small business owner, she is a mom to two young girls.

In 2013, Iris was inducted into the U.S. Fencing Hall of Fame. At the age of 14, she earned the distinction of being the first U.S. fencer, man or woman to win a World Championship in any weapon or age category. She went on to win the Cadet World Championship again in 1997, was the Junior World Champion, a bronze medalist at the Senior Worlds in 1999, and a member of the U.S. foil team for the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Although she didn’t medal, she had the joy of sharing the Olympic experience with her older sister who was also on the team. Together they were two points shy of capturing the bronze medal.

Iris is very proud of her achievements in her thirty-year career as a fencer, with many records broken including first ever American to win a world championship title and youngest national champion. Although her achievements are important to her, she has found joy and purpose in dedicating her time to bringing the Olympic sport of fencing and the ideals of Olympism to young children and adults in and around her community.

After finishing her fencing career and graduating from Stanford University, she worked in politics, earned her MBA, and decided to turn her passion of fencing into a career. In 2009, she purchased the Rochester Fencing Club and in the subsequent five years, she has grown the membership by 150% and tripled the size of the facility.

In the past nine months, Zimmermann has committed to no less than 50 different demonstrations and Olympic Day presentations. Her favorite part of her presentation is teaching the youth about Olympic excellence. For Iris, Olympic excellence is not just a gold medal, but something achieved on a daily basis when you ask yourself the question, “Can I be better today than I was yesterday?”. She truly believes that the role of an Olympian is to continue to carry the torch and try their best to spark a fire for youth and adults to reach their own excellence. As a Vice President of USOPA, she looks forward to leveraging her knowledge base to spread awareness of the Olympics and Olympism to a broader population.
As the end of 2016 draws to a close, it is only fitting that we thank our Olympians, Paralympians, and their families, who entrusted us to preserve their history for posterity. Over the course of the year, we have received donations from Olympians who competed in the Berlin 1936 Olympic Games, Paralympians who competed in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and all points in between.

The earliest collection donated this year is from the family of George T. Hague. Hague was an Olympic rower who competed at the Berlin 1936 Olympic Games on the U.S. Men’s coxless fours team. Kathy Hague, his daughter-in-law, recently visited our archives and donated his Berlin 1936 athlete badge, participation medal, photographs and other rowing memorabilia from his athletic career.

In addition to Hague’s rowing memorabilia, we were fortunate enough during the Olympic Assembly to receive donations from two more Olympic rowers: U.S. Olympic uniforms from Charles Ruthford (rowing, 1972) and John Stillings (rowing, 1984) as well as an original painting from John entitled The Moment of Truth. From archives this year came from Susan Arcese, the widow of 1968 and 1976 U.S. Paralympic wheelchair basketball player Joseph Arcese. Joseph not only competed in wheelchair basketball; but also competed in track and field events twice at the Stoke-Mandeville Games. The U.S. Olympic Museum Foundation put Susan in contact with us as the home for her husband’s Paralympic memorabilia. After conversing via...
email, Susan visited the archives as well as the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center. At the end of the day, both Susan and the archives were very excited to add the Joseph F. Arcese Collection to our repository. Joseph’s Paralympic memorabilia is now the earliest Paralympic artifacts in our collection and includes his 1968 and 1976 Paralympic prize medals along with competition jerseys and patches.

In our quest to preserve more of our Olympic and Paralympic history; we are overjoyed how well our athletes have responded to the call. Just this year, the archives received donations from figure skaters to divers; weightlifters to gymnasts; cyclists to sled hockey players and track and field athletes from a variety of events. Our archives have grown tremendously, far out-stripping the annual, normal rate of growth for an archive. Four years ago, our collection totaled 3,763 artifacts. Today, it encompasses over 8,000 individual artifacts of every conceivable type. This is entirely through donations from supporters of the Olympic Movement and athletes such as yourselves. We are honored to not only preserve these artifacts but also to share them with others throughout the United States. We look forward to the New Year and the opportunity to continue to add your history to the archives.

Here is a complete list of Olympians and Paralympians who donated this year.

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Joseph Arcese – 1968, 1976
Ryan Boyle – 2016
Michelle Dusserre-Farrell - 1984
Jack Elder - 1972
Rachael Flatt – 2010
Janet Gerhauser-Carpenter - 1952
Craig Gilbert - 1984
Carissa Gump - 2008
George Hague - 1936

Kim Rhode Collection

1976 Paralympic prize medals along with competition jerseys and patches.

Not only have we received donations from our alumni, we have also received memorabilia from our current Olympians and Paralympians. Kim Rhode, six-time Olympian, who most recently won bronze in Rio, donated one of her custom-designed commemorative pins to the archives and Ryan Boyle, a Rio 2016 Paralympic cyclist, who won silver in men’s time trial T1-2, donated two of his cycling helmets before heading off to the Games.

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Greg Louganis Collection

Cheryl Kalanoc - 1988
Gene Kotlarek – 1960, 1964
Greg Morava - 1984
Tina Noyes – 1964, 1968

Bradley Lord’s fedora from the Squaw Valley 1960 Olympic Winter Games.

Tina Noyes Collection

Charles Ruthford - 1972
Pat Sapp - 2002
John Stillings - 1984

John Stillings (1984, silver) coxswain uniform.    John Stillings Collection

Jan Svendsen - 1972

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“RECONNECT WITH YOUR FELLOW TEAMMATES” – KEEP IN TOUCH

Join our private groups on Facebook and Linked In to stay connected.

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(364 members)
Olympic and Paralympic Alumni
(12,876 members international)

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/la2024

Dr. Stuart H. Walker, Travels with Thermopylae, A year of sailing and discovery in central Europe

For a portion of every year since the late 1960’s, Stuart Walker has raced a sailboat (which he keeps in Europe) on the lakes and coasts of almost every European nation. His close association with European sailors and their intimate knowledge of the most beautiful places on their continent, has provided Stuart with unique insights. He has been intrigued by many partially revealed mysteries, bits of history, stories and legends, but frustrated by his inability to fully explore them - became resolved to return someday to do so. In 1984 that opportunity finally appeared.

After retiring from his professorship in pediatrics, he was able to devote an entire year to fully exploring dramatic locales, unraveling mysteries, uncovering complete legends and the explaining historical outcomes. He describes that year and those insights in this book.

This book is available for purchase at www.amazon.com

Rochelle Stevens, Travel the World by Foot

A wonderful collection of behind the scenes stories of an athlete competing while traveling the world. Read about the drive to strive past challenges, perception and struggles to achieve success that goes beyond the playing field.

This memoir touches inspiring athletes, children to young adults and corporate audiences with hope and determination.

A must read for anyone with aspiration to succeed.

