INTRODUCING
THE U.S. OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2019
A Letter From Richard Fosbury
U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Association President

Dear U.S. Olympians and Paralympians,

The “Big News” is the U.S. Olympian and Paralympian Reunion, November 1-3, at The Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs: Friday night will be the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Hall of Fame, and Saturday will be our special reunion Gala. I went to my 1968 reunion last year and I can attest it was so wonderful to see old friends and make new ones. Those of us in Colorado Springs for the USOPA Reunion are all invited to attend the Hall of Fame ceremonies on Friday evening before the reunion. The list of this year’s honorees into the 2019 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Hall of Fame is available in this issue. Of course, I’m proud of all the honorees, but especially so for my 1968 teammates, Tommie Smith and John Carlos! They are both educators and have lived their lives proud and strong in their belief for Equality and Fair Play.

In July, the Borders commission released their report with specific recommendations to the USOPC to prioritize protection of, services to, and advancement of athletes. In response to those recommendations, the USOPC announced proposed amendments to their Bylaws including adding more athletes to their Board. Two positions are to be directly elected by USOPA, in close consultation with the AAC leadership, commencing next year. We have already begun to plan and prepare for our new elevated role within the Olympic and Paralympic Family.

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Assembly was held September 12 through 14 in Colorado Springs. The Assembly was well attended by our board and chapter delegates. We worked hard as a team on the USOPA and USOPC “Journey Toward Excellence” platform. New leadership on the USOPC board has been tested by the need to update and reorganize; we are happy to report a new structure involving increased athlete voices and a recognition of the importance of open dialogue between the USOPC and athletes from both AAC and USOPC on issues of importance to retired and current athletes alike.

Donna de Varona received the 2019 Olympic Torch Award in recognition of her leadership and accomplishments. Her acceptance speech challenged us all to change the culture of the past, which left too many young athletes unprotected. She inspired us all that night
as she continues to open doors for women to lead. The keynote by World Champion Women’s Soccer Team Coach Jill Ellis was incredibly inspirational and on point with the lessons of the games: turning losses into learning opportunities and never losing focus.

During our Assembly meetings, we focused on our Strategic Plan’s three points – Athlete Engagement; Athlete Voice and Advocacy; and LA2028 Activation. Our goals are to promote a sense of community and pride among Olympians and Paralympians, create opportunities for support throughout the athlete lifecycle and to assist fellow athletes in success on and off the field of play. We’ll elevate the role of USOPA within the Movement as a source of expertise, leadership, and partnership in enhancing and safeguarding the athlete experience. We plan to leverage the lead-up to America’s Games in 2028 to inspire the next generation of athletes and fans. And above all, we shall be of service to Olympians and Paralympians, empowering them to make the world a better place.

I’m excited watching the competitions held to select Team USA for Tokyo 2020 and wish all competitors the best as they strive to wear our colors and represent us next Summer.

Remember that we will have our new officer elections next Fall, after Tokyo 2020.

In Olympic Spirit,

Richard Fosbury

Dick Fosbury presents the 2019 Dorothy Franey Langkop Award to Anne Cribbs, VP USOPA.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee announced the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame, class of 2019, which will be honored and inducted at an awards dinner Friday, Nov. 1, at the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. The class of 2019 is comprised of nine individuals, one team, two legends, one coach and one special contributor, and together, represents 12 different sports.

The inductees include Candace Cable (Para alpine skiing, Para Nordic skiing, Para track and field), Lisa Leslie (basketball), Nastia Liukin (gymnastics), Misty May-Treanor (beach volleyball), Apolo Anton Ohno (short track speedskating), Erin Popovich (Para swimming), Dara Torres (swimming), Chris Waddell (Para alpine skiing, Para track and field), the 1998 U.S. Olympic Women’s Ice Hockey Team, John Carlos (legend: track and field), Tommie Smith (legend: track and field), Ron O’Brien (coach: diving) and Tim Nugent (special contributor).

“The U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame represents the pinnacle of...
It’s an honor to welcome the class of 2019 into this prestigious and celebrated honor roll. We thank them for their impact on sport and society, and for continuing to inspire the next generation of athletes and fans.”

Misty May-Treanor, beach volleyball - 2004, 2008, 2012. Along with former partner Kerri Walsh Jennings, is the only three-time Olympic beach volleyball champion; Most Outstanding Player at 2004 and 2008 Games; three-time FIVB world champion; finished career with then-record of 112 wins; International Volleyball Hall of Fame member

Apolo Anton Ohno, short track speedskating - 2002, 2006, 2010. Eight-time Olympic medalist; most decorated winter Olympian in U.S. history; three-time Olympian; 21 world championship medals, including eight golds; 12-time national champion

competitive excellence in our nation, and its inspiring members are champions who have transcended sport through the legacy they leave both on and off the field of play,” said USOPC CEO Sarah Hirshland. “It’s an honor to welcome the class of 2019 into this prestigious and celebrated honor roll. We thank them for their impact on sport and society, and for continuing to inspire the next generation of athletes and fans.”

The class of 2019 has represented the United States at a combined 36 Olympic and Paralympic Games, tallying 79 medals including 43 golds. There are also two new sports or sport disciplines added to the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame. Ohno is the first short track speedskater to be inducted, while Cable is the first Nordic skier.

The 13 inductees were determined by a voting process that includes Olympians and Paralympians, members of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic family, and an online vote open to fans. The U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame was one of the first national sports halls of fame to include fan voting as part of its selection process, and this year, nearly 200,000 votes were cast at TeamUSA.org/vote.

This will be the 16th class inducted into
the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame, bringing the total to 154 inductees (individuals and teams). The first class was inducted in 1983.

The U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place in conjunction with the all-alumni U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Team Reunion. The ceremony will be hosted by NBC’s Jimmy Roberts and will feature more than 200 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic alumni, including several current members of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame. Total attendance is expected to near 500.

“On behalf of USOPA, congratulations to the class of 2019, and welcome to the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame – a deserving home for such decorated luminaries,” said Dick Fosbury, U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association president and hall of fame member. “These remarkable athletes and individuals have inspired a nation and helped advance the Olympic and Paralympic movements in the United States. The all-alumni reunion and induction ceremony this fall will be tremendous celebrations of sport and humanity.”

Visit TeamUSA.org/HallOfFame to explore the history and achievements of all 154 hall of fame members.

Erin Popovich, swimming - 2000, 2004, 2008. Three-time Paralympian and 19-time medalist, including 14 golds; won seven golds in seven races, setting three world records and four Paralympic Games records at Athens 2004; two-time winner of the ESPY Award for Best Female Athlete with a Disability

Dara Torres, swimming - 1984, 1988, 1992, 2000, 2008. Twelve-time Olympic medalist; tied for most decorated female swimmer in history; first American to swim at five Olympics; at 41, set three American records en route to three silver medals at Beijing 2008; 16-time national champion


1998 U.S. Olympic Women’s Ice Hockey Team. Won the first-ever Olympic gold medal awarded in women's ice hockey; finished the Games with a 6-0-0 record, outscoring its opponents 36-8; inspired thousands of American girls and women to play ice hockey, from 28,000 in 1998 to 80,000 today

John Carlos, legend: track and field - 1968. Captured bronze in the 200-meter at the Mexico City 1968 Games; tied the world record of 9.1 seconds in the 100-yard at the West Coast Relays in 1969; three-time world record holder; 1967 Pan American Games champion in the 200-meter; courageously stood up for racial equality during the civil rights movement
Tommie Smith, legend: track and field - 1968. Captured gold in the 200-meter at the Mexico City 1968 Games; finished in 19.83 seconds, setting the world record and making him the first athlete to break the 20-second barrier legally; held 13 world records throughout his career, 11 simultaneously; courageously stood up for racial equality during the civil rights movement.

