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## **US Speedskating Announces 2016-17 National Training Program**

*This season's program features 10 U.S. Olympians*

**KEARNS, Utah** – US Speedskating announced the 2016-17 National Training Program today. The year's talented group of 30 athletes features 10 Olympians, including four-time World Champion **Brittany Bowe** (Ocala, FL), three-time Olympic medalist **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, WA), 2010 Olympic silver medalist **Brian Hansen** (Glenview, IL) and 2014 Olympic silver medalist **Chris Creveling** (Kitnersville, PA).

The National Training Program is an elite group of 30 female and male athletes who are selected to the team based on performance standards from the 2015-16 season.

Joining Bowe on the Long Track National Team are fellow Olympians **Jonathan Garcia** (Houston, TX), **Joey Mantia** (Ocala, FL), **Sugar Todd** (Omaha, NE), **Mitch Whitmore** (Waukesha, WI) and **Kelly Gunther** (Clinton Township, MI). Hansen returns to the training program following a two-year break to attend the University of Colorado.

Also rejoining the training program is **Mia Manganello** (Crestview, FL), who has spent the last six years competing as a professional cyclist. The lone long track rookie is **Briana Kramer** (Orlando, FL), who was the 2015-16 US Speedskating AmCup Overall Champion.

"We are extremely excited for the upcoming season. We have a lot talent and depth on both Teams," said **Nick Pearson**, Long Track Program Director. "The Team is focused, ready to go and looking to build upon last year's success, as we head into the the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games and beyond."

**Jessica Smith-Kooreman** (Melvindale, MI) joins Celski and Creveling as veteran Olympians on for the short track team. Other returning National Team members include 2016 World Championship Team members **Keith Carroll Jr.** (Honey Brook, PA), **Kimi Goetz** (Flemington, NJ) and **Aaron Tran** (Federal Way, WA). Also returning to the program is **Lexi Burkholder** (Pittsburgh, PA), **Adam Callister** (Salt Lake City, UT), **Casey Mullarkey** (Cleveland, OH) and **Kristen Santos** (Fairfield, CT).

"We have a great core of skaters returning from last year's National Team roster," High Performance Director **Guy Thibault** said. "This group has built a strong bond and they are committed to each other and this program as they focus on athletic success at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang."

The complete Short Track and Long Track National Team Program roster (in alphabetical order) is listed below and can be found [online](#):

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## **SHORT TRACK (12)**

Lexi Burkholder  
Adam Callister  
Keith Carroll Jr.  
J.R. Celski  
Chris Creveling  
Kimi Goetz  
Thomas Hong \*  
Casey Mullarkey  
Kristen Santos  
April Shin \*  
Jessica Smith-Kooreman  
Aaron Tran

## **LONG TRACK (18)**

Erin Bartlett  
Brittany Bowe  
Jonathan Garcia  
Kimani Griffin  
Kelly Gunther  
Brian Hansen  
Steven Hartman  
Briana Kramer \*  
Mia Manganello  
Joey Mantia  
Xander Mark  
Ian Quinn  
Kyle Ronchak  
Carlijn Schoutens  
Paige Schwartzburg  
Jerica Tandiman  
Sugar Todd  
Mitch Whitmore

*\* denotes first-year NTP member*

The men and women's Short Track World Cup Team Qualifier will be held Oct. 1-2 in Kearns, Utah at the Utah Olympic Oval. The Long Track World Cup Team Qualifier will be Oct. 14-16 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Pettit National Ice Center.

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### **About US Speedskating**

From Pond to Podium, we are US Speedskating. We grow and nurture a sport where all ages can experience the thrill of speed and the camaraderie of the skating community. US Speedskating is responsible for the development of speed skating from grassroots to the highest elite racing programs. US Speedskating is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union as the governing body for the sport of speed skating in the United States. The Organization has won 86 Olympic medals to-date, making it one of the most successful sports in U.S. Olympic history. US Speedskating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), on [Facebook](#) and at [www.usspeedskating.org](http://www.usspeedskating.org).

# 2016-17 NATIONAL TEAM: SHORT TRACK



Name	Hometown	@Twitter	Instagram
Lexi Burkholder	Pittsburgh, Pa.	@Lexiburk95	lexi_burkholder
Adam Callister	Salt Lake City, Utah		adamcallister1
Keith Carroll Jr.	Honey Brook, Pa.	@keithcarrolljr	keith.carrolljr
J.R. Celski	Federal Way, Wash.	@jrcelski	celskeet
Chris Creveling	Kitnersville, Pa.	@TophCrev	tophcrev
Kimi Goetz	Flemington, N.J.	@kimigoetz	kimigoetz
Thomas Hong	Laurel, Md.		thomasxhong
Casey Mullarkey	Cleveland, Oh.	@c_mullarkey_	c_mullarkey_
Kristen Santos	Fairfield, Conn.		kristensantos
April Shin	Rockville, Md.	@Supershin414	aprilshiin
Jessica Smith-Kooreman	Melvindale, Mich.	@TheJessicaSmith	thejessicasmithkooreman
Aaron Tran	Federal Way, Wash.	@AaronVaughnTran	aarontran96

## COACHING STAFF

**High Performance Director:** Guy Thibault

**National Team Men's Coach:** Anthony Barthell

**National Team Women's Coach:** Alex Izykowski

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Karen Ocwieja

# 2016-17 NATIONAL TEAM: LONG TRACK



## NATIONAL SPRINT TEAM

Name	Hometown	@Twitter	Instagram
Brittany Bowe	Ocala, Fla.	@BrittanyBowe	brittanybowe
Jonathan Garcia	Houston, Texas	@jagarcia23	jagarcia_23
Kimani Griffin	Winston-Salem, N.C.	@KSGriff90	kgrieff90
Joey Mantia	Ocala, Fla.	@jrmantia	joeymantia
Xander Mark	Pennsburg, Pa.	@Xander_Mark	xanderm89
Paige Schwartzburg	Ocala, Fla.		schwartzburg
Jerica Tandiman	Kearns, Utah	@jLanTan	jlantan
Sugar Todd	Omaha, Neb.	@sugarmotion	srft
Mitch Whitmore	Waukesha, Wisc.	@WhitmoreUSA	whitmoreusa

## NATIONAL ALLROUND TEAM

Name	Hometown	@Twitter	Instagram
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Kelly Gunther	Clinton Township, Mich.	@KellyAGunther	thekellygunther
Brian Hansen	Glenview, Ill.	@BrianTHansen	brianthansen
Steven Hartman	Falcon Heights, Minn.	@Hartman95Steven	stevlinhartman
Briana Kramer	Orlando, Fla.	@BriBriKramer	brianakayes
Mia Manganello	Crestview, Fla.	@mnmango89	mnmango89
Ian Quinn	St. Louis, Mo.	@quinn_ian	ian_quinn99
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Carlijn Schoutens	Heemstede, Netherlands	@Carlijn	carlijn_12

## COACHING STAFF

**High Performance Director:** Guy Thibault

**Long Track Program Director:** Nick Pearson

**National Sprint Team Head Coach:** Matt Kooreman

**National Allround Team Head Coach:** Tom Cushman

**Sprint Team Head Athletic Trainer:** Fikre Wondafrash