For speaking engagements, book signings or celebrity appearances, contact: rochelledayspa@gmail.com
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Sharrieffa Barksdale inducted into the University of Tennessee Hall of Fame

Sharrieffa Barksdale was inducted into the University of Tennessee Hall of Fame April 16, 2016. Barksdale is a 12-time All American and former American record holder in the 400 meter hurdles. Sharrieffa went on to win the silver medal at the 1993 Pan American Games in the 400 meter hurdles. She competed at the 1984 Olympic Games.

Dr. Cheri Blauwet Honored with Harold Amos Diversity Award by Harvard Medical School

Harvard Medical School announced that Dr. Cheri Blauwet is a 2016 recipient of the Harold Amos Diversity Award. Dr. Blauwet serves as an attending physician at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and an Instructor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Blauwet was recognized for her work in advancing equality in opportunities for faculty and trainees with disabilities as well as excellence in her academic work promoting research and clinical care for athletes and active adults with disabilities.

“Dr. Blauwet has dedicated her life toward advancing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to become involved in sports and physical activities, leading to enhanced personal health, social empowerment, and achievement. Dr. Blauwet’s leadership footprint across the Harvard Medical School community is impressive. For example, she has been instrumental to paving the way for permanent structural changes to be put in place at Spaulding, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School,” said Joan Reede, MD, MPH, MS, MBA, Associate Professor of Medicine, Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership at Harvard Medical School.

“She has also worked to ensure that medical students and residents have the opportunity to be exposed to and receive training in adaptive sports as part of their career development. These efforts have helped shine the light on disability as a critical diversity issue that must be addressed to truly foster an inclusive community.”

The Harold Amos Diversity Award was established to recognize Harvard Medical School (HMS) and Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) faculty who have made significant achievements in moving HMS/HSDM toward being a diverse and inclusive community. The award is in honor of Harold Amos, Ph.D., who was the first African-American to chair a department, now the Department of Microbiology and Medical Genetics, of the Harvard Medical School.

“Dr. Blauwet is a shining example of the traits we encourage in our faculty - fierce advocacy for the communities we serve combined with a commitment to dynamic research and education. We are so proud of this recognition for a very deserving colleague,” said Dr. Ross
ALUMNI IN THE HONOR

Zafonte, Chair of the Department of PM&R at Harvard Medical School.

In addition to her clinical endeavors, Dr. Blauwet is also an accomplished athlete, as a Paralympic athlete in the sport of wheelchair racing, competing for the United States Team in three Paralympic Games (2000, 2004, 2008) and bringing home a total of seven Paralympic medals. She is also a two-time winner of both the Boston and New York City Marathons. She is the Chairperson of the International Paralympic Committee’s Medical Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) as well as the Neilsen Foundation Quality of Life Grant Review Board.

Dr. Blauwet also currently serves as the Principle Investigator of the Kelley Adaptive Sports Research at Spaulding Rehabilitation Network. The program allows her to merge her sports background, clinical interest and advocacy experience to push forward the knowledge base for using adaptive sports in clinical settings to facilitate recovery.

Ballston Honors Jason Morris

Ballston, NY - 4x Olympian & Olympic silver medalist, Jason Morris was honored by the town of Ballston for his accomplishments and dedication to the community, June 14, 2016 at the town hall. Morris was also awarded a citation from New York State Assemblyman, Jim Tedisco for his service to the community as well as his accomplishments with the Jason Morris Judo Center program and athletes.

New San Jose Hall of Famer

Long-time NCO and BASOC Board member Mike Bruner (Swimming, 1976, 1980) joined an illustrious cast for induction into the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame. Fellow inductees include basketball great Raymond Townsend, Olympian Aly Wagner (Soccer, 2004, 2008), and the San Jose Sharks First Team Captain Doug Wilson. Ceremonies took place on Wednesday, November 2 at the SAP Center in San Jose, fondly known as The Shark Tank.

Mike Bruner (swimming, 1976, 1980) accepts his San Jose Sports Hall of Fame Award.
Caroline Pingatore Holmes 
Wins Dorothy Franey Langkop 
Ambassador Award

Based on a strong nomination by John Stillings, former president of the USOPA Washington Chapter, Caroline Pingatore Holmes was chosen as the 2016 recipient of the Dorothy Franey Langkop Ambassador Award. The award recognizes a USOPA member or program that demonstrates the spirit of Olympism through action or service. In his nomination, Stillings said, “Caroline lives the Olympic Spirit. She founded the Washington Chapter of the USOA and served as president for 27 years, retiring only so she could devote more time to the Olympians for Olympians Relief Fund.” Congratulations, Ping!

Caroline’s response to hearing the news that she was this year’s recipient.

My very first Olympic House of Delegates meeting in 1977 I represented the National YMCA’s, I was young and a bit overwhelmed by the appointment and had no idea what to expect. Not to fear..... Dorothy was near. She took me under her wing, made sure I met every Olympian that attended the meeting, took me to social events throughout the week that I would have never even known were happening. From that point on she encouraged me to move the USA Olympians to an organization that would be respected and their voices heard. Boy if you knew how things were back in the late 60’s and early 70’s you would not believe how far we have come. Dorothy and I spoke almost weekly and as she aged it was important to keep her ideals alive. What a gal. Loved her to death, for me to be honored with an award named after her is beyond anything that I might expect from the Olympic Committee, but so much more meaningful coming from the Alumni itself. Thank you and all the Olympians and Paralympians that made this possible.

Sincerely,
Caroline Pingatore Holmes

Tommie Smith and John Carlos were special guests recently at both the White House and the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. At the White House, they accompanied several hundred 2016 Olympians and Paralympians, as well as family members of the 1936 U.S. Olympic Team in a special meeting hosted by President Obama. They also previewed the new African American museum, which includes a number of Olympic-related exhibitions, with one dedicated to Tommie and John. Congratulations!

Tommie Smith and John Carlos

Trish King Porter Topmiller (Track & Field, 1988)

1988 U.S. Olympian Trish (King) Porter and James Topmiller are joined in the Lord and married at the Santa Fe Governor’s Mansion on August 19, 2016. God has restored the brokenhearted and has made beauty from ashes. We are so thankful for each other and all the laughter and happiness.
Ali’s game – he continued winning, in a rematch with Liston, a title defense against former champion Floyd Patterson, a famously brutal bout with Ernie Terrell and more.

In 1967, Ali was drafted to serve in the Vietnam War, but he refused, commenting, “I got nothin’ against them Viet Cong.” His title was stripped and his boxing license revoked, prompting a hiatus from fighting of more than three years. During that time, Ali appealed the decision and ultimately won his case in the U.S. Supreme Court, regaining his license and jumping right back into fighting with more winning bouts, leading up to a 1971 championship fight with Joe Frazier. It was billed as the Fight of the Century, held at Madison Square Garden, and Ali shockingly lost – his first professional defeat.