Ron O’Brien, coach: diving. Coached the U.S. Olympic diving team at six straight Olympic Games between 1968-1988; his divers won 154 gold, 90 silver and 78 bronze medals in major Olympic, world, national, NCAA and Big Ten Conference diving championships in his first 25 years of coaching; all 12 U.S. diving individual national titles were won by his divers in 1988; inducted into International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Tim Nugent, special contributor. Creator of the Division of Disability Resources and Services program at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, a program that has produced hundreds of Paralympic medalists; served as the first commissioner of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association; helped change perceptions of people with disabilities and was a pioneer for accessibility.
LIMA, Peru – The Pan American Games Lima 2019 drew to a close Sunday, August 11, following 17 days of competition between approximately 6,700 athletes from 41 nations. U.S. athletes delivered stellar performances to collect 293 medals, including 120 gold, 88 silver and 85 bronze – leading the overall medal count for nations by 122 medals.

Team USA athletes became medalists in nearly all sports the U.S. competed in – including archery, badminton, basketball, Basque pelota, beach volleyball, bowling, boxing, canoe/kayak, cycling, diving, equestrian, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, judo, karate, modern pentathlon, racquetball, roller sports, rowing, rugby, sailing, shooting, softball, squash, surfing, swimming, synchronized swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, track and field, triathlon, water ski/wakeboard, water polo, weightlifting and wrestling.

Swimmers Margo Geer and Nathan Adrian leave Lima with six medals to each of their names. Geer boasts five gold and one silver, and Adrian earned two gold and four silver – both swimmers made their Pan American Games debut in Lima.

Two athletes possess five medals from Lima: rhythmic gymnasts Evita Griskenas and swimmer Michael Chadwick. Griskenas captured four gold and one bronze, and Chadwick left the pool with one gold, two silver and two bronze.

Artistic gymnast Riley McCusker showed out in Lima as well to collect four medals – two gold, one silver and one bronze.

Team USA leaves Lima, Peru, with more than just medals earned. U.S. athletes and teams earned 16 quota spots for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 across archery, equestrian, sailing, shooting and water polo.

Team USA earned one men’s and one women’s quota with its gold-medal finish in mixed team recurve. World champion Brady Ellison also broke a world record in the men’s individual, posting a score of 702 in qualification.

Samantha Achterberg and Amro Elgeziry qualified for Tokyo by name as modern pentathlon, seizing the only opportunity Team USA athletes had to do so in Lima. Shooting earned the most quota spots for a total of seven – two in men’s trap shooting, one in men’s air rifle, one in men’s air rifle, one in women’s three-position rifle, one in women’s air rifle and one in women’s sport pistol.

The theme of the colorful Closing Ceremony was “Dance of Diversity,” zooming into the wide panorama of Peru. The up-close experience featured the detail of people’s faces, of age-old and contemporary art and of living traditions, artifacts of Peru’s ancient cultures showcased through dance and moments of daily life danced out of embroidered images.

After speeches given by Carlos Neuhaus, president of the Lima 2019 organizing committee, and Neven Ilic, president of Panam Sports, concluded, the audience said its farewell to the Games as Lima 2019 was officially declared close. The Panam
Sports flag was symbolically handed over to the president of Chile, Sebastian Pinera, in honor of the upcoming Games.

The next edition of the Pan American Games will take place in Santiago, Chile, Oct. 22-Nov. 5, 2023.

Parapan American Games Recap
By U.S. Paralympics

LIMA, Peru – The Parapan American Games Lima 2019 drew to a close Sunday, Sept. 1, following 11 days of competition between approximately 1,890 athletes from 33 nations. U.S. athletes delivered stellar performances to collect 185 medals, including 58 gold, 62 silver and 65 bronze, to finish second in the medal count behind Brazil.

Team USA athletes became medalists in nearly every sport the U.S. competed in, including badminton, cycling, goalball, judo, powerlifting, shooting, sitting volleyball, soccer 7-a-side, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, track and field, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis and wheelchair rugby.

Of Team USA’s 257 athletes, 195 left Lima with a podium finish at the Parapan Games. Multi-medalists included track and field's Jaleen Roberts (Kent, Washington) who won three individual events and one relay gold medal, and swimming’s Carson Sanocki (Charlotte, North Carolina) who won four medals, including two individual gold and one relay gold medal.

Every team sport from the U.S. found the podium in Lima, with wheelchair rugby, men’s wheelchair basketball and women’s sitting volleyball capturing gold. The men’s and women’s goalball teams, men’s sitting volleyball team, and the women’s wheelchair basketball team took silver. Seven-a-side soccer claimed its first Parapan medal with bronze.

The wheelchair tennis team had an incredibly successful showing in Lima, with every athlete leaving the Parapan Games with a medal. Highlighted by a gold-medal finish from the women’s doubles team of Emmy Kaiser (Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky) and Dana Mathewson (San Diego, California), Team USA athletes led the medal count on the tennis courts.

U.S. athletes added their names to the record books with six world records set in track and field competition in Lima. Nelya Stary Schasfoort (Avon Lake, Ohio) led the way with two world records in the women’s long jump T47 (4.26m) and women’s 400m T47 (1:08.90). Other records were established by Josh Cinnamo (San Diego, California), Sam Grewe (Middlebury, Indiana), Sebastiana Lopez Arellano (New Braunfels, Texas) and Jessica Heims (Swisher, Iowa).

Team USA leaves Lima, Peru, with more than just medals earned. U.S. athletes and teams earned three team qualifications and one individual qualification for the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020. Teams that qualified for Tokyo included: men’s goalball, men’s and women’s wheelchair basketball, and wheelchair rugby. Tahl Leibovitz of table tennis earned an individual qualification for Tokyo.

Rose Hollermann (Elysian, Minnesota) grabbed a silver medal in Lima with the women’s wheelchair basketball team and was selected by her fellow athletes to serve as the U.S. flag bearer for Closing Ceremony.

During the closing ceremony, the re-election of U.S. swimmer Ileana Rodriguez was announced as the Americas Paralympic Committee athlete representative. She was first elected to her role at the Parapan American Games in Toronto in 2015. Rodriguez presented a symbolic gift on behalf of the athletes to all volunteers of the Games. After speeches given by Carlos Neuhaus, president of the organizing committee; Julio Cesar Avila, president of the Americas Paralympic Committee, the APC flag was exchanged from the mayor of Lima to the mayor of Santiago, Chile.

The next edition of the Parapan American Games will take place in Santiago, Chile, Nov. 17-23, 2023.
By Brandon Penny

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – It is the focus of every athlete. It is why they do what they do. It is what they will remember most, long after their athletic career has ended. It is what makes them who they are on and off the field of play. It has the highest of highs – and the lowest of lows.

It is the journey.

The theme of the 2019 U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Assembly is “Journey Toward Excellence,” which is what approximately 250 members of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic movements focused on over the course of four days at The Antlers Hotel and the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee headquarters in mid-September.

And that journey was on full display at Friday night’s dinner as six awards were presented to athletes, National Governing Bodies and programs that have made profound impacts on the movement.

They were presented by a handful of athletes who represent various stages of the journey and shared stories of their own journeys throughout the night – from track cyclist Gavin Hoover, who this summer earned two medals at the Pan American Games and hopes to make his Olympic debut next year; and water polo player Ashleigh Johnson, who has sights set on her second consecutive Olympic gold, two-time Paralympic wheelchair rugby player Chuck Aoki, who is striving for his first gold after earning silver and bronze, four-time Olympic medalist fencer Mariel Zagunis, who is vying for her fifth Olympic team – this time as a mother; to Para alpine skiing and track and field legend Chris Waddell, who competed at seven Games and earned 13 medals.

Zagunis’ journey toward excellence began when she started fencing at age 10, though it could be said that hers truly began at birth; both of her parents were rowers on the 1976 U.S. Olympic Team. She has gone on to become the most decorated fencer in U.S. history, a legacy that includes four Olympic medals and 14 world championship medals.

She presented the Jack Kelly Fair Play Award to a fellow fencer who is in the early stages of her own journey.

May Tieu’s first multisport Games experience came last fall at the Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018. The then-17-year-old earned the nation’s first medal of the Games, a bronze in women’s foil, but she did something off the piste that, though at the time she thought nothing of and calls “only natural,” would end up being far more profound.

When opponent Grace Senyo of Tonga arrived at the competition with foils that would not pass inspection, Tieu offered up one of her own. Tieu went on to fence Senyo twice on her journey at the Games.

