



Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame

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Olympic & Paralympic Games- Swimming

Mike West has provided us some insight as an Olympian and voiced his feelings about this Summer's Games:

"It was so exciting to watch the Canadian team swim with such confidence. We've been through some lean years with respect to medals for Canadian swimmers at the Olympics, it is so validating to see our swimmers get to the podium, and win gold medals - way to go Penny.

Overall I'm feeling really hopeful about the future of Canadian swimming - I get the sense that the team feels like they actually belong at the party.

Hilary Caldwell said it so confidently after her 200 back - that reaching the podium was now "normal" for Canadian swimmers - and I think this is such a shift in thinking for our swimmers.

When I swam in 1984 it wasn't "if" you made the podium, it was where on the podium you would be standing. And that is the feeling that I think is spreading through our Canadian team after Rio - our swimmers now have the confidence to not only compete with the best in the world, but to also contend for medals, including gold medals, at the international stage.

So excited for what's ahead for our swimmers."



Congratulations Ontario Swimmers on Olympic & Paralympic Teams

2016 Olympic Team:

Javier Acevedo (MAC)
Ashton Baumann *
(Ottawa)
Dominique Bouchard
(OAK)
Santo Condorelli (Kenora)
Mack Darragh (OAK)
Kennedy Goss * (GGST)
Audrey Lacroix (ANM)
Brittany Maclean (ESWIM)
Sandrine Mainville
(CAMO)
Kylie Masse (WEST/UT)
Martha McCabe (TSC)
Penny Oleksiak (TSC)
Erika Seltenreich-
Hodgson (GO)
Evan VanMoerkerke
(GMAC)
Michelle Williams (NYAC)
Chantal Van Landeghem
(TSC)

2016 Paralympic Team:

Alexander Elliot (ROW)
Devin Gotell (LAC)
Gordie Michie (STJJ)
Nydia Langill (Ducks)
Tess Routliffe (DSSC)
Abi Tripp (Y Penguins)

* Proud to give kudos to Ashton and Kennedy who have parents in the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame

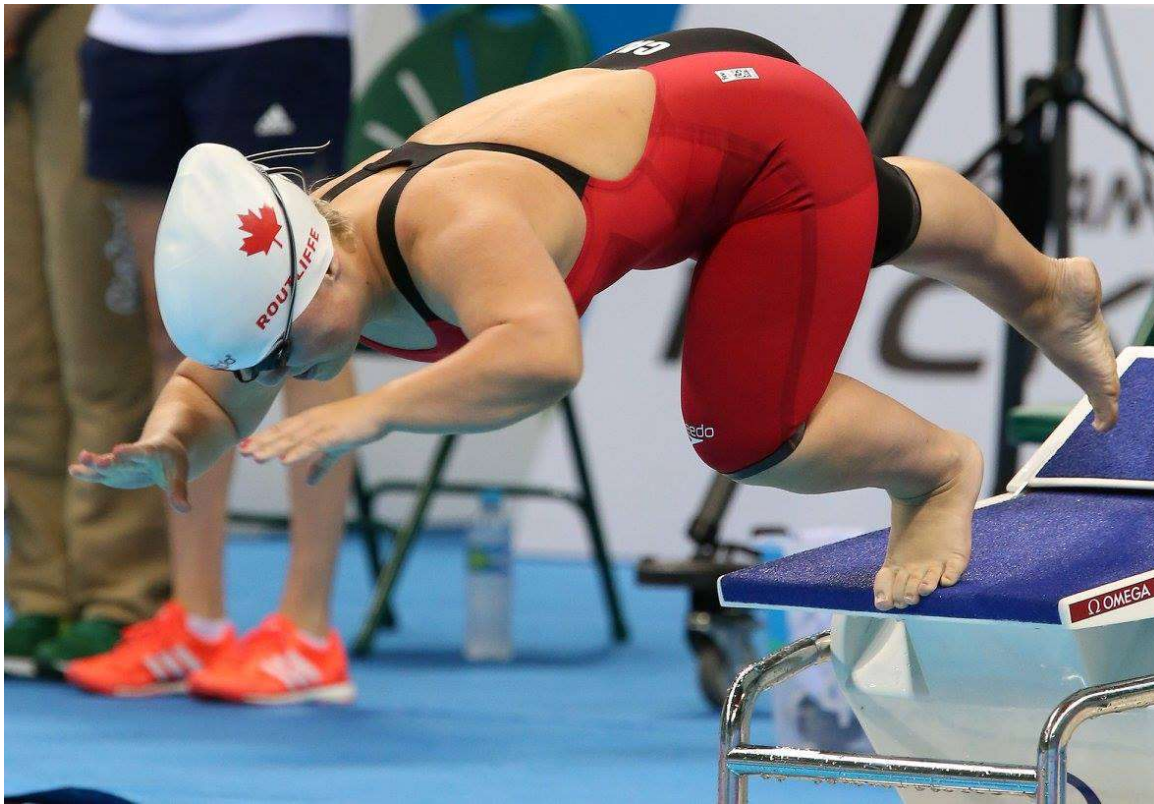
Vicki Keith provides some great insight into both the Paralympic and the Olympic Games:

“Having the opportunity to travel to Rio to witness the Paralympics was an awesome opportunity. The pride that I felt each time a Canadian athlete paraded onto the pool deck was intense. But the thing that impacted me the most as a coach, was how often something happened, where moments before it was perceived impossible.