It would be 1974 before Ali regained the championship, in the famous Rumble in the Jungle against heavyweight champion George Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire.

Ali retired in 1979 but quickly returned to boxing, fighting several matchups even as he began exhibiting the signs of Parkinson’s disease, with which he was formally diagnosed in 1984. He fought his final match in December 1981 against Trevor Burbick.

In 1996, Ali was chosen to light the Olympic torch at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a member of the International Boxing Hall of Fame, won the Arthur Ashe Courage Award in 1997, and received a Presidential Citizens Medal and a Presidential Medal of Freedom. He was named the Sportsman of the Century by Sports Illustrated magazine and Sports Personality of the Century by the BBC.

Ali is survived by his wife, Yolanda “Lonnie” Williams, and his children, Maryum, Jamillah, Rasheda, Muhammad Jr., Hana, Laila and Asaad.

Muhammad Ali
(Boxing, 1960)

Muhammad Ali passed away on June 3, 2016 at age 74.

Born Cassius Clay, he began boxing as a preteen, enjoying an award-winning amateur career. He won six Golden Gloves titles in his home state of Kentucky, two national Golden Gloves titles and an Amateur Athletic Union National Title. His amateur career culminated with a gold medal at the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome, Italy.

Clay moved to a professional boxing career shortly after winning Olympic gold, debuting with a win against Tunney Hunsaker in October 1960. He continued to win and soon began developing the cocky, self-promoting attitude that fans would come to love. He displayed it memorably as his 1964 fight against Sonny Liston approached. They would be fighting for the heavyweight championship, and Clay taunted his opponent before the fight, with his verbal jabs including the famous quote, “Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee. The hands can’t hit what the eyes can’t see.” Fans initially mistook Clay’s grandstanding for nervousness, but in the end, Clay won both the fight and the heavyweight championship title, becoming the youngest heavyweight fighter ever to take the title from a reigning champion. He took to calling himself The Greatest, and it stuck, becoming a popular nickname for the champion.

In the same year he won his first heavyweight championship, Clay changed his name to Muhammad Ali, a decision he made after he converted to Islam and joined the Nation of Islam. He came to refer to Cassius Clay as his “slave name,” generating controversy among fans.

The name change and associated controversy didn’t hurt Ali’s game – he continued winning, in a rematch with Liston, a title defense against former champion Floyd Patterson, a famously brutal bout with Ernie Terrell and more.

In 1967, Ali was drafted to serve in the Vietnam War, but he refused, commenting, “I got nothin’ against them Viet Cong.” His title was stripped and his boxing license revoked, prompting a hiatus from fighting of more than three years. During that time, Ali appealed the decision and ultimately won his case in the U.S. Supreme Court, regaining his license and jumping right back into fighting with more winning bouts, leading up to a 1971 championship fight with Joe Frazier. It was billed as the Fight of the Century, held at Madison Square Garden, and Ali shockingly lost – his first professional defeat.

It would be 1974 before Ali regained the championship, in the famous Rumble in the Jungle against heavyweight champion George Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire.

Ali retired in 1979 but quickly returned to boxing, fighting several matchups even as he began exhibiting the signs of Parkinson’s disease, with which he was formally diagnosed in 1984. He fought his final match in December 1981 against Trevor Burbick.

In 1996, Ali was chosen to light the Olympic torch at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a member of the International Boxing Hall of Fame, won the Arthur Ashe Courage Award in 1997, and received a Presidential Citizens Medal and a Presidential Medal of Freedom. He was named the Sportsman of the Century by Sports Illustrated magazine and Sports Personality of the Century by the BBC.

Ali is survived by his wife, Yolanda “Lonnie” Williams, and his children, Maryum, Jamillah, Rasheda, Muhammad Jr., Hana, Laila and Asaad.

Wendell Anderson
(Ice Hockey, 1956)

Wendell Anderson passed away on July 17, 2016 at age 83.

Wendell’s family emigrated to the U.S. from Sweden and he was a proud Swede his entire life, becoming the honorary Swedish consul to Minnesota.

He graduated from Johnson High School in 1950. He was a passionate hockey player, playing defense for the U of M from 1951-54 and on the U.S. Olympic team in 1956 in Cortina, Italy. The team won the silver medal. Anderson went on to play ‘old-timers’ hockey into his 70’s.

Wendell graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1954 and earned a law degree in 1960. He was elected in 1958 to the Minnesota House of Representatives and reelected in 1960. He was then elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1962 and 1966.

When elected in 1970, at the age of 37, Wendell was the youngest U.S. governor. He carried all 87 counties in the 1974 election. His six-year tenure as governor has been described as perhaps the most productive time for public policy in the history of Minnesota.

Anderson was on a 1973 Time magazine cover about ‘The Good Life in Minnesota.’ In December 1976 he succeeded Vice President-elect Walter Mondale in the U.S. Senate via appointment and served two years, concluding twenty years in elected office. He returned to Minnesota to practice law and was a political commentator and mentor, University Regent and also involved in several business ventures.

Anderson is survived by children Amy Anderson, Elizabeth Crow and Brett Anderson; five grandchildren; and brothers Orv and Rod Anderson.
ALUMNI IN MEMORIAM (continued)

Sam Bell
(Track and Field, 1976)

Sam Bell passed away on June 27, 2016 at age 88.

Sam earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and English at Doane College in Nebraska in 1950 and a master’s in physical education at Oregon in 1956.

He was head coach of the United States team at a 1964 dual meet against the Soviet Union held in Los Angeles, one of a series of meets between the countries during the Cold War. He also coached the United States men’s distance runners at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and the American team at the World Cup competition in 1979 and was meet director of the Pan American Games in 1987 and the United States Olympic trials in 1988.

In the late 1970s, Bell was a leader in the drive to found the Athletics Congress (now USA Track & Field) to replace the Amateur Athletic Union as the American governing body for the sport.

He was elected to the National Track Hall of Fame in 1992 and the United States Track Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002.

Bell, who lived in Bloomington, Indiana is survived by his wife, Fran; three daughters, Laurie Boer, Julie Bell and Beth Ahearn; a son, Scott; and nine grandchildren.

William “Bill” Bossio
(Boxing, 1948)

William Bossio passed away on September 16, 2016 at age 88.

Bill developed into a top tier boxer through weightlifting and dedication, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, won the bantamweight title for the Navy twice, and competed at the 1948 Olympic Games in London. The first successful pro featherweight contender trained by the legendary Angelo Dundee, he rose to the top rated 10 feather weights in 1949.