“Thank you to everyone who has ever given me or someone else their equipment, during practice or competition, for making sportsmanship not special, but regular and expected,” Tieu said during her acceptance speech.
“I share this award with all of you.”

Donna de Varona, whose journey has been far longer than Tieu’s, having entered the Olympic family at age 13 when she competed in swimming at the Olympic Games Rome 1960, received the Olympic Torch Award, which starting next year will be renamed the USOPC Torch Award, one of many nods to inclusion the organization has undertaken this year.

De Varona joined a list of recipients of the award, which was first presented in 1965, that reads as a who’s who of her friends and colleagues.

“A transcendent athlete, and an even greater catalyst of change, who has fought for a lifetime to give others the opportunity to shoot for perfection, the primal and to strip ourselves bare to seek our essence,” Waddell said of de Varona.

The two-time 1964 Olympic swimming champion has played a pivotal role for all athletes, whether it be through her groundbreaking broadcasting career or serving as a pioneer for women in sports, which included advocating for Title IX and being a founding member of the Women’s Sports Foundation.

Her speech reflected on her journey, starting with 1960 Olympic basketball champion Walt Bellamy lifting her onto his shoulders at the Opening Ceremony of those Games at a time when “African-American didn’t touch white.”

“Over many years, the movement has survived boycotts, doping scandals, corruption and more. Now, once again, we are convening to find solutions to the challenges of this era,” she said.

Acknowledging the issues that the movements face today, de Varona walked through the turmoil she has witnessed, ranging from the civil rights era and navigating a male-dominated world, to the creation of and pushback against Title IX, which offered women elite sports scholarships for the first time, and the creation Amateur Sports Act of 1978.

“Your collective task now — as you all know — is to stay ahead of the challenges; to regain trust by being transparent, innovative and bold; to create new initiatives and programs that inspire collaboration,” de Varona said to the room in closing.

Another legend in sport, Connie Paraskevin, received the individual Rings of Gold Award for her work with the Connie Cycling Foundation. A five-time Olympian and one of only 10 U.S. Olympians ever to compete at both the Summer and Winter Games – cycling and long track speedskating, in her case – Paraskevin founded the CCF in 2005. It has since introduced more than 6,000 kids to cycling, which in turn has provided them with life skills such as confidence.

Paraskevin was presented the award by Hoover, whose journey began with the CCF.

“Connie embodied the Olympic ideals in everything she did – from how she spoke to us, to how she expected us to carry ourselves,” Hoover said.

“Connie believes that sport and the pursuit of excellence can change all children’s lives – not just the few, like me, who go on to pursue their Olympic dreams. The lessons I learned through CCF have impacted every aspect of my life. Even though I left the program at age 16, it’s still Connie’s voice I hear in my head, and I know I’m not alone.”

The program recipient for the Rings of Gold Award was The Hartford’s Ability Equipped in partnership with Disabled
Sports USA. The Hartford’s three-year $2.2 million contribution aims to increase the capacity of community grassroots organizations and bridge the gap to elite sport opportunities by identifying, supporting and empowering nearly 250 athletes.

“Playing adaptive sports is one of the most liberating feelings in the world,” Aoki said as he presented the award. “And as child with a disability, your life can feel incredibly boxed in and limited at times.

“The Hartford’s Ability Equipped program gives kids with disabilities the chance to feel free, to feel like they belong, to meet and compete with other kids who look just like them, and to experience the possibilities that having a disability brings, instead of the limitations.”

Meanwhile, two NGBs were recognized for their progressive achievement in diversity and inclusion within the movements.

US Speedskating earned the Advancing D&I Award based on the largest growth in diversity metrics among National Governing Bodies and High-Performance Management Organizations during 2017-18, while USA Triathlon was selected by its peers for the second consecutive year as the D&I Choice Award winner for its Historically Black Colleges and Universities Engagement Program.

“I don’t think I chose water polo; I think it chose me so that I could be the living and breathing example that a young black girl can dream and see herself competing at the highest level,” said Johnson, the first African-American women’s water polo player to compete at the Olympic Games, as she presented the awards.

“Every sport needs strong role models – and it needs them in different communities with people from different backgrounds. More than anything, I want to do my part to continue building a positive narrative for black people in aquatics.”

The journey of the evening concluded with a keynote address from Jill Ellis, head coach of the U.S. women’s national soccer team who this summer became the first ever to lead teams to two Women’s World Cup victories.

Ellis said that her journey to becoming USWNT head coach began when she watched the gold-medal game of the Olympic Games Atlanta 1996 in person as a fan.

“It was intoxicating and I was hooked,” Ellis recalled. “I said to my friends on the ride home, ‘I want to be good enough to do that some day,’ and my dream was born.”

Her team’s journey, however, to the 2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup trophy began at the Olympic Games Rio 2016 when, at her first Games as head coach, the team fell to Sweden in the quarterfinals for its lowest finish in program history at a major tournament.

Ellis explained the defeat through text messages: Win a game and you receive roughly 45; win a World Cup and receive 100; lose and receive one.

Fortunately, that one was from her father, an eternal optimist who said: “Own it, build it, believe it!”

She heard him loud and clear – interpreting that message as, “Be accountable, be better and get up” – and allowed that to serve as the turning point for the team.

“When you own and acknowledge the low points, you have a shot at hitting the highs,” she said.

She returned to the U.S. to face her bosses and instead of presenting a review of what happened in Rio and where they went wrong, as expected, she showed them a plan for the 2019 World Cup and what the journey to victory would look like.

The players – and their coach – were recommitted and worked harder than they had before and aimed to be more prepared than any other nation. Ellis and her colleagues look at more than 40 new players from all levels of the U.S. Soccer pipeline. They changed and tested new tactical alignments, modernized their style and harnessed their strengths.

They did what they knew needed to be done to have the ending they wanted on their journey toward excellence.

“From 2016 until the World Cup, we had been tested, stressed, failed, and grown,” Ellis explained. “I am not sure if we’d taken a different path we finish as champions.”
American track and field legends Willie Banks and Gail Devers, along with British runner and IAAF president Sebastian Coe, were officially inducted into the AG Memorial Van Damme Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Brussels. Banks, the former world record-holder in the triple jump, took part in the Memorial Van Damme competition five times. After three runner-up places, the U.S. triple jumper finally won in 1985 with a phenomenal 17.58-meter jump. That jump stood as the meeting record for 10 years until Jonathan Edwards went two centimeters farther in 1995.

“Willie Banks was very loved among the spectators,” said former meeting director Wilfried Meert. “Banks could play the crowd like no one else. He’s the ‘inventor’ of the rhythmic clapping before and during the run-up. These days every athlete asks for the support of the crowd, but Willie started doing that in the 80s at the Stockholm meeting. When he also started doing that in Brussels, he stole the hearts of the crowd right away.”


“The general public will know Devers as the athlete with the long and colorful nails, but we particularly remember her for her phenomenal performances on the track,” said Meert. “She’s a three-time Olympic champion, five-time world champion and four-time world indoor champion. Her races at the Memorial were always good. In 2002, at the age of almost 36, she won the 100-meter hurdles in 12.49 – world class!”

British athlete and IAAF President Sebastian Coe was also inducted.

BOOK REVIEW

LAUNCHED: THE LIFE OF OLYMPIAN HERB DOUGLAS

Few can match the achievements of Herb Douglas. His Olympic medal alone puts him in an exclusive club.

As one of the first African American vice presidents of a Fortune 500 company, a mentor to both Olympic athletes and black businessmen, a pioneer in the development of the African American market for luxury consumer products, and a philanthropist, he has opened doors and changed lives. His story spans nearly a century from a childhood spent in the shadow of the booming steel mills of industrial Pittsburgh to a career in the New York corporate offices of the oldest spirits company in the nation. In between Herb earned an education financed by his athletic talents, developed both a new market and quality jobs for African Americans working for Pabst Beer in the Jim Crow south, and nurtured friendships with the leading athletes, entertainers, and community leaders of his time. Known for never accepting no as the answer, Douglas turned that trait into fundraising gold, founding an annual gala to honor the legacy of his mentor, Jesse Owens. Herb Douglas’s story provides insight into his character, but also to the forces that shaped American life and culture in the 20th century.