We all witnessed and were touched by the unbelievable performances by Penny Oleksiak at the Olympics, but the phenomenon continued at the Paralympics.

Maybe not quite as dramatically, but Penny proved to every Olympian and Paralympian that nothing is impossible. Each Paralympian dove into the pool with this intense belief.

The best examples of this were when 17 year old Tess Routliffe reached deeper than ever, winning a silver medal in the 200 IM and setting 4 new Canadian records, and when 15 year old Abi Tripp became the youngest Canadian athlete to make a final, then continued forward to compete in 4 finals and set 2 Canadian records.”



“It was fun to watch these two athletes as well as Camille Berube, Alec Elliot Devon Gotell, Nydia Langill and Gordie Michie chase their dreams.

It must be awesome to walk onto the deck to the roar of the people in the stands and know that you are one of the best athletes in the world and that you are representing one of the most respected country's in the world.

Some of our athletes set Canadian records, many set personal best times, but they all returned home with the pride that comes when you pour your heart into the pool.”



On behalf of the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame, we would like to congratulate the swimmers who competed for Canada at the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2016 !

Theirs were truly Great performances !

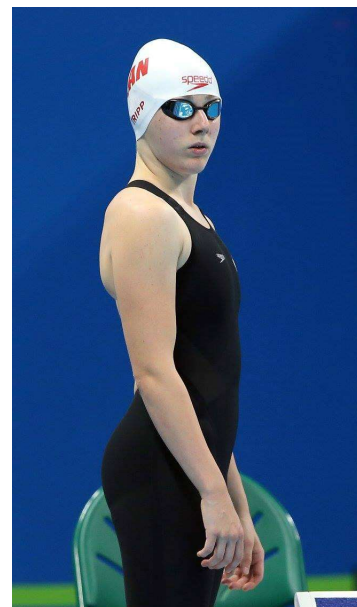
“As a coach, I was reminded again, that it's not only about; technique, time, science and training. It's about heart, and passion, and believing in the impossible even when science suggests it can't be done.”

Anne Ottenbrite-Muylaert expressed her feeling of these Olympic Games:

“It was an amazing Olympics! To see the closeness and team oriented focus I could not help but feel an emotional tie to the games I participated in.

The success helped to fuel a nation.”

“I know this will inspire a new generation of youth to be fearless and empowered in the sport we know and love!! ♥ So proud!”



Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Inductees for 2016

Vicki Keith's comments on October's Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Inductions:

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jennifer Fratesi and Gordon Kerr's family for their presence at the awards ceremony and to acknowledge their and Stephanie Dixon's gift to our sport.

It's an honour to welcome each of these awesome athletes to the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame. I am always humbled when I read the list of athletes and builders within these walls and all that they have achieved. This induction ceremony was no exception.

I would like to thank each of them for their years of dedication to our sport and welcome them to our Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame family.

I hope they will consider choosing a couple of treasured pieces of memorabilia from their swimming experiences and share it with the OAHOF, so that young and old can be inspired by their achievements.”

Inductions (3) were held at the 2016 Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame (OAHOF) celebration:

Pioneer Swimmer Gordon Kerr was inducted posthumously. Swimmers Stephanie Dixon and Jennifer Fratesi were formally admitted to the Hall.

The event was held on October 1, 2016 at the Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel.



"To recognize and honour those persons who made outstanding contributions to aquatic Sport in Canada"

Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame Inductees

2016

Stephanie Dixon - Swimmer
Jennifer Fratesi - Swimmer
Gordon Kerr – Builder

2015

Keith Beavers - Swimmer
Mike Brown - Swimmer
Herb DeBray – Builder

2014

25th Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame
Celebration – No new inductees

2013

Danielle Campo - Swimmer
Ken Fitzpatrick - Swimmer
Ruth Kerr - Pioneer Swimmer

2012

Jen Button - Swimmer
Owen von Richter - Swimmer
Liz Warden – Swimmer

2011

Karin Helmstaedt - Swimmer
Marian Sweetnam – Builder

2010

Laura Nicholls - Swimmer
Dave Heinbuch - Swimmer/Builder
Sid & Marni Tatham - Diving

2009

Eddie Parenti - Swimmer
Julie Howard – Swimmer
Robert Braknis – Swimmer

2008

Mojca Cater - Swimmer
Elisabeth Walker - Swimmer
Jane Wright - Swimmer

2007

Peter Ward - Swimmer
Cheryl McArton-Ward - Swimmer
Jill Horstead - Swimmer

2006

Joanne Malar - Swimmer
Jim Shaw - Swimmer
Lea Bredschneider - Builder
(Swimming)