He was adored for his friendly demeanor and swift punch, even by the often vicious Sandy Sadler. Mention of his name thrilled the crowds as he was the people’s choice regardless of his loss to Sadler in the 1954 non-title fight of nine rounds.

He married Lillian Marie Hiltz in 1951 and fought until 1954. After 61 bouts the modest, fun loving, easy going soul settled down with Lillian to begin a family. He would have liked to become an oil painter but settled for a career in maintenance, he continued painting as a hobby. He volunteered as a boxing trainer sharing his talents and expertise for the Boys Club in White Plains, New York. In 1994 he retired and moved to Port St Lucie, Florida to be closer to his kids, Ricky and Debby, and continued volunteering as a boxing coach in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Reunited in heaven, he was preceded in death by his wife Lillian. Our Gampy is survived by his children Rick (Jeannie) and Deb (Phil), seven grandchildren who will miss him immensely, five adorable great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews in addition to countless friends. The memory of our Gampy will remain in our hearts forever as we recall his handsome smile and generous heart.

Walter Bush, Jr.
(USA Hockey President)

Walter Bush passed away on September 22, 1916 at age 86.

In the first period of his life, Bush was born in Minneapolis and played high school hockey at The Breck School before heading east to Dartmouth College. He played hockey and football as an undergrad and then returned home to attend the University of Minnesota Law School.

Bush married his long time sweetheart, sailing partner, and member of the Ice Follies, the late Mary Reif Bush. They spent 50 years together and she was his greatest fan. After working as a lawyer at Strong, Tully & Bush, he played amateur hockey in the Twin Cities and hung up his skates when he found that he excelled at the administrative side of the game. In 1959, he was named General Manager of the U.S. National Team and was elected a Director to the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States (AHAUS) – now, USA Hockey. Bush was integral in convincing the Soviet National Team to play in the U.S. for the first time that same year.

In the second period of Bush’s life, after gaining experience in the minors as the Owner and President of the Minneapolis Bruins of the Central Hockey League (CHL), Bush focused on an NHL expansion franchise for his home state. He led local hockey enthusiasts and businessmen in making a successful bid against competitor cities to establish the Minnesota North Stars in 1967.

The third period of Bush’s life focused on increasing participation and elevating amateur hockey in the U.S. He became the full-time, volunteer President of USA Hockey in June 1986, following his mentor, William Thayer Tutt. Bush served in that role for 17 years. In recognition of his 45th year of
service to USA Hockey and commemorating his contributions to the greatest game on earth, the organization dedicated its national headquarters in Colorado Springs as The Walter L. Bush, Jr. Center in June of 1999. Bush retired as a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Council in May 2008 after a 23-year stint, the last 14 years as a Vice President of the organization.

He served on numerous committees within the IIHF, including Chair of the IIHF Women’s Ice Hockey Committee, the IIHF Inline Hockey Committee and the Selection Committee for the IIHF Hall of Fame from its inception. As chairman of the IIHF Women’s Ice Hockey Committee, Bush was instrumental in organizing the first IIHF Women’s World Championship. He also led the initiative that made women’s ice hockey a medal sport in the Olympic Winter Games in 1998 in Nagano, Japan.

Too many accolades to list, here are a few standouts: In 1973, he received the NHL’s Lester Patrick Award in recognition of his outstanding service to ice hockey in the U.S. He was enshrined in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 1980 and, in 1989, was elected to the Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame. An inductee into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto in 2000, Bush was later elected to the IIHF Hall of Fame in 2009. Bush received the Olympic Order from the International Olympic Committee in 2002, the highest honor of the Olympic movement awarded for distinguished contributions in the cause of sport.

When Walter’s life went into overtime, he met the next love of his life, Kathleen “Sis” Bush. They were best friends and he loved to say: “With Sis’ legs and my brains, we make a pretty good team.” Sis’ beauty, strength and strong will were a perfect match for him. Walter was a dedicated family man, a loyal friend to many, a savvy world traveler, an exceptional golfer, a mediocre captain of his boats, an avid sports fan and always the guy in the room you wanted to laugh with and stick by his side. He savored life and was tireless filling his days and nights with his cherished friends, enjoying golf and boating, and discovering new ways to bring people together to share in the fun. His intelligence, sense of humor, wisdom, sharp mind, advocacy and quiet way of helping those in need will never be forgotten. He will be missed by his thousands of friends all over the world and especially by his family whom he deeply loved.

Survivors include his wife Kathleen “Sis” Bush; sons Walter III and Steven Bush, Minneapolis (Jasper and Madeline); daughter, Anne (David) Hanson, Englewood, CO (Lilly and Adelaide); nephew, Robert Bush, Minneapolis; and niece, Tori Bush Pajeski of Great Barrington, MA.

Special thanks to caregivers Jennifer and Steve Benson and Camille Schultz as well as long-time friend, assistant and confidant Mary Ann Wadsworth.

David “Hughes” Cauffman (Field Hockey, 1948)

Hughes Cauffman passed away on September 27, 2016 at age 99.

Hughes was a Philadelphia architect, WWII veteran, artist, fly fisherman and Olympian; he passed away just one month shy of his 100th birthday. Hughes, an extrovert, lived life with great good humor, dignity, fun and with a full knowledge of current events, politics and interest in his family and friends until the end.

He attended Miss Wharton’s School until the 4th grade. He graduated from Episcopal Academy in 1934 and at the time of his death, he was the oldest living alumni of the school.

He studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in 1940 with a degree in architecture having won multiple awards. He was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity.

Hughes was a member of The Carpenter’s Company, The Racquet Club, The Philadelphia Club and Broadacres Troutting Association. He served on the boards of the Philadelphia AIA, Wayne Art Center and The Radnor Township Planning and Open Space Commission.

Hughes began his career as a draftsman in 1947 and became a chief designer with George M. Ewing from 1952 to 1954. In 1954, with Penn college classmates, Hughes founded Francis Cauffman Wilkinson Architects. And in 1955, they partnered with the George Pepper Firm to become Francis Cauffman Wilkinson & Pepper Architects. Hughes was in charge of design. The firm was formed to do projects with social principles as they saw architecture as a catalyst for well-being. 60 years later, the firm still thrives as Francis Cauffman Architects, Ltd. Mr. Cauffman designed such notable buildings as the award winning Chapel at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia and the firm was noted for their expertise in designing science and technology buildings.