This pictorial biography features five essays written by Pittsburgh sports historian Anne Madarasz that chart the course of Herb Douglas’s life, as well as more than 90 photographs with interpretive captions drawn from extensive interviews with Douglas.

The chapters are interspersed with inspirational rememberances by fellow Olympians, Harrison Dillard and Roger Kingdom, as well as others. The book also includes a Forward by Herb’s close friend, Pro Football Hall of Famer Franco Harris.

By Stuart Lieberman

When Oksana Masters was wrapping up her five-medal performance in Nordic skiing at the Paralympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018, she was in the dark as to what the next steps would be in her storied athletic career.

After having competed against the world’s best in Nordic skiing, cycling and rowing over the last four Paralympic Games, the 30-year-old returned home from PyeongChang to have two surgeries — one on her right elbow and the other on her right arm.

Not knowing if she’d ever be able to get back to her same peak level of competition, Masters, an eight-time Paralympic medalist, decided to go back to school for the first time in 10 years. She went ahead and enrolled in DeVry University through the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee’s Athlete Career and Education Program (ACE).

ACE, for both current and retired elite U.S. athletes, provides opportunities and resources for Team USA athletes to pursue training and education for life after their competition days are done.

“I realized my whole entire life and my identity was sport, and I just wanted something to have another identity outside of sport,” said Masters, who was born in Ukraine with both of her legs affected by radiation-induced birth defects stemming from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster three years earlier.

Upon enrolling, she was dead set on studying business. After all, she’s had a very specific bucket-list dream building outside of her athletic career for quite some time now.

“My goal is to own a coffee shop,” she said. “I have this dream of a mobile coffee shop. I also love animals and my goal is to have an established coffee shop with quality coffee, and I want the proceeds when traveling to go to the local humane societies.”

It’s a natural fit, considering all the caffeine it must take for someone to compete on so many fronts like Masters does. So far, there’s been one major challenge in the business process for Masters: she’s already getting back to her peak level of competition.

So much for trading in her skis and bike for a business plan right now.

In February, Masters won five world titles in Nordic skiing. She followed that up last weekend with Para-cycling national titles in both the road race and time trial in the H5 classification.

Masters transitioned to cycling in late April, training on the Illinois country roads where her boyfriend, four-time Paralympian Aaron Pike, also trains in track and field.
The Paralympic medal stand has been elusive for Masters in cycling after just narrowly missing the podium at Rio 2016 with a fourth-place finish in the road race and fifth-place finish in time trial. She's been very vocal about the Tokyo 2020 podium being her ultimate goal, and she's now trying to get in as many races as possible, as most of her competition races year-round.

“I was quickly remembering how much cycling hurt, because it’s the complete opposite motions from Nordic,” Masters said. “But it’s nice because after a long winter of training outdoors in the cold, you’re ready for the summer and I get to challenge myself in a different way. I grow as an athlete and apply what I learn tactics-wise between the two sports. It keeps my mind fresh.”

With just over a year until the next Paralympic Games — the Games kick off Aug. 25, 2020 — Masters is working on fine-tuning her cycling stroke and becoming more aggressive on the downhill segments.

But the biggest learning curve for her right now has been adding school to the mix. “I’m now juggling classes, training and races. Between all of that, I have absolutely zero time for a personal or social life,” Masters said. “When traveling for competitions, you know I’m going to be hitting up all the coffee shops. I also travel with a hand grinder, my own hot pot and at least two or three different bags of coffee. I’m totally stocked.

“You don’t want to see me without coffee. It’s horrible.”
1. Olympians Sydney McLaughlin and Nomar Garciaparra meet at the Olympic Day celebration at Dodger Stadium. McLaughlin was there in partnership with the LA84 Foundation and threw out the ceremonial first pitch. She competed in the 400-meter hurdles at the Olympic Games Rio 2016, becoming the youngest athlete to make the American Olympic track and field team since Carol Lewis and Denean Howard qualified for the boycotted Moscow 1980 Games.

2. The LA84 Foundation was pleased to welcome badminton ace Eva Lee, two-time Olympian (2008, 2016) and three-time Pan American Games medalist.

3. Southern California Olympians and Paralympians held a chess strategy symposium at the LA84 Foundation, featuring U.S. chess coach, Seth Makowsky. Some of the members in attendance included Olympians, John Naber, John Moffet and Cliff Meidl.

4. Several Olympians and Paralympians came to the LA84 Foundation for the United States Council for Sports Chaplaincy (USCSO) Olympic/Paralympic Chaplaincy Training Program. Participants in the two-day program included:


6. Four-time Paralympic medalist Shirley Reilly is part of an exciting project with the LA84 Foundation. Reilly, along with fellow Paralympians, Lex Gillette, Candace Cable, April Holmes and Scot Hollenbeck, shared their oral histories of their lives and careers. To learn more, visit LA84.org

5. Craig Virgin, America's most successful cross-country runner, two-time world cross-country champion and three-time Olympian, was a feature presenter at LA84 Foundation Cross-country coaches clinic at Mt. San Antonio College. Virgin participated in the 10,000-meter events at the 1976 and 1984 Olympic Games.

7. Two-time Olympic ice hockey silver medalist, Molly Schaus (third from the L) and LA84 Foundation president and CEO Renata Simril (fifth from the L), were part of the First Partner of California, Jennifer Siebel Newsom's sports equity roundtable held at the LA84 campus to discuss how to help close the gender pay gap.
“JOURNEY TO...
EXCELLENCE"
# Olympic/Paralympic Partner* Incentive Offer

## Program Guidelines

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| Customer Eligibility | 1. Customer must be associated with US Olympic Athlete, US Paralympic Athlete, National Governing Body (NGB) Employee, United States Olympic and Paralympic Properties (USOPP) Employee, USOPC (United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee), or LA 2028 Employee 2. Customer must be issued a TMNA authorized Toyota Sponsored Olympic/Paralympic* Consumer Cash Request Form 3. Offer non-transferable 4. Incentive offer must be applied to the sales/lease |

| Incentive Amount | $500 on any model year / any model* excluding *TRD PRO Can be combined with other offers excluding VSPP (TSC02) |

| Customer: | 1. Contact Nicole Peterson at nicole.peterson@toyota.com and Stacey Craighead at scraighead@TEAMUSA2028.ORG for your authorized Olympic/Paralympic Partner* Incentive Offer Consumer Cash Request Form 2. Take your authorized Consumer Cash Request Form to your local Toyota dealer and use towards the purchase or lease on any* new, unused and unlicensed, Toyota vehicle out of dealer’s ground stock inventory. *Excludes TRD PRO 3. Apply incentive offer towards the purchase or lease 4. Surrender the completed and signed consumer cash back form to the dealer |

| Dealer Redemption Instructions: | 1. Scan and submit completed consumer cash back form and supporting documentation detailed below to Toyota_Incentive_Support@Toyota.com 2. Required scanned and emailed documentation for payment: Signed and completed authorized consumer cash back form Retail contract/Lease agreement Vehicle Registration/Application for Registration Incentive offer must be clearly shown on the retail contract/lease agreement 3. Email scanned documentation to: Email To: Toyota_Incentive_Support@Toyota.com Phone: 800-825-3837 Please allow six to eight weeks from receipt of request for delivery of your payment. Incomplete or illegible documentation will result in a denial of submission or a delay of payment. Submission Deadline: Submission for payment must be received at Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. within 30 days of sale |

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- Vehicles registered to any Toyota distributor or dealership or to any business corporation in which any Toyota distributor or dealership has ownership interest
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- Sales of more than 20 vehicles of the same series/model to any one account in the same program month
- All certificates are subject to audit. Any rollback or invalid certificates will be charged back to the selling Dealer.
- All matters of program eligibility and qualification will be conclusively resolved by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
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The Crawford Family U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Archives is honored to add more Paralympic artifacts from our athletes. In the last couple of months, our Paralympians donated artifacts from the Paralympic Games Tel Aviv 1968 to the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. Each athlete’s donation is unique, from paper records to medals and competition gear to uniforms, and serves as a visual reminder of our athletes’ careers representing the United States.

