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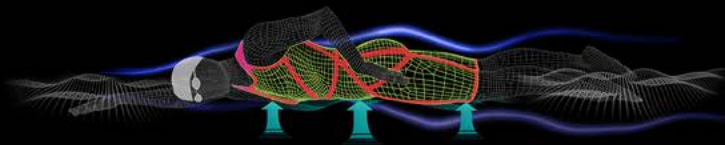
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# EVENT

## SCHEDULE

**5:00 p.m.**

Reception

**7:00 p.m.**

Presentation of 2023 World  
Aquatics Championships Team  
Male Race of the Year  
Female Race of the Year  
Breakout Performer of the Year

**7:45 p.m.**

Dinner

**8:30 p.m.**

Live Auction Begins  
Relay Performance of the Year  
Foundation Impact Award  
USA Swimming Impact Award  
Coach of the Year  
Perseverance Award  
Alumni of the Year  
Fran Crippen Open Water  
Swimmer of the Year  
Male Athlete of the Year  
Female Athlete of the Year

**10:00 p.m.**

Online Auction Ends



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# WELCOME

## LETTER

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to welcome you to the 20th annual Golden Goggle Awards in Los Angeles, California. Southern California has a proud tradition of fast swimming, and our sights are set on hosting the world's best here in a few short years for the LA 2028 Olympic Games.

We do not take for granted the opportunity to come together to celebrate, and this year we recognize the standout performances of our U.S. team that once again topped the medal count at the 2023 World Aquatics Swimming Championships in Fukuoka, Japan with 38 medals (7 gold, 20 silver, 11 bronze) – 13 more than any other competing federation.

And while we are honored to have most of the incredible swimmers here tonight to celebrate their accomplishments, we are also here to raise funds for the important work of the USA Swimming Foundation. The Golden Goggle Awards is the largest single fundraising event for the Foundation, whose mission is to Save Lives, Build Champions and Impact Communities.

Since last year's Golden Goggle Awards in New York City, nearly 18,000 people have been given the opportunity to learn the lifesaving skill of swimming. The Foundation awarded more than \$800,000 to 125 swim lesson providers across 33 states and continues to provide critical funding to community programs, historically Black colleges and universities, as well as to members of the USA Swimming National Team: we are building champions along the way at all levels of our sport.

So now more than ever, the USA Swimming Foundation is engaged with the swimming community to assist the people and programs that make this sport the greatest on earth. We couldn't do this without the devoted support of our corporate partners, table purchasers, donors, and all those interested in the Golden Goggle Awards and Auction. Your presence here this evening is making an impact in and out of the pool. We are so very grateful for you.

Enjoy the evening and thank you,

Chris Brearton



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USA Swimming Board of Directors

Tim Hinchey III



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# WORLDS

## RECAP



American swimmers once again topped the medal count at this year's World Aquatics Swimming Championships in Fukuoka, Japan with 38 medals (7g, 20s, 11b) – 13 more than any other competing federation and earning the U.S. squad the Team of the Meet distinction. The 38 medals also equal the 2017 U.S. World Championships team for the second-most medals ever brought home from a world championships.

Veterans and up-and-coming talent alike proved their mettle in the medal hunt for the United States in Fukuoka. Katie Ledecky once again made history as she now holds the most world championship titles in history (16), following her sixth-straight world championship title in the 800m freestyle. World Aquatics also named her the Swimmer of the Year.

Kate Douglass led for the most medals (six) by a female swimmer at this year's world championships.

Seventeen-year-old Katie Grimes also became the first Team USA athlete to punch her ticket to Paris in a photo finish for the bronze medal in the women's 10k.

And the U.S. saw rising stars, such as Jack Alexy, leave his first world championships appearance with five medals.