As an athlete, Hughes excelled at football, wrestling and track at Episcopal. The high hurdles were a particular passion. He participated in the Penn Relays as a record setting hurdler. He was undefeated in wrestling, was an outstanding hurdler. He was inducted into the Episcopal Academy Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. At The U of PA, Hughes continued with Track and Field running in many track meets at the Penn Relays and Madison Square Garden and running in the same track meets as famed WWII prisoner of war and Olympian, Louis Zamperini. Mr. Cauffman set a record for the 120 high hurdles. Hughes was for many years a devoted judge at the Penn Relays attending yearly. In their quest to be Olympians, starting in 1935, he and his brother George tried out for the Olympics in Field Hockey and Track. Success finally rewarded Hughes when he made the 1948 men’s Olympic Field Hockey Team in London. It is a tribute to his natural athletic abilities that he made the team as field hockey was a sport he played only casually. Just this past Olympics, Hughes proudly wore his 1948 Olympic blazer nightly to dinner for the duration of those Games.

Mr. Cauffman was married to Josephine Vincent Heyward “Dodie” Cauffman in 1951.
The couple had 4 children, DeeDee DeRosset Heyward, George C. Heyward, V (Lillian), Elizabeth C. Leighton (Adam). Their daughter, Frances Hughes Cauffman (Fran Regan) pre-deceased her father in 2013 at the age of 55. His wife, brother, George Cauffman and his sister, Frances C. Gulbrandsen pre-deceased him. He is also survived by his sister in law, Barbara Conrad Cauffman, 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 12 nieces and nephews and their offspring who all considered him to be the great patriarch of the Cauffman Clan.

Ben Dolson
(Baseball, 1956)

Ben Dolson passed away on September 7, 2016 at age 84.

Ben excelled in athletics as a participant and a fan. He played basketball and baseball during high school and at Auburn University. After college he played baseball in the 1956 Olympic Games while proudly serving his country as a U.S. Marine. He played tennis and loved golf, especially the 19th hole. He was larger than life. Always friendly and never at a loss for a good joke or a great story. Ben enjoyed a full and active life of fun, laughter, travel, stories, friends and family until the end.

He will be welcomed in heaven by his parents, his first wife and mother of his children Joyce Dolson, his devoted second wife Patricia F. Dolson along with many friends.

He is survived by his loving children Lorraine (Joseph) Grobarek, Christine (Paul) Greubel, and Patricia J. Dolson. He leaves behind seven adoring grandchildren: Molly, Lindsey and Abby Greubel; Brae and JB Grobarek; Erin (Robert) Wage; and Caitlin (Emmett) Garber. He is mourned by extended family and many treasured friends. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Andre “Andy” Gambucci
(Ice Hockey, 1952)

Andy Gambucci passed away on September 24, 2016 at age 87.

Andy filled his 87 years on this earth with extraordinary accomplishments on our nation’s athletic stages; succeeding in the business community; as the proud patriarch of his large, multi-generational family; and as a loyal, valued friend to scores of people – both famous and not.

Born of immigrant Italian parents in the northern Minnesota iron ore mining town of Eveleth, Andy carried a genuine pride in his roots throughout his life and spoke often of those early years. His father, four-time state Bocce champion, was an underground miner for U.S. Steel for 50 years. His mother had her hands full raising and herding four energetic sons, all of whom were talented athletes with particularly notable success on the hockey rinks in that part of the state. To this day, northern Minnesota is a fertile breeding ground for many of our nation’s most heralded hockey players. Andy was certainly one of them. He flourished athletically and academically at home in Eveleth until he left in 1946 to join the U.S. Army. Eventually stationed in Japan for 13 months as a member of the 11th Airborne Infantry, Andy made 5 parachute jumps. He survived them all!

Shortly after returning from the service in 1948 Andy received an irresistible scholarship to travel west, attend Colorado College and pursue his studies as well as his many athletic talents. He quickly became a renowned three sport super star in football, hockey and baseball. Andy set records on the gridiron that still stand, once scoring 16 touchdowns in a nine game stretch despite not playing complete games. To save him for hockey games he was often replaced before the game’s end. Andy led Colorado College to the national championship in hockey in

Frank Chapot

Frank Chapot passed away on June 19, 2016 at age 84.

Frank married the former Mary Mairs, a fellow equestrian, in 1965. They performed together at the 1964 and 1968 Olympics as a mixed jumping team, though never winning a medal.

Chapot, who competed in the Olympics from 1956 to 1976, won two Olympic silver medals riding Gem Twist. In 1990, the horse was named world’s best horse at the World Equestrian Games in Stockholm, Sweden.

He also coached the U.S. equestrian team when it won its first gold medal at the 1984 Olympics. Chapot’s team won a silver medal four years later.

Frank enjoyed all sports, especially equestrian sports, and spending quality time with his family.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 51 years, Mary Mairs Chapot, 2 loving daughters, Wendy and husband Edward Nunn of Madison NJ, and Laura Chapot of Neshanic Station NJ; and 3 cherished grandchildren, Frank, Mary, and Cathleen.
1950 and won All American honors two successive years. Spring saw him as the hard hitting centerfielder on the CC baseball team.

All those successes in hockey let to his selection for the USA National Hockey team to represent his country at the 1952 Olympic Games in Oslo. It was an enormously proud moment for him, especially when the team brought home the silver medal.

Following college Andy had offers to play two sports professionally – the Chicago Bears wanted him for the NFL and the Boston Bruins for the NHL. He declined both and instead accepted an interesting opportunity to play and coach hockey in Italy, in the magnificent mountain village of Cortina D’Ampezzo. He lived and coached there for two seasons – 1954 & 1955. When he finally left to return home, 50 villagers escorted him to the local train station and sang Italian songs in his honor as he boarded the train. He never forgot that grand tribute.

Back in America he played professional football in Canada but an injury in his rookie season abruptly ended that adventure. Andy moved back to Colorado Springs to start his career as a business man. His first salvo into the world of commerce had been a stint as a superstar Bellman at The Broadmoor during his Colorado College years. Now it was time for something a bit more serious. By now he had met and fallen in love with this beloved Gloria who was to become the mother to their children. They were married in 1957.

Hitting centerfield on the CC baseball team. His true legacy will be the vast score of everyday people who called him “Friend.” People from all walks of life who will long remember joyful times listening to his tales. He loved to make people laugh and was very good at it. And then, there are those who benefitted from his remarkable philanthropic generosity. Andy demonstrated his commitment to the young people of Colorado Springs by years of service on the boards of the YMCA and The Boys and Girls Clubs. He was deeply devoted to Catholic Charities and worked diligently to raise the funds necessary to build the Marian House Soup Kitchen.