Kim Pollock and Rich Feltes donated aspects of their 1968 Paralympic history after responding to a query for a vintage Paralympic wheelchair for the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum. Pollock competed in three disciplines at the Paralympic Games Tel Aviv 1968: track and field, swimming and wheelchair basketball. There, she earned three medals – a silver medal in wheelchair basketball and a silver and bronze medal in swimming.

Feltes is also a multi-sport Paralympian having competed in archery, swimming and track and field events from 1968 to 1970, with a bronze medal in men’s archery at Tel Aviv 1968. The historic programs and Paralympic Games information donated by these two athletes is not only a great addition to our archives but will also be digitized for the International Paralympic Committee to assist in completing their collections of the early Paralympic Games.

Class of 2009 Hall of Fame Paralympian Sarah Will recently donated artifacts from her Paralympic career, including two gold medals – 1998 alpine skiing and 2002 alpine skiing – her mono-ski, helmet and gloves, along with aspects of her parade and competition uniforms. Will is the most highly decorated U.S. Paralympic alpine skier with 12 gold medals and one silver medal earned from her Paralympic competition spanning over ten years, from 1992 to 2002. Will’s donation of her medals assists us in our efforts to create a more comprehensive Paralympic medal collection, while her mono-ski, affectionately known as “Big Red” by Will, demonstrates how technological advances assist our athletes to achieve their goals.

Two Paralympians from the Paralympic Games London 2012 and Rio 2016 also donated to the archives. Previously, Dartanyon Crockett, two-time bronze medalist in men’s -90kg judo, donated his London 2012 Judo Gi; however, this
year, Crockett added his 2016 Judo Gi to his collection in the archives, giving us the opportunity to more completely relate his history.

We were fortunate to have six-time Paralympic medalist in swimming Becca Meyers and her mother in Colorado Springs recently and offered a tour of our archives. After seeing first-hand how we care for our artifacts, Meyers donated her 2016 U.S. Paralympic podium gear to the archives.

We are thrilled to have not only our older athletes recognize the importance of safeguarding their history; but also, our younger generations and those athletes who are still competing understanding how their history can inspire others.

And finally, Stephen Emt, our most recent athlete from the Paralympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018, donated his wheelchair curling jersey along with a pin set and postcards. Emt, a math teacher and high school basketball coach competed in his first Paralympic Games at PyeongChang as the vice skip for the U.S. Paralympic mixed curling team.

It is an honor to preserve and protect our Paralympians history for future generations. By donating to the archives, these athletes have not only allowed us to safeguard their personal history; but also add to our overall knowledge of the Paralympic movement.
THE PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL ON SPORTS, FITNESS AND NUTRITION AWARDS HONOREES

The President’s Council on Sports, Fitness and Nutrition have selected and awarded the annual recipients for both its Lifetime Achievement Award and Community Leadership Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award honors individuals whose careers have greatly impacted the advancement or promotion of physical activity, fitness, sports or nutrition on a national level. Selection is based on the scope of their career, reach of their professional work and impact of their overall legacy.

Donna de Varona (swimming, 1960, 1964) was involved in the original legislation that created Title IX, The Amateur Sports Act and the US Anti-Doping Agency. She served as the first president of the Women’s Sports Foundation and later went on to become the first female sports broadcaster where she debuted on ABC’s Wide World of Sports. Donna acted as a consultant to the U.S. Senate and was an advisor to Presidential Commissions. She currently serves on the IOC’s Women and Sports Commission and the executive board of the Special Olympics.

Similar to the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Community Leadership Award is given annually to individuals or organizations who improve the lives of others within their community by providing or enhancing opportunities to engage in sports, physical activity, fitness, or nutrition-related programs. The work of these organizations brings their communities one step closer to improving the physical fitness, health and nutrition of America as a whole.

Recovery on Water is a rowing team that is designed to give survivors of breast cancer the opportunity to become active in their recovery, as well as gain support from fellow survivors. The goal of ROW’s program is to increase exercise consistency in people diagnosed with breast cancer to improve their quality of life. The program is operated on the Chicago River during the spring, summer and fall, and indoors during the winter. It is free for participants seven days a week, year-round.

GAME ON! Sports 4 Girls uses exposure to a wide range of sports as a way to teach life lessons and build love of physical activity, teamwork and self-confidence. Now in its 12th year, GAME ON! has expanded from a single multi-sport summer day camp to a multi-state, multi-camp and school program. The program consists of 12 Olympic sports that include basketball, equestrian, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, taekwondo, tennis, track and field and volleyball. The Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association and Dare2Tri have also partnered with GAME ON! In the Illinois region to engage disabled sport athletes.

Both nominations for Recovery on Water and GAME ON! were submitted by USOPA.

Recovery on Water (ROW) receives the Community Leadership Award. Donna de Varona receives the Lifetime Achievement Award. GAME ON! – Sports 4 Girls receives Community Leadership Award.
Mari Holden (cycling, 2000) was named as USA Cycling women’s road coach and will oversee the development of women’s cycling for the U.S. national team. Mari comes to USA Cycling from the professional team Team Twenty20, with whom Olympians Chloe Dygert-Owen and Jennifer Valente have competed.

Kate Markgraf (soccer, 2000, 2004, 2008) is the new general manager of the U.S. Women’s National Soccer Team. As general manager, Kate will oversee talent acquisition, player development and staff personnel decisions. The appointment comes at a critical time leading into qualification and tournament play at the Tokyo 2020 Games next summer.

Shelley Looney (ice hockey, 1998, 2002) was named head coach of the women’s ice hockey team at Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Missouri. Since retiring from competitive play, Shelley has coached through the ranks of juniors, university-level and development within USA Hockey.

Rob Stull (modern pentathlon, fencing, 1984, 1984, 1992) was inducted into the USA Fencing Hall of Fame at a gala dinner during the USA Fencing National Championships. Rob is also a former member of the USOPC’s executive committee and athlete leadership group. He is currently the managing director and CEO of USA Pentathlon.

Cullen Jones (swimming, 2008, 2012) and his wife Rupi Desai welcomed their first baby, son Ayven Cullen Jones, to the world in July. At the time, Cullen posted to social media, saying, “we are so in love with our little angel and cannot stop staring at him.” Cullen and Rupi have been married since 2017.

Julia Mancuso (alpine skiing, 2006, 2010, 2014) and husband Dylan Fish welcomed their first addition to the family, son Sonny Fish Mancuso. Julia and Dylan have been married since 2016.
Joseph Brian Amlong (rowing, 1964)

Joseph Amlong died on July 1, 2019, at the age of 82.

Joe Amlong came from a military family and began rowing in Belgium while his father was stationed there. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1961. His rowing was done mainly in the company of his brother, Tom, and together they rowed and helped win the 1961 Canadian fours, finished second as a pair at Henley in 1963, and won the national title in coxless pairs at the 1964 U.S. championship.

Joe joined the Vesper Boat Club in 1960 and was a member of the American crew which won the eights event at the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964, an upset for the favored Germans. He later spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a captain.


Ella Chafee died on June 16, 2019, at the age of 74.

A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (world-renowned for its wheelchair sports program), long-time member of the Midwest Olympians and Paralympians chapter, supporter of Chicago 2016’s Olympic and Paralympic Games bid effort, and founding member of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago’s Express/RIC Chicago Sky wheelchair basketball team, Ella’s Paralympic experience covers four decades and multiple sports.

Beginning at the Paralympic Games Tokyo 1964, Chafee won silver and bronze in swimming events, while earning another bronze in foil fencing. Four years later, she won gold in the 4x100-meter track event. Chafee returned 28 years later to compete in foil and epee fencing at Atlanta 1996 Games, placing highest among all U.S. women in foil with an 8th place finish.

Among her many accolades through the years, Ella was inducted into the Wheelchair Sports USA Hall of Fame in 1990, the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Hall of Fame in 2014 and received the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Fitness Sports and Recreation Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. Ella dedicated much of her life to improving the lives of people with disabilities – particularly girls and women – through sports participation and touched people all over the world with her efforts.