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# ROSTER

## WOMEN

NAME	EVENTS	HOMETOWN
Katharine Berkoff	50 BK, 100 BK	Missoula, Mont.
Jillian Cox	800 FR	Cedar Park, Texas
Mariah Denigan	5K, 10K	Walton, Ky.
Kate Douglass	100 FR, 200 BR, 200 IM	Pelham, N.Y.
Erin Gemmell	4x200 FR	Potomac, Md.
Katie Grimes	400 IM, 1500M, 5K, 10K	Las Vegas, Nev.
Torri Huske	50 FL, 100 FL, 4x100 FR	Arlington, Va.
Lydia Jacoby	50 BR, 100 BR	Seward, Alaska
Lilly King	50 BR, 100 BR, 200 BR	Evansville, Ind.
Katie Leducky	400 FR, 800 FR, 1500 FR	Bethesda, Md.
Lindsay Looney	200 FL	Denison, Texas
Maxine Parker	4x100 FR	Bannockburn, Ill.
Anna Peplowski	4x200 FR	Germantown Hills, Ill.
Alex Shackell	4x200 FR	Carmel, Ind.
Bella Sims	200 FR, 400 FR	Henderson, Nev.
Leah Smith	4x200 FR	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Regan Smith	200 FL, 50 BK, 100 BK, 200 BK	Lakeville, Minn.
Olivia Smoliga	4x100 FR	Glenview, Ill.
Alex Walsh	200 IM, 400 IM	Nashville, Tenn.
Gretchen Walsh	50 FR, 50 FL, 100 FL, 4x100 FR	Nashville, Tenn.
Claire Weinstein	200 FR	White Plains, N.Y.
Abbey Weitzel	50 FR, 100 FR	Santa Clarita, Calif.
Rhyan White	200 BK	Herriman, Utah

### WOMEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH

Carol Capitani	University of Texas
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### ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

Ron Aitken (Sandpipers of Nevada), Blaire Anderson (University of Virginia), Cory Chitwood (Indiana University), Braden Holloway (NC State), Ray Looze (Indiana University), Anthony Nesty (University of Florida), Chris Plumb (Carmel Swim Club), Eddie Reese (University of Texas)

# ROSTER

## MEN

NAME	EVENTS	HOMETOWN
Jack Alexy	50 FR, 100 FR	Mendham, N.J.
Hunter Armstrong	50 BK, 100 BK	Dover, Ohio
Shaine Casas	50 FL, 200 IM	McAllen, Texas
Charlie Clark	1500 FR	Sandusky, Ohio
Ross Dant	800 FR	Hickory, N.C.
Matt Fallon	200 BR	Warren, N.J.
Nic Fink	50 BR, 100 BR	Morristown, N.J.
Bobby Finke	800 FR, 1500 FR	Clearwater, Fla.
Carson Foster	200 FL, 200 IM, 400 IM	Cincinnati, Ohio
Brennan Gravley	5K, 10K	Las Vegas, Nev.
Dylan Gravley	5K	Las Vegas, Nev.
Chris Guiliano	100 FR	Douglassville, Pa.
Thomas Heilman	100 FL, 200 FL	Crozet, Va.
Ryan Held	50 FR, 4x100 FR	Springfield, Ill.
Luke Hobson	200 FR	Reno, Nev.
David Johnston	400 FR	Dallas, Texas
Chase Kalisz	400 IM	Baltimore, Md.
Drew Kibler	4x200 FR	Carmel, Ind.
Matt King	4x100 FR	Snohomish, Wash.
Destin Lasco	4x100 FR, 200 BK	Linwood, N.J.
Josh Matheny	100 BR, 200 BR	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Henry McFadden	4x200 FR	Haddonfield, N.J.
Jake Mitchell	4x200 FR	Carmel, Ind.
Ryan Murphy	100 BK, 200 BK	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Baylor Nelson	4x200 FR	Huntersville, N.C.
Justin Ress	50 BK, 4x100 FR	Cary, N.C.
Dare Rose	50 FL, 100 FL	Jersey City, N.J.
Kieran Smith	200 FR, 400 FR	Ridgefield, Conn.
Joey Tepper	10K	Egg Harbor Township, N.J.

### MEN'S TEAM HEAD COACH

Bob Bowman Arizona State University

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# TEAM ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ TOYOTA



# TONIGHT'S HOSTS



## SUMMER SANDERS

Summer Sanders was a four-time medalist in swimming at the 1992 Olympic Games, winning gold in the 200m butterfly and the 4x100m medley relay, silver in the 200m individual medley and bronze in the 400m individual medley. During her collegiate years, she swam for Stanford where she won nine NCAA championships, with six individual titles.

Sanders also made her name as a national television personality who covered the Olympic games for CBS and NBC and worked as a host and correspondent on a variety of shows, including *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Rachael Ray*, *NBA's Inside Stuff* and *Figure It Out*. Sanders graduated from Stanford University where she won eight NCAA National Championship titles and back-to-back NCAA Swimmer of the Year honors.