In 1962, Andy finally found his way into the insurance industry where he would experience considerable success over the next five decades. By the time he finally retired, he had built one of the largest insurance agencies in the state of Colorado and was enormously proud to have opened the company’s doors every morning at 6:30 am. Andy was also a founding board member of Ashworth Inc. He as part of the team that eventually built that company into the largest and most respected manufacturer of golf apparel. After 16 years of dedicated service he retired from the board having never missed a single meeting in all those years. He once mused that he was driven by “the desire to never be poor again.”

Yes, indeed, Andy was a marvelously successful business man; an athlete extraordinaire, Olympian, iconic character in hockey circles, whose records have been enshrined in may Halls of Fame – Colorado College, the City of Colorado Springs, the State of Colorado and the Italian American Hall of Fame. Most notably, he was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in recognition of his considerable achievements in a variety of endeavors. But, when people reminisce and speak of Andy Gambucci, the will smile and most fondly remember him as the valued, loyal friend he was to so many people. Among his most famous friends were Mickey Mantle, Maurice “Rocket” Richard, Herb Brooks and Bobby Orr. When introduced to Andy, Tony Bennet said “It is an honor to meet you.” During his years in Cortina, one of Andy’s friends was Anna Maria Mussolini, daughter of the somewhat infamous dictator. They played cards.

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Most important of all are the five children, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren who will forever cherish memories of a caring, devoted patriarch who love being a part of their lives.

He was never poor again!

Paul Johnson
(Ice Hockey, 1960, 1964)

Paul Johnson passed away on July 17, 2016 at age 81.

Paul grew up playing hockey in West St. Paul, Minnesota. At the age of 21 he was named to the 1958 United States Men’s National Team, which competed at the International Ice Federation World Championship in Oslo, Norway. Johnson was one of just six team members who did not play college hockey.

Before joining the U.S. National Team, he was a member of the Rochester Mustangs, a junior team in Rochester, Minnesota. A dynamic skater and explosive scorer, his appearance at the 1958 IIHF World Championship marked Johnson’s first experience with the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States (today known as USA Hockey) and was followed by appearances on two more U.S. National Teams and two U.S. Olympic Teams. This included serving as a member of the 1959 U.S. National Team that competed in the former Czechoslovakia, and the 1961 U.S. National Team that saw action in Switzerland.

In 1960, Johnson was a member of the United States Olympic Ice Hockey Team that captured the gold medal at the VIII Olympic Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California. He scored three goals and added two assists, helping the U.S. to a 5-0-0 overall record. His contributions included the game-winning goal against Canada, the Olympic favorite, on a breakaway.

He was considered by many as the most talented player to come out of Minnesota in that era. Johnson also competed for the U.S. in 1964 at the IX Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria. By this time, Johnson had begun a 12-year professional playing
career. He spent five seasons (1960-61 through 1965-66) in the IHL, splitting time between the Minneapolis Millers and the Des Moines Oak Leafs. During his time in the IHL, Johnson tallied 218 points on 118 goals and 100 assists in 242 regular-season games. He concluded his playing career in the USHL with the Waterloo Black Hawks. In seven seasons with Waterloo (1965-66 through 1968-69, and 1970-71 through 1972-73), he scored 152 goals and 131 assists, for 283 points.

Paul is survived by children, Jodi (Bill) Taylor; Jeri Johnson (Robert Reitz); Paul (Shannon) Johnson; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; and sister, Bev Wicker.

Dwight Jones
(Basketball, 1972)

Dwight Jones passed away on July 25, 2016 at age 64.

Perhaps the greatest high school basketball player in Houston, Dwight was a rare jewel in the city’s sporting annals. He achieved athletic success on all levels in his hometown. Nearly a half-century age, plenty of people felt sorry for Jones’ opponents. In the first years of integration in the state’s University Interscholastic League, Jones led Wheatley High School to three consecutive state titles from 1968-70 in the state’s largest division. City coaches selected Jones as the top player in Houston history.

Dwight was the leading scorer and rebounder on the 1972 Olympic team that lost the controversial gold medal game to the Soviet Union.

In 1973, he was the ninth overall selection by the Atlanta Hawks in the NBA draft. He averaged eight points and six rebounds per game as primarily a role player over a decade with the Hawks, Rockets, Bulls and Lakers. Following his retirement from the NBA in 1983, Jones sold cars, hunted and trained hunting dogs.

Simone Schaller Kirin
(Track and Field, 1932, 1936)

Simone Schaller Kirin passed away on October 20, 2016 at age 104.

Simone attended Monrovia High School, where she began participating in athletics, as well as volleyball, baseball and basketball. After her graduation she worked in an office and organized night basketball and softball leagues. She joined the Los Angeles Athletic Association in 1932 so that she could compete on the track team, she met Aileen Allen, an Olympic diver in 1920, who encouraged her to try to make the Olympic team and coached her.

Schaller competed at the 1932 Summer Olympics and finished fourth. She had begun hurdling only three months prior to the Games and had suffered a serious knee injury a week prior to her event.

Simone won the women’s 100m hurdles at the 1933 National Championships in Chicago. After that her athletic club did not sponsor its members to attend any track and field meets, except for local ones, so she stayed in shape playing basketball and baseball. In the former case she played in a league not sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union.

She competed at the 1936 Olympic Games where she placed 4th in the semifinals. Upon her return she, along with her teammates, were given the key to New York City by mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia.

Simone married Joseph Kirin in 1937 and stopped competing in track, although she did continue to play baseball and softball. She had two sons and a daughter and worked as a manager of food service at Temple City High School. In her later years, she took up tennis.

At the time of her death, Simone was believed to be the oldest living Olympian.

Francis “Frank” Masley
(Luge, 1980, 1984, 1988)

Frank Masley passed away on September 10, 2016 at age 56.

Frank has numerous life accomplishments. He is a graduate of Christiana High School, earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Drexel University and an MBA from Goldey-Beacom.

Frank is a three-time Olympic Athlete and a ten-time National Champion in the sport of Luge. As if this wasn’t enough, he established a successful glove company, Masley Enterprises, with his partner in life, Donna.

He was a family man, a community man, a businessman, and most importantly a man with a message of respect and love for others. He taught this message through many initiatives; including the Community Benefits Agreement for Eastside Wilmington, sponsoring the Made in America Act, supporting the Delaware Greenway through Wilmington, and his favorite local park clean-ups. These are a few of the many organizations he supported.

Masley Enterprises offered opportunities to those with challenged backgrounds, thereby earning Masley Enterprises recognition by the President Obama Champion of Change Award in 2014.

Frank continued his love and passion for Luge and the Olympics by participating in the design of an indoor start ramp in Lake Placid and the Muskegon Recreational Luge Track. He was a member of the National Luge Committee, Chairman of the U.S. National
Luge Team Committee and never failed to build the world’s best backyard Luge track after every snowstorm. Frank’s achievements are not limited to Delaware, but are globally remembered.