Allen Church (ski and snowboard official)

Allen Church died on August 17, 2019, at the age of 91.

Allen is known as one of U.S. Ski & Snowboard’s most revered ski racing officials. His career as a volunteer official spanned five decades and included serving as an FIS Alpine Technical Delegate from 1978 to 1995.

With a primary focus on race timing, he then became one of the world’s most knowledgeable experts and a long-time expert member of the FIS Timing and Data Working Group. At the Olympic Winter Games Salt Lake City 2002, he served as chief of timing and scoring for alpine skiing and was selected to take the oath on behalf of all competition judges and officials.

Allen is a recipient of some of U.S. Ski & Snowboard’s highest honors for officials, including the Westhaven Award for international Technical Delegates (1996), John Clair Award for service to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Teams (2014) and the Bud and Mary Little Award for service to the Olympics and International Ski Federation (2003). He was inducted into the New Mexico Ski Hall of Fame in 2007. In 2015, he was recognized with the organization’s highest honor, the Julius Blegen Award.
Sharon Adamson Gee
(swimming, 1952)

Sharon Gee died on September 28, 2018, at the age of 85.

Over the course of her life, Sharon was a U.S. Olympian, adventurer, world traveler and businesswomen.

Sharon grew up in Long Beach, where she forged an exceptional swimming career from an early age. She attended Stanford University before they had a swim team for women. Classmates remember her rushing to the pool in the early morning to practice by herself before the men’s swim team practice. After becoming a member of the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame, she went to Buenos Aires for the 1951 Pan American Games, where she won three gold medals and met Evita Perón. Sharon was recognized as the fastest female swimmer in the Western Hemisphere and earned a spot at the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952.

Malibu residents enjoyed watching Sharon drive her miniature horses through Malibu Country Mart and Legacy Park (which her family jokingly nicknamed “Sharon’s Park”).

Sharon was known for her adventurous nature and excelling at anything she tried. The daughter of acclaimed naval architect Leslie “Ted” Geary, she followed in her father’s footsteps and became an avid sailor. She competed in the Transpac Race from San Pedro, California, to Honolulu, placing second in her class. Wanting to share her passion for boating with others, she started the youth sailing program at California Yacht Club. Sharon was ahead of her time and became one of the first female glider pilots in the United States.

Sharon met Merritt Adamson Jr. through the boating community when her father custom built a yacht named “Malibu” for Merritt’s family. The couple married in 1954 and had four children, Rindge, Grant, Leslie and Sam. The couple had a long, happy and adventurous marriage until Merritt’s death in 1986.

After Merritt’s passing, Sharon became president of Mariposa Land Company, a land holdings business, and ran it with two of her children, Grant Adamson and Leslie London.

In 1991, Sharon married Geoffrey Gee, whom she also met through boating. The two were passionate about many of the same activities – sailing, scuba diving, golfing, traveling and horseback riding – and were happily married for 27 years.

Fanny Hopeau
.volleyball, 1968)

Fanny Hopeau died on July 27, 2019, at the age of 74.

Whether she was competing in the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968 or driving a bus on the streets of Honolulu, volleyball great Fanny is remembered for the smile and infectious joy she shared with others.

Fanny spent 29 years as a driver with Oahu Transit Services, where she was known as “Auntie Aloha” with an ever-present fresh flower in her hair until her retirement in 2008.

Fanny was a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Honolulu and starred on Nuuanu YMCA and Nick’s Fish Market volleyball teams as well as U.S. national squads. She was part of the silver-medal winning U.S. team at the 1966 World Games in Japan and the gold medal U.S. team at the 1967 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada. She competed at the Olympic Games in Mexico City a year later as the first native Hawaiian female volleyball player representing the United States. She returned to international competition in 1971, helping the U.S. to a silver medal in the Pan American Games in Cali, Colombia.

Fanny was inducted into the Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame in 1999. In 2010, she received the national Flo Hyman All-Time Great Player Award for her playing and her work directing youngsters in volleyball.

Brian Job
(swimming, 1968, 1972)

Brian Job died on August 14, 2019, at the age of 67.

Brian emerged as a star in the water in the late 1960s and early 1970s. As a teenager, he won 14 Amateur Athletic Union national titles and was a standout at Stanford University and for the Santa Clara Swim Club.

He won a bronze medal at the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968, earning third in the men’s 200-meter breaststroke.
1970, Brian set a world record of 2:23.5 in the 200-meter breaststroke. At the 1971 Pan American Games, he won the silver medal in the 100-meter breaststroke, the bronze medal in the 200-meter breaststroke and the gold medal as a member of the U.S. 400-meter medley relay team.

Claude Lazard Kohler II (sailing, 1960)
Claude L. Kohler II died on June 27, 2019, at the age of 87.

Claude spent his childhood in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, where he attended St. Stanislaus College. He served in the Navy on the USS Yorktown during the Korean War. When he returned, he earned a degree in business administration from Tulane University.

He spent his career as a life insurance agent for Home Life. Claude was a man of many passions and talents. He sailed for the U.S. in the Olympic Games Rome 1960. He was instrumental in the defeat of the Vieux Carre Riverfront Expressway in 1969, which would have cut through the French Quarter of New Orleans.

Claude mastered the art of talking like Donald Duck, to the delight of children of all ages. Claude will be best remembered, however, for his sharp wit and vast repertoire of jokes.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Elmirle Whitely Kohler, his son Kendal Kohler, and his sister Lynn Kohler Bowers. He is survived by his daughters Karly Alexandra Kohler and Antonia Cornelia Aleman; grandchildren Matthew and Lillian Aleman; and his companion and soulmate of 34 years,

Peter Lahdenpera (ski and Snowboard/biathlon, 1960, 1964, 1972)

Peter Lahdenpera died on July 3, 2019, at the age of 83.

Peter came to the U.S. in 1948 with his mother and siblings from Helsinki following his father, an officer with the Finnish army who managed to escape capture by authorities pursuing him for his leadership role in the 1945 Finnish Weapons Cache Case.

After graduation from Fitchburg High School in Massachusetts, he attended Middlebury College in Vermont as a member of the cross-country ski team, he won numerous races and earned All-American accolades. After graduating in 1959, he became an officer stationed at the U.S. Army’s Modern Winter Biathlon Training Center in Alaska and eventually competed on the U.S. cross-country and biathlon teams at multiple world championships, as well as on the 1960, 1964 and 1972 Olympic teams in both biathlon and cross-country. No other participant has ever managed to qualify on multiple teams at the same Olympic Winter Games and Peter did so twice – in 1960 and again in 1964. Peter's contributions to the sport of biathlon over several decades included coaching, development and administration leading to his induction into the U.S. Biathlon Association’s Hall of Fame in 2019.

Peter married Susanne Bildstein in 1960 and had two children over a fifteen-year marriage.

In 1963, Peter and Susanne co-founded the Alpine Haus sporting goods company in Fort Collins, Colorado, a store that introduced thousands of residents to alpine activities that eventually grew to include several shops in Colorado and Wyoming as well as a sporting goods distribution network. Later, he ran a division of Gart Brothers Sporting Goods and served on the Gart Brothers Board of Directors. Over the years, he was involved in multiple sporting goods-related ventures including Alpen Court Limited, On the Move – a women’s active wear store chain – and Promats, a sporting goods safety mat company, among others.

Peter is survived by his sister Enja Borgmann, daughter Heather Lahdenpera, and two grandchildren, Evan and Cade Shortridge. He was predeceased by his father and mother Erkki and Ellie Lahdenpera (Sotisaari), his son Erik, his former wife Susanne, and brother Veijo “Boyd” Lahdenpera.

Eric Emil Lindroth (water polo, 1972, 1980)

Eric Lindroth died on June 17, 2019, at the age of 67.

Eric Lindroth was a member of the University of California, Los Angeles, water polo team that earned the NCAA title in 1969 and 1971. Between these two championships, he made his international debut in 1970. He graduated from UCLA in 1973 with a degree in physical education.