# TONIGHT'S

## HOSTS, con't



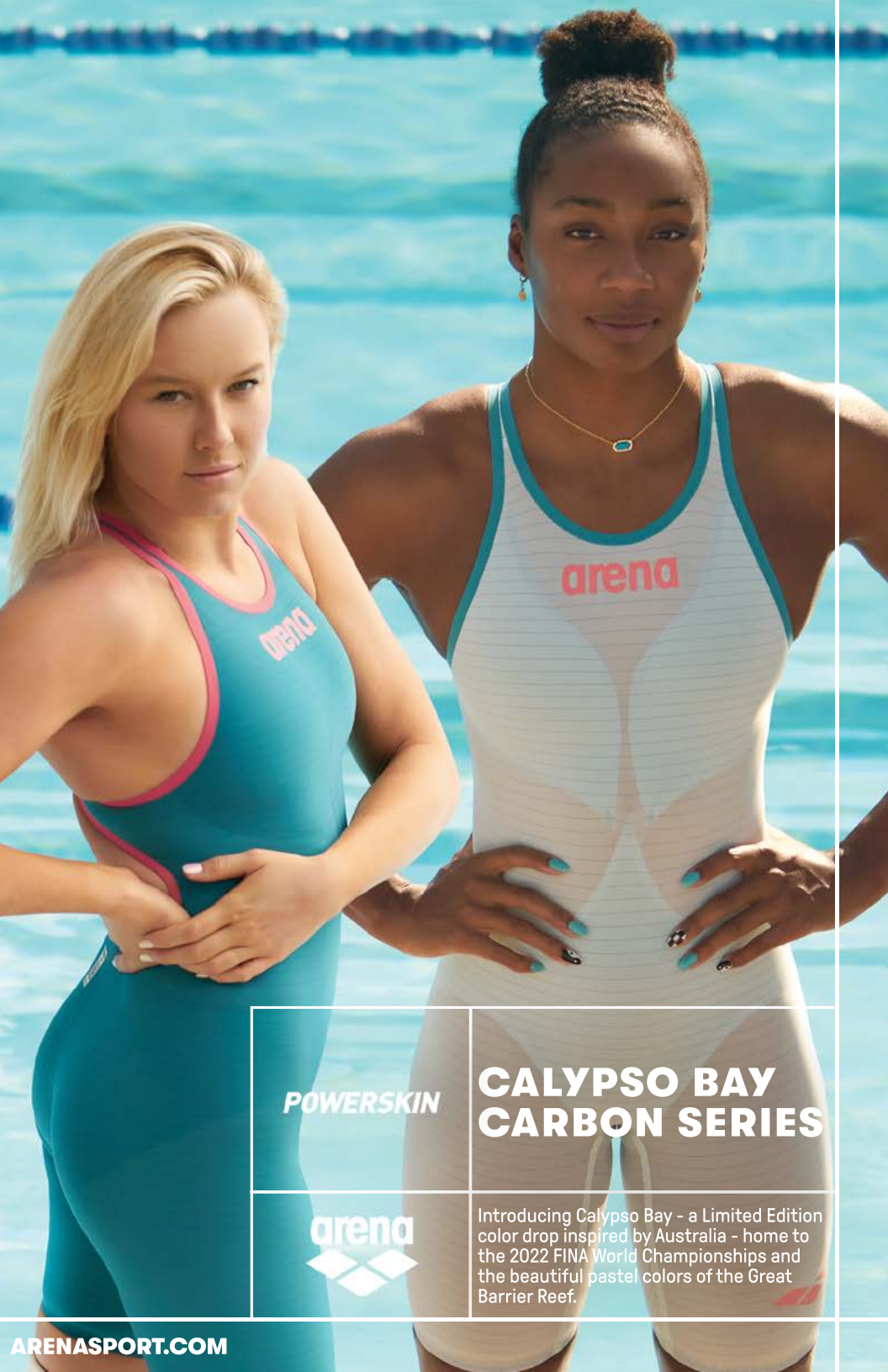
## ELIZABETH BEISEL

Elizabeth Beisel is a backstroke and individual medley specialist with nine major international medals to her credit. She made her first National Team by age 13, and at 15 she was the youngest member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic swim team. At the 2012 Olympic Games in London, Beisel won silver in the 400m individual medley and bronze in the 200m backstroke.

While at the University of Florida, Beisel was a first-team Academic All-American, claimed nine Southeastern Conference titles, and was named 2012 SEC Female Swimmer of the Year.

Beisel currently actively serves on the Board of Directors of the USA Swimming Foundation and is also a Foundation Ambassador.