Frank will be remembered by his family as their “Olympic Superman.”

Edward “Ebby” McHugh, Jr.
(Soccer, 1952)
Edward McHugh, Jr. passed away on October 2, 2016 at age 86.

Ebby served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and was a proud member of the 1952 U.S. Olympic Soccer Team. In 1996 he was inducted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame.

Beloved husband of Joan Kelly McHugh and the late Lorraine M. McHugh (Schmalz). Loving father of Mary Kay (Wayne) Klobe, Linda (Scott) Sokolich, Karen Hardy, Ellen (Mike) Ragsdale, Dan (Courtney) McHugh, Janet (Steve) Kickham and step-son Tim (Julia) Kelly. Proud grandfather of 25. Brother of Mickey McHugh. Dear uncle and friend to many.

Kenneth “Monte” Nitzkowski
Kenneth “Monte” Nitzkowski passed away on July 28, 2016 at age 86.

Growing up in and around the water, Monte naturally gravitated towards competitive swimming and water polo. Attending Fullerton Junior College and transferring to UCLA in 1950, Monte earned All-Coast honors in water polo and All-American honors in swimming.

After training in the Navy post-graduation, Monte entered the Olympic Trials and went on to represent the United States on the 1952 Helsinki Olympic team, swimming the 200 butterfly. Monte knew that he wanted the Olympic movement to remain at the center of his life, a goal which he achieved as a long-time U.S. national team coach.

Earning a Master’s Degree in history and teaching at CSU Long Beach, Monte transferred his teaching knowledge to the game as he led his Long Beach City College teams to 32 conference water polo championships and 12 swim titles from 1954-1989. A truly innovative coach, Monte transformed the game of water polo by applying basketball and soccer concepts to the pool. He also was the mastermind behind a revolutionary counter-attack strategy that sparked international envy, catapulting the U.S. national teams to relevance in the European dominated world of water polo.

Monte was the assistant coach for the 1968 Mexico City Olympic team. He served as head coach for the 1972, 1980 and 1984 Olympic teams, winning a bronze medal in Munich in 1972 and a silver medal in Los Angeles in 1984. His gold medal favored 1980 squad was devastatingly denied the opportunity to compete in Moscow because of the U.S. led boycott of the 1980 Games.

Having been elected to the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1991, the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006, the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame in 2016 and the Aquatic Capital of America Hall of Fame in 2016, Monte shines as the namesake of the sport’s most prestigious coaching award, “The Monte Nitzkowski Elite Coaching Award for Water Polo.”

Monte’s influence also extends beyond the athletic community. His fierce loyalty, hilarious sense of humor, hunger for travel, dedication to his family and friends, role as the longtime owner of Vic’s Restaurant in Huntington Beach, experience as the author of Water Polo: Learning and Teaching the Basics, and passion for teaching the next generation of young men and women are the qualities that truly distinguish Monte. In his spare time, he could be found spending his summers in coastal Maine, playing the ukulele, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara Nitzkowski, his 6 sons, Jim, Greg, and Brett Nitzkowski, and Kevin, Kent, and Rick Scott, as well as his 8 grandchildren Ry, Zashya, Nate, and Ariel Nitzkowski, and Rickie, Caleb, Summer, and Reese Scott. He was preceded in death by his son Jeff Scott. Monte will be dearly missed.

Norbert Schemansky
(Weightlifting, 1948, 1952, 1960, 1964)
Norbert Schemansky passed away on September 7, 2016 at age 92.

Mr. Schemansky competed across four decades, winning competitions, breaking records and, with his 400-pound heaves, leaving spectators in awe. A bear of a man
with a mild countenance, he could be instantly picked out of a bevy of musclemen in tights by his signature plastic-framed eyeglasses, as if Superman had shown up still wearing Clark Kent’s.

But there was no disguising his prowess.

At just under 6 feet tall and weighing 265 pounds or so, Schemansky had tree-trunk thighs, wrists like two-by-fours, and, by all accounts, steel in his sinews since childhood. The Detroit Free Press called him “born strong.” At 11 years old he had gotten a job at a Detroit market unloading 100-pound bags of potatoes.

He began his Olympic run in 1948 in London, where he won the silver medal in the super heavyweight class. In 1952, in Helsinki, he won the gold in the middle-heavyweight class. He missed the 1956 Games, in Melbourne, Australia, while recovering from two back operations to repair damaged disks. But the injuries did not deter him. He returned to the Olympics in 1960, in Rome, to win the bronze as a superheavyweight, and then in 1964, in Tokyo, to bring home the bronze again. He is a well-known weightlifter who accomplished breaking 26 world records.

In between, he was winning world and national championships and breaking records. In 1964 he became the first man ever to lift a total of 1,200 pounds: 400 with the press (no longer used in competition), 355 with the snatch and 445 with the clean and jerk. He later exceeded that total, lifting 415, 363% and 445 (totaling 1,223% pounds). An international poll in 1954 ranked him as the fifth greatest athlete in the world.

Yet for all his success, Schemansky was consigned to stardom in a sport that drew little notice in the United States. Even his hometown, Dearborn, seemed indifferent, particularly before and after the 1952 Games. When he returned home, a gold medal in his bag, no one was there to greet him. Only an airport porter recognized him.

Norbert proudly served in Normandy, France in World War II. He is retired from the City of Dearborn as a Civil Engineer.

Husband of the late Bernice; loving father of Paula (Bob) Sperka, Pamela (Steve) Petro, Larry (Lilly), and Laura (Bill) Rowe. Dearest grandfather of Tara, Vanea, Kristin, Karrie, Karen, Nori, Steve, Chris, Eydie, and Julie. Great-grandfather to sixteen.

Eugenia “Genie” Scott
(USABA-Goalball)

Eugenia “Genie” Scott passes away on June 14, 2016 at age 68.

Genie attended Sandy Hollow one-room school house and graduated from Union High School in 1965. She graduated from Slippery Rock State College in 1969 with her Bachelor’s Degree; Purdue University in 1971 with her Master’s Degree; and Ball State University in 1995 with her Doctorate Degree.

She coached and taught at Butler University in Indianapolis from 1971, until her retirement in 2008. During this time, she was involved with IAHPERD, WACRA, USABA, IBSA, and Mission trips to Haiti.

Genie was involved in officiating Goalball, for the United States Association of Blind Athletes and traveled the world officiating at competitions and the Paralympic Games. These travels took her to Panama, Holland, South Korea, South Africa, China, Australia, and England, among others.

As a presenter for the World Association for Case Method Research and Application, she was able to travel to Spain, Portugal, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bratislava, along with other “fun” trips to Iceland and Haiti.