Eric was the youngest member of the 1972 U.S. Men's Olympic Water Polo Team that won a bronze medal, the first medal for Team USA in 40 years. He won in water polo at every level, from a CIF championship in high school at Newport Harbor High School in Newport Beach, California, to multiple NCAA championships at UCLA to a variety of
medals won internationally with Team USA.

Eric played for Team USA from 1970-1983, earning multiple Pan American Games medals. Domestically, he won nine AAU senior national outdoor titles, all part of a storied career in the pool.

Steven Allen Maaranen (cycling, 1968)

Steven Maaranen died on June 16, 2019, at the age of 72.

Steve, son of Matt Olie Maaranen and Odessa Pearl (Vick) Maaranen, was born in Santa Maria, California and raised in Portland, Oregon. After attending Claremont Men's College, Steve served in the Army as second lieutenant. Following his military service, he spent two years in England finishing the research needed to complete his Ph.D. in political science.

A cyclist from a young age, Steve was a two-time track cycling national champion in the 10-mile event and competed in Mexico City as a member of the 1968 Olympic Cycling team for the four-man pursuit.

After marrying in Portland in 1969, Steve and his wife moved to Los Alamos, New Mexico, in 1980 where he worked for the Los Alamos National Lab. In his later years, Steve enjoyed family trips to the Oregon coast, copious amounts of candy and sweets, and continuing his love of research by digging into his Finnish heritage.

Steve leaves his wife of 49 years, Denise Corine (Hinton) Maaranen; daughters Emma Alexandra Maaranen and Sara Jane Maaranen; and siblings Deanna Jaques and Michael Maaranen. He is preceded in death by his daughter Amanda Ann Maaranen.

Lowell Orton North (sailing, 1964, 1968)

Lowell North died on June 2, 2019, at the age of 89.

In both the 1964 and 1968 Olympic Games, Lowell was the helmsman on the medal-winning boats. In Tokyo Bay in 1964, he had Charlie Rogers and Dick Deaver as his crew, while at Acapulco in 1968 he partnered with Peter Barrett in the star class. Partly for his Olympic gold medal performance, North was voted the Martini & Rossi Award as 1968 Yachtsman of the Year.

Lowell was a University of California, Berkeley, graduate and four-time world champion in the star class. The 1968 win was particularly satisfying because it came over the legendary Dane Paul Elvstrø, who had beaten him at two previous world championships. In 1977, North skippered the boat Enterprise at the America's Cup Trials.

As an aeronautic/aerospace engineer, Lowell knew he could build a better sail through rigorous testing and incremental improvement. His methodical and scientific approach to sailmaking changed the industry forever, and it also helped him win Star World Championship titles and a gold medal at the 1968 Olympic Games. The foundation laid by Lowell in 1957 has permanently shaped the culture of North Sails, an international sailmaking company.

Lowell sold North Sails in 1984 and retired from sailmaking. He continued to sail, racing his boat Sleeper for many years, as well as cruising the Pacific.

Thomas O’Hara (track & field, 1964)

Thomas O’Hara died on August 27, 2019, at the age of 77.

Tom was a middle-distance runner. He was the first native of the state of Illinois to break the four-minute barrier for the mile run when he ran 3:59.4 in 1963. Tom also held the world record for the fastest mile in indoor track, which was set when he ran 3:56.6 in February 1964. He beat that record on March 6 of the same year with a time of 3:56.4, a world record that stood for fourteen years.

At Chicago’s St. Ignatius College Prep High School, Tom was a star runner on the school’s cross-country and track and field teams, often running and winning the quarter mile, half mile, mile and mile relay in a single meet. He was a member of the Loyola University Chicago track, cross-country and indoor track teams. He was the individual champion of NCAA Division I men’s cross country in 1962.

Tom competed at the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964, running the men’s 1,500-meter event for Team USA.

Tom is the beloved husband of 53 years of Joan nee Schorr; loving father of Thomas W. (Susan), Michael K. (Alyson), Noreen D. (Christopher) Bolsoni, and Anne O. (Christopher) McPartlin; fond grandfather of Brittany, Thomas D., Sean USMC, Ethan, Charles, Finnian,
Leo, Dean, Maeve, Rowan and Renn; and dear brother of Noreen Bubalo, Michael, Patricia (Buzz) Bocher, and the late John and the late Mary Ellen.

**John Petroske**
(ice hockey, 1956)

John Petroske died on July 30, 2019, at the age of 84.

Jack was a member of the Hibbing High School Hockey Team starting in eighth grade and was instrumental in the team winning its first State High School Hockey Title as a senior in 1952. Jack was selected to the All-Tournament Team and posted a tournament-best 11 points in three games. His eight assists remained a tournament record for the next 15 years. His play in the tournament was recognized in 2019 as one of the top 100 performances in the tournament’s 75-year history.

Following high school, Jack received a scholarship to play hockey at the University of Minnesota. He was awarded the Minnesota “M” Award in 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957, when he served as captain of the team and was selected team MVP. While at the university, Jack was summoned to play for the United States at the Olympic Winter Games Cortina d’Ampezzo 1956. The team finished in second place and took home the Olympic silver medal.

Jack subsequently retired from hockey, returned to Hibbing, and began a long-distinguished career in business, as owner of Range Industrial Supply. He retired as owner of the company in 1988 after 30 successful years. He was an avid outdoorsman and was a 50-year member of the famed Mississippi Hilton Hunting & Fishing Camp on Lake Winnibigoshish.

Jack is preceded in death by his father Walter (Babe) Petroske, mother Arlyne Petroske, sister Margaret Erickson, and his beloved daughter Ann.

He is survived by wife Elizabeth; sister Mary Clare (Ted) Renfors; sons Michael (Cindy) Petroske, Thomas (Mary) Petroske, and David (Jennifer) Petroske. He is also survived by grandchildren Jennifer, Susan, Alex, Kyle Petroske, Christy Razavi and Tyler Bjick.

**Archie V. Roboostoff**
(soccer, 1972)

Archie Roboostoff died on July 29, 2019, at the age of 67.

Archie was born in Shanghai, China, as the youngest of six children to Vincent and Zoia Roboostoff. He moved to the United States at an early age where he attended Westmore High School in Daly City, California, and later attended both Skyline College in San Bruno, California and the University of San Francisco.

In 1971, Archie, who was then affiliated with the Concordia Athletic Club in San Francisco, was selected to play for the U.S. Men’s National Soccer Team at the Olympic Games Munich 1972. Following the Olympic Games, he continued playing for the U.S. national team where he played in seven international matches. Archie joined the North American Soccer League (NASL) as a forward for the San Jose Earthquakes (1974-1975) and subsequently played for the San Diego Jaws (1976), the Portland Timbers (1977-1978) and the Oakland Stompers (1978). During his 103-game professional soccer career, he scored 20 goals and recorded 19 assists. Archie was a member of the 1975 San Jose team that won the NASL indoor championship where he scored three goals against Tampa Bay. Archie, along with his brothers Constantin and Alex, was inducted into the Daly City Police Athletic League Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

Following his professional soccer career, he worked in a variety of professions before becoming a wine maker which allowed him to spend time with the two great loves of his life: his family and soccer. Archie continued playing competitive soccer well into his sixties.

Archie is survived by his children, Archie Roboostoff, Krista Fenske; his son and daughter in law Corey Fenske and Megan McDow; his extended family, Amanda Splinter, Josh and Jordan Splinter; and was affectionally known as “Silly Grandpa” to Kylie, Cole, Samantha, Micah, Avery and Liana.

**David Sawyier**
(rowing, 1972)

David Sawyier died on June 10, 2019 at the age of 68.

David was the beloved husband of Peggy (Barton) for forty years; dear father of their two children, Timothy and Anne; son of the late Calvin Sawyier
and the late Fay Horton; brother of Terry Straus, Michael, and Stephen. David was a partner at the Chicago law firm Sidley Austin for over 34 years.

A graduate of St. Mark’s School (Southborough, Massachusetts), Harvard College, Christ Church Oxford, and Harvard Law School, David clerked for Judge George MacKinnon on the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., before joining Sidley; there, he founded the firm’s private investment funds practice in the late 1980s, and subsequently expanded it to both coasts and later to Europe and Asia. In 2013, he was named Best Lawyer’s Private Funds/Hedge Funds “Lawyer of the Year” (Chicago). David also served as a model and mentor of client care at Sidley.