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Olympic Games  
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Star of feature  
film "Nyad"



**CAROL  
CAPITANI**

Women's Head Coach,  
World Aquatics  
Championships Team



**MADDY  
CRIPPEN**

Olympic Games  
(2000)  
Sister of Fran Crippen



**TERESA  
RAMIREZ-  
CRIPPEN**

2007 Pan American  
Games, 2010 Pan Pacific  
Championships  
Sister of Fran Crippen



**KELSI  
DAHLIA**

Olympic Games  
(2016)



**ANTHONY  
ERVIN**

Olympic Games  
(2000, 2012, 2016)  
USA Swimming  
Board of Directors



**JANET  
EVANS**

Olympic Games  
(1988, 1992, 1996)  
Chief Athlete Officer  
for LA 2028



**ROWDY GAINES**

Olympic Games  
(1980, 1984)  
USA Swimming  
Foundation Ambassador



**MATT  
GREVERS**

Olympic Games  
(2008, 2012)

# TONIGHT'S PRESENTERS, con't



**GARY  
HALL JR.**  
Olympic Games  
(1996, 2000, 2004)



**BRENDAN  
HANSEN**  
Olympic Games  
(2004, 2008, 2012)  
USA Swimming Director  
of Team Services



**CULLEN JONES**  
Olympic Games  
(2008, 2012)  
USA Swimming  
Foundation Board of  
Directors



**KRISTY  
KOWAL**  
Olympic Games  
(2000)



**LENNY  
KRAYZELBURG**  
Olympic Games  
(2000, 2004)



**CAITLIN  
LEVERENZ-  
SMITH**  
Olympic Games  
(2012)  
USA Swimming  
AAC Chair



**JESSICA  
LONG**  
29-time Paralympic  
medalist



**LEA MAURER**  
Olympic Games  
(1992)

# TONIGHT'S PRESENTERS, con't



**KATIE  
MEILI**  
Olympic Games  
(2016)  
USA Swimming  
Board of Directors



**LINDSAY  
MINTENKO**  
Olympic Games  
(2000, 2004)  
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Team Managing  
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**RADA  
OWEN**  
Olympic Games  
(2000)



**ALLISON  
SCHMITT**  
Olympic Games  
(2008, 2012,  
2016, 2020)



**DANA  
VOLLMER**  
Olympic Games  
(2004, 2012, 2016)



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# MALE RACE OF THE YEAR

*This award is given to the male swimmer with the greatest single individual race of the year, with special emphasis on the 2023 World Championships.*



## **JACK ALEXY, 100 FREE**

From lane eight, Alexy became the second-fastest in 100m freestyle history with a 47.31. The silver-medal-winning swim was the first international medal of his career.



## **BOBBY FINKE, 1500 FREE**

Finke's 14:31.59 earned him silver in a hard-fought race in the men's 1500m freestyle. The time set a new American record by more than five seconds. Nearly eight seconds now separates Finke and the next-fastest American in 1500m freestyle history.



## **RYAN MURPHY, 100 BACK**

The decorated veteran picked up his first career LCM world title in the 100m backstroke with a 52.22 performance.

# FEMALE RACE OF THE YEAR

*This award is given to the female swimmer with the greatest single individual race of the year, with special emphasis on the 2023 World Championships.*



## **KATE DOUGLASS, 200 IM**

Douglass showcased her versatility winning gold in the 200m individual medley in Fukuoka. Douglass battled teammate Alex Walsh in the final 50 meters to win her first individual world title in a time of 2:07.17.



## **KATIE GRIMES, 10K**

Grimes became the first athlete to secure a spot on the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team with her bronze-medal win in the 10k open water swim at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships. Grimes won the bronze in a photo finish, besting the two previous Olympic champions in the event by .1 for a time of 2:02:42.30. Grimes' Olympic berth makes her only the fourth American woman in history to qualify for the Olympic open water event.



## **KATIE LEDECKY, 1500 FREE**

Ledecky won her 20th career-long course world championship medal when she won the 1500m freestyle in Japan. Ledecky won with a time of 15:26.27 - the third-fastest time ever in the event. With this win, she also equaled the number of individual world championship gold medals won by former teammate Michael Phelps.

# BREAKOUT

## PERFORMER

*This award is given to the athlete whose performance(s) stand out, with special emphasis on the 2023 World Championships.*



### JACK ALEXY

After slipping on his start in the semifinals and entering the 100m freestyle final at the World Aquatics Championships in lane eight, Alexy captured silver with a time of 47.31. The swim made him the second-fastest American in 100m freestyle history. He also won silver in the 50m freestyle and won three relay medals (1g, 1s, 1b).



### KATIE GRIMES

With her third-place finish in the Open Water 10k at the World Aquatics Championships, Grimes became the first American in any sport to qualify for the Paris Olympic Games and the fourth American woman in history to qualify for the Olympics in an open water event.



### THOMAS HEILMAN

At the Phillips 66 National Championships, Heilman went 1:54.54 in the men's 200m butterfly to take down Michael Phelps' 15-16 NAG record. He was the youngest male on the U.S. roster in Fukuoka when he won gold with a prelims swim on the 4x100-meter medley relay and finished fourth in the 200m butterfly (with a new personal best 1:53.82).