She was also big into adventures and had hobbies such as reflexology, master gardening, chicken keeping, essential oils, genealogy, roping, “clowning” around, beekeeping and natural health.

Eugenia is survived by her daughter Katy Kriebel, of Abilene, TX; daughter Scotia McClung (Johnny) of Fishers, IN; and 3 granddaughters, Teilah, Selah, and Amariah, of Fishers, IN. She is also survived by her sister Carol Scott of Rimersburg; and brother Ray Scott (Susan) of Rimersburg; Carol’s son, Casey (Amanda and children) of Rimersburg; Carol’s son, Corey (Valerie and children), of Dayton, OH; Ray’s daughter Molly (Jeff) of Pittsburgh; Ray’s son, Neil of Rimersburg.

Pat Head Summitt
(Basketball, 1976, 1980, 1984)

Pat Head Summitt passed away on June 28, 2016 at age 64.

“You win in life with people.”

This is one simple statement that Patricia Sue Head Summitt embodied, lived by and passed on to so many. She ‘won’ every day of her life because of the relationships she developed, nurtured and cherished. Relationships with her family and friends. Relationships with players, coaches, and fans. And most importantly, a strong relationship with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pat passed away peacefully, following a courageous battle with early onset dementia, “Alzheimer’s Type.” This disease attacked a lifetime of precious memories, memories that she has now won back as she rests in her eternal home. Memories that will live on in each and every relationship she developed throughout her life.

Born to the late Richard and Hazel Albright Head on June 14, 1952, in Clarksville, Tenn., Pat was the fourth of five children. Her tireless work ethic was developed early in life as she handled a variety of daily chores on her family’s farm, while never missing a day of school. She worked hard to keep up with her three older brothers, who taught her the game of basketball – a game that would later become a passion and profession for her.
After graduating from Cheatham County High in Ashland City in 1970, she went on to the University of Tennessee-Martin, earning a bachelor’s degree in physical education in 1974 and leading the women’s basketball team to two national championship tournaments. Her ability to be a leader on the basketball court was evident, and shortly after graduating, she accepted a position at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville as the head coach of the women’s basketball team – as a 22-year old.

For the next 38 years, the farm girl from Henrietta, Tenn. would impact the game of women’s basketball like no one in the history of the sport. She guided the Lady Vols to eight NCAA championships, 32 combined Southeastern Conference titles and became the winningest NCAA D-1 basketball coach of all time on March 22, 2005. She was named the NCAA Coach of the Year seven times and the Naismith Coach of the Century in 2000.

Pat also excelled internationally, as both a coach and player. As a player, she was a co-captain of the 1976 U.S. women’s team, earning the silver medal during the Olympic Games held in Montreal. She then went on to coach the U.S. Junior National and U.S. National teams to multiple championships and medals, culminating with a magical run as head coach of the 1984 U.S. Women’s Olympic team, leading them to the gold medal during the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles.

Of all the records, awards, and stats, Pat would point to one number as the most significant in her career – 161. This is the number of Lady Vols who contributed to 1,098 wins over the span of her illustrious career. To these 161 student-athletes she was more than a coach – she was a friend, mentor and a loving mother.

Motherhood suited Pat, and on September 21, 1990, she and R.B. Summitt II had their first and only child, Ross “Tyler” Summitt (AnDe); sister, Linda; brothers, Tommy (Deloris), Charles (Mitz) and Kenneth (Debbie). Pat is survived by her mother, Hazel Albright Head; son, Ross “Tyler” Summitt (AnDe); sister, Linda; brothers, Tommy (Deloris), Charles (Mitz) and Kenneth (Debbie).

Coach Temple was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Charlie B. (Law) Temple. He leaves to honor his memory: loving and devoted daughter, Dr. Edwina R. Temple; son, Lloyd Bernard (Vivian); grandson, Keenan; sister-in-law, Hattie L. (Kenneth) McKay; nieces and nephews; devoted grandnephew Jeffery (June) Law, Pittsburg, PA; many other grandnephews and grandnieces; the couple’s “adopted” daughters, the Temple Tigerbelles of TSU’s Women’s Track and Field; and numerous relatives, friends and admirers.

Edward S. Temple
(Track and Field Coach, 1960, 1964, 1980)

Edward Temple passed away on September 22, 2016 at age 89.

Coach Temple was a legendary track and field pioneer and coach. He was head women’s track and field coach at Tennessee State University for 44 years, and head coach of the U.S. Olympic women’s track and field team in 1960 and 1964, assistant coach in 1980. He led 40 members of the TSU Tigerbelles team to 23 Olympic medals (13 Gold, 6 Silver, 4 bronze). The Tigerbelles also won 34 national championships under his leadership.

After retiring from professional coaching in 1994, Temple remained active in Nashville community affairs, including service on the Nashville Sports Authority, and the Nashville Sports Council. Temple is a member of nine different Halls of Fame, including the United States Olympic Hall of Fame, the National Track and Field Hall of Fame, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. In August 2015, a 9-foot tall bronze statue of Temple was unveiled at First Tennessee Park.
1. On November 11th and 12th the T-Association in conjunction with Texas Athletics hosted a Longhorn Olympians Homecoming. This was the first ever Olympic Homecoming hosted by the T-Association with plans to make this an every 4 year tradition. This event was design to bring our Longhorn Olympians back to campus, to honor our Olympic history and to welcome into the Longhorn Olympic Family our 2016 Rio Olympians.

The weekend festivities included a dinner hosted in the H.J. Lutcher Stark Center for Physical Culture, a beautiful facility on UT’s campus which is known for its physical culture collection but also has rich resources in Olympic studies. Our Longhorn Olympians were honored by the lighting of the UT Tower. The Tower was bathed in orange to celebrate the Olympic success of our Longhorn Olympians. Our Olympians were given access to the top of the Tower and then celebrated with a photo afterwards.

On Saturday, Our Olympians were treated to a Welcome Tailgate before the football game. During halftime of the football game our Olympians were honored while the UT Band formed the Olympic Rings. Longhorn Olympians were represented by the year/years in which they competed

In the photo:
Front Row- Moushaumi Robinson, Courtney Okolo, Karen Nelson Walters, Daniel Watters, Colleen LaAnne’ Cox, Whitney Hedgepeth, Carol Klimple Carr, Jay Arnette, Sara Guido, Sandie Richards, Cyntthea Rhodes-Patterson, Carlette Guidry Falkquay.


2. Jon Denney and Cindy Stinger celebrate the incredible 25 Year Milestone of colleague Christine Taylor. A stellar career at the United States Olympic Committee. Thanks for all you do for Team USA Christine.


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