David was captain of both the Harvard and Oxford crews and represented the United States in the 1971 World Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark, and the Olympic Games Munich 1972.

David was a devoted supporter of the musical, athletic, and academic endeavors and achievements of both of his children.

Michael F. Troy (swimming, 1960)

Michael Troy died on August 3, 2019 at the age of 78.

In 1958, Mike graduated from Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. A native of Indianapolis and graduate of Indiana University with a B.S. in marketing, Mike was a team member of the Indiana University swim dynasty under coach “Doc” Counsilman. He was a world record holder in three events. At the Olympic Games Rome 1960, he won an individual gold medal in the 200-meter butterfly and swam on the gold medal 800-meter freestyle relay, both in world record times. He was featured on the August 1960 Sports Illustrated cover.

After college, Mike proudly served his country as a Naval officer in the Underwater Demolition Team, precursor to the elite SEAL teams (UDT/SEALs). He was nominated for a Silver Star for valor in combat in Vietnam.

Mike was elected to the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1971 and was a charter member of the Indiana University Athletic Hall of Fame. He coached in Coronado and Walnut Creek, California, before moving to Arizona in 1990 to coach the Tempe Rio Salado Swim Team. He served as the national director of the U.S. Paralympic swim team as well as chairman of the International Section of the Olympic Committee and vice president of the American Swimming Coaches of America.

In 1996, Mike founded the Gold Medal Swim School in Chandler, Arizona, with three students and a dream that every child would learn to swim...Over a half million lessons later, his dream and legacy live on. In 2004, he was named National Teacher of the Year by the United States Swim School Association. In 2004, Mike purchased the Smokey Row Family Swim Club in Carmel, Indiana, which is currently operated by his niece and nephews.

Mike is survived by his wife, Suzanne, stepson Matt Benedict, and his niece and nephews. In retirement, Mike and Suzanne enjoyed entertaining family and friends at their beach home in Puerto Penasco, Mexico.

One of Mike’s best friends, his former teammate George Quigley, wrote this in tribute of his friend.

I am not sure what it is that builds such strong bonds among swimmers. Perhaps it is the years of diving in cold, super chlorinated water at 5 a.m. with only the suggestion of a brief swimming suit for protection and then exhausting oneself before going to school or work, but they develop. Those of us who began to swim with Mike Troy as teenagers retain that bond today. We are now 78-81 years old and our friendship is as strong as ever.

Mike was our Pied Piper. He has been the epicenter of our continuing friendship for decades. His outgoing personality, loyalty and eagerness to venture into new areas have made our lives much more interesting than we could ever have imagined 65 years ago.

My hope is that future generations of swimmers will have their Mike Troy’s. In the famous words of the Grateful Dead, “what a long, strange trip it’s been.” May he rest in peace.

Mike was the son of the late Helen and Edward J. Troy and was preceded in death by his loving brother, Jim Troy.

Pernell “Sweet Pea” Whitaker, Sr. (boxing, 1984)

Pernell Whitaker died on July 14, 2019 at the age of 55.

Pernell graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1982 and later received an honorary bachelor’s degree from Norfolk State University. His humble beginnings started in Youngs Park Housing Community where he was inspired to start his boxing career. He became an American Professional Boxer in 1984 after he won
the gold medal at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 1984. He went on to become a four-weight world champion and is considered, without a doubt, the best pound-for-pound boxer. Pernell was inducted into several halls of fame, including the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Hampton Roads Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

Outside of the ring, Sweet Pea served his community and the youth in everything that he did. He sponsored many events at Norfolk State University and spent countless hours training youth at boxing camps and gyms. He also spoke at city council meetings on behalf of the residents in support of community improvements.

Pernell is preceded in death by his father, Raymond Whitaker, Sr. and son, Pernell Whitaker Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory a daughter, Tiara Mizelle (Lenard); three sons, Domonique Whitaker, Donavtious Whitaker, and Devon Whitaker; four grandchildren, Trinity Mizelle, Donavtious Whitaker Jr., Tristyn Mizelle and ZoraReign Whitaker; two brothers, Raymond Whitaker Jr. and Raynell Whitaker; four sisters, Zelda Whitaker, Sylvia Whitaker, Lucinda Manley and Monique Williams; along with six aunts, one uncle and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Joe Pete went to school in Lake Placid and spent summers in Keene working for the family business. He graduated from LPHS and attended St. Lawrence University, then spent a post-grad year at Vermont Academy before enlisting in the Army. In 1960, he competed in the Olympic Games in Squaw Valley, California, after helping develop the Nordic facilities that were needed for the competition. Sports, and skiing especially, were the major motivators in Joe Pete's life. He raced cars, parachuted, enjoyed scuba diving, skied all over the world, bobsledded, rode horses, played polo, and even owned a hang glider when they were popular. He was also known far and wide for the stories he told (some of which were even true) and his cache of (inappropriate) jokes.

The fact that Joe Pete passed away peacefully at his age is a testament to his tough spirit and lust for life. In 2009, he fell off his horse in a terrible accident during a race at the Bark Eater. At the hospital, the doctor was confused by the X-ray. He said there were so many old broken ribs, partially healed broken ribs, and new broken ribs, that he couldn't be too specific about which was the most recent injury, so he would just treat them all. His seven most recent broken ribs occurred during a fall this summer after spending the day helping daughter Katie excavate a driveway.

Joe Pete spent much of his career promoting the sport of Nordic skiing, coaching skiing, and running his business, the Bark Eater Inn and Ski Touring Center. In the early days of constructing the Jackrabbit Trail, he and his crew chain-sawed and bulldozed the very trail we enjoy now.

His many accomplishments have been recounted elsewhere, but some of the things he was most proud of were his participation in the Olympic movement as an athlete and coach, development and promotion of Nordic skiing in North America, and his memberships in both the St. Lawrence Ski Hall of Fame and Lake Placid Ski Hall of Fame. He was also fiercely proud to be from the Lake Placid/Adirondack region and carried that sentiment through his final days.

Paul Louis Winder (track & field, 1960)

Paul Winder died on June 20, 2019 at the age of 81.

A graduate of Morgan State University, Paul was a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He has been recognized as one of Morgan State's greatest track athletes. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team for Rome 1960. He was also All Marine Track and Field during his military stint.

Paul was the proud father of three children, two of whom preceded him in death. Paul Jr. died in 2017 and Keith died in March of this year. His daughter, Noelle Winder Newman, resides in Baltimore, Maryland, with her family. Paul has a precious grandson, Greyson, and a beautiful granddaughter, Nilah, who both brought much joy to his life.
In September, U.S. Women’s National Team star and two-time FIFA Women’s World Cup champion Ali Krieger attended the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Foundation’s 2019 Annual Meeting, which showcased Team USA’s journey to Tokyo 2020.

“We were excited to have Ali in attendance to speak with foundation leadership about her experiences and the impact of support from the Team Behind the Team,” said Christine Walshe, chief development officer at the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee. Krieger participated in a question-and-answer session and interacted with guests at a barbeque following the meeting, sharing her stories from the national team’s World Cup win in July. Fellow teammate and coach won the top FIFA award:


2. Kenny Moore (track & field 1968, '72) was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame on September 24, 2019. Joining in on his celebration is Clem Eischen (track & field, 1948) on the right and Jack Elder (luge, 1972) on the left.

3. Mimi Kellogg Lyman and Carol Brown – both members of the 1976 Olympic Rowing Team were recently gathered with members of the Annapolis Girls Rowing Club to christen their new girl’s eight. The choice of the name Montreal ’76 was to honor the women who came before them and paved the way in the sport. 1976 was the first time women’s rowing was included in the Olympic program.

4. Dr. Rochelle Stevens (track & field, 1992, 1996) and Olympic champion was honored at the Inaugural Memphis Sports Hall of Fame on October 10, 2019 at the AutoZone Park, Memphis Tenn. “I am honored to accept this prestigious award from the Memphis Sports Hall of Fame,” said the 1996 Olympic champion and celebrated inductee.
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