### DARE ROSE

Rose won this year's 100m butterfly national title to qualify for his first senior-level international team. In Fukuoka, Rose took home an individual bronze in the 100m butterfly, was a part of two medal-winning relays for the U.S. (1g, 1b), and placed sixth in the 50m butterfly.



# RELAY PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

*This award is given to the best team relay performance, male or female. The performance considered must be a finals performance, with special emphasis on the 2023 World Championships.*



## WOMEN'S 4X100 MEDLEY RELAY

The women's 4x100m medley relay of Regan Smith, Lilly King, Gretchen Walsh and Kate Douglass won gold in a time of 3:52.08. They were the only team under

3:53 and extended the Americans' win streak in the event to four consecutive world championships titles.



## MEN'S 4X100 MEDLEY RELAY

The men's 4x100m medley relay team of Ryan Murphy, Nic Fink, Dare Rose and Jack Alexy won gold in 3:27.20, setting

a new World Aquatics Championships meet record in the process.

# RELAY PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR, con't



## WOMEN'S 4X200 FREE RELAY

The U.S. was represented in the women's 4x200m freestyle relay by Katie Ledecky and a trio of teenagers in Erin Gemmell, Bella Sims and Alex Shackell. The team

captured silver in an impressive time of 7:41.38, just six-tenths off the American record.



# IMPACT AWARD



## TIM AND JENNIFER BUCKLEY

Tim Buckley joined the USA Swimming Foundation Board of Directors in March of 2022. However, Tim and his wife, Jennifer, have been involved with the USA Swimming Foundation for over 15 years. Since their first gift in 2007, the Buckleys have been Trustees, Donor Athlete Partnership mentors, and dedicated supporters of the USA Swimming Foundation. Tim and Jennifer have mentored a National Team athlete every year since the start of the Donor Athlete Partnership Program in 2017. Their support, both financially and professionally, of our National

Team athletes is a major contributing factor to their success beyond our chlorinated arena.

Tim and Jennifer have been married for 45 years and have four children and ten grandchildren. Tim is an active U.S. Masters swimmer, multi-national champion and current world record holder.

For their dedication and support of USA Swimming and the Foundation's mission to Save Lives, Build Champions and Impact Communities, we are proud to present this year's USA Swimming Foundation Impact Award to Tim and Jennifer Buckley.

# IMPACT AWARD



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## EDDIE REESE

Coach Eddie Reese is the recipient of this year's USA Swimming Impact Award. Reese is set to retire next summer from coaching the University of Texas men's swimming and diving team after beginning there in 1979. He is the only NCAA coach to win national titles in five separate decades and is the winningest coach in collegiate swimming history. Reese has coached 75 individual national champions and led the

Longhorns to 15 national team titles.

On the international side, Reese has served as the men's head coach for three Olympic swim teams (1992, 2004 and 2008) and as an assistant coach for the U.S. team in 1988, 1996, 2000 and 2012. Individually, Reese has coached 35 Olympians from the United States, Mexico, the Netherlands and Singapore to 68 medals throughout his coaching career.

# COACH OF THE YEAR

*This award is given to the coach whose athlete(s) performed at the highest level throughout the year, with special emphasis on the 2023 World Championships.*



## **RON AITKEN**

At the helm of this year's open water team, Aitken saw one of his Sandpipers of Nevada athletes, Katie Grimes, win a bronze medal in the women's 10k and become the first American to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. In the pool, Grimes, Bella Sims and Claire Weinstein brought the Sandpiper medal haul in Fukuoka to four.



## **BOB BOWMAN**

World Championships men's team head coach Bowman landed five Sun Devil swimmers on this year's squad, who won a combined seven medals. Regan Smith secured five total medals and an American record in the women's 50m backstroke. Fellow Sun Devils Olivia Smoliga and Ryan Held added medals in the 4x100m freestyle relays.



## **TODD DESORBO**

De Sorbo's four Virginia swimmers on this year's World Aquatics Championships team accounted for one world champion in Kate Douglass, as well as 10 combined medals in Japan. Douglass also won the most medals of any swimmer across all nations, with six.

# COACH

## OF THE YEAR, con't



### **DAVE DURDEN**

Durden's six California athletes won 20 medals this year in Fukuoka, including individual gold medals for Hunter Armstrong and Ryan Murphy. His athletes represented three-fourths of the men's 4x100m medley relay (Murphy, Dare Rose and Jack Alexy) that set a championship record in their gold medal performance.



### **ANTHONY