2005

William Kennedy - Swimmer
Tom Pinckard - Builder (Swimming)

2004

Gerry Thomas - Builder (Swimming)
John Jaremey - Swimmer
David Shemilt - Swimmer
Sam Di Pietro - Builder (Water Polo)
Gaye Stratten - Builder (Swimming)

2003

Fred Rams - Bob Secord Award
Kathy Bald - Swimmer
Stephen Clarke - Swimmer
Carlos Costa – Swimmer
Lori Melien - Swimmer
Robert Campbell – Builder
(Swimming)

2002

James Hood - Builder (Swimming)
Kathy Richardson-Dingley - Swimmer
Patty Thompson-Bogumil - Swimmer
Tom Watson - Builder (Water Polo)

2001

Ben Gazel - Pioneer Swimmer
Cindy Ounpuu-Yelle - Swimmer
Jocelyn Muir-Saunders - Swimmer
Paul Pottier - Athlete Water Polo
Gary Anderson - Swimmer

2000

George Duthie - Bob Secord Award
George Burleigh - Pioneer Swimmer
Paul Meronen - Builder (Swimming)
Virginia Grant-Ridpath - Swimmer
David McClintock - Athlete Water Polo
Lisa Flood - Swimmer
Blair Hicken - Swimmer

1999

Dr. Paul Hauch - Distinguished Service
Larry Tapp - Distinguished Service
Dave Stirrup - Distinguished Service
Gerry Thomas - Distinguished Service
Thomas Pinckard - Distinguished Service
Rob Campbell - Distinguished Service
Doris Ogilvie-Bodrug - Pioneer Diver
Nancy Robertson-Brawley - Diver
Winnie Roach-Leuszler - Swimmer
Claus Bredschneider - Swimmer
Nancy Sweetnam - Swimmer
Roy Gunell - Athlete/Builder (Water Polo)
Alex Cranfield Sinclair - Builder (Swimming)
Margaret Hutton - Pioneer Swimmer

1998

Rosemary Dawson - Bob Secord Award
Buck Dawson - Bob Secord Award
Matt Mann II - Bob Secord Award
Heather Gifford-Seaman - Athlete/Builder (Water Polo)
Janice Gilbey - Athlete Builder (Water Polo)
Sean Murphy - Swimmer
Joann Baker-Anderson - Swimmer
Allison Higson - Swimmer

1997

Fred Rams - Founder
Alexander Duff - Pioneer Builder (Swimming)
George Gross Jr. - Athlete/Builder (Water Polo)
Reema Abdo - Swimmer
Philip Mindorff - Swimmer
Marcel Gery - Swimmer

1996

George Young - Pioneer Swimmer
Beverley Boys - Diver
Jennifer Campbell - Swimmer
Sandy Goss - Swimmer
Tom Hainey - Swimmer
Jane Kerr - Swimmer
Larry Tapp - Builder (Swimming)
David Hart - Athlete/Builder (Water Polo)

1995

Barry Nye - Bob Secord Award
Harry Class - Pioneer Diver
Louise Kennedy - Swimmer
Stephane Lecours - Swimmer
Michelle Macpherson - Swimmer
Mike West - Swimmer
Cressy McCatty - Builder (Swimming)
John Richardson - Builder (Swimming)
Robert Thompson - Athlete/Builder (Water Polo)

1994

Alf Phillips - Pioneer Diver
Betty Edwards - Pioneer Swimmer
William Puddy - Pioneer Swimmer
Sara Barber - Swimmer
Marilyn Corson - Swimmer
Clifford Barry - Builder (Swimming)

1993

Irene Pirie - Pioneer Swimmer
Bob Pirie - Pioneer Swimmer
Dr. Jenő Tihanyi - Builder (Swimming)
Dan Thompson - Swimmer
Cindy Nicholas - Swimmer
Cliff Lumsdon - Swimmer
Vicki Keith - Swimmer
Marilyn Bell - Swimmer

1992

Angela Coughlan - Swimmer
Carol Klimpel - Swimmer
George Larson - Pioneer Swimmer
Gus Ryder - Pioneer Builder

1991

Bill Sawchuck - Swimmer
Byron MacDonald - Swimmer
Harry Class - Pioneer Builder
Tommy Walker - Pioneer Builder
Nick Thierry - Builder (Swimming)

1990

Alex Baumann - Swimmer
Victor Davis - Swimmer
Anne Ottenbrite - Swimmer
Dr. Paul Hauch - Builder
(Swimming)
Jack McCormick - Pioneer Builder
Michael Nagy - Builder (Swimming)
Jimmy Thompson - Pioneer Builder



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Showcases: we are looking for additional memorabilia – any HOF member who would like to donate or lend memorabilia to display at the Etobicoke Olympium may contact Nicole Parent nicole@swimontario.com or one of the board members (listed on website) to make arrangements.

Nominations: submitting nominations with a link to the form and criteria is on the website

Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame website

www.swimontario.com/page.php?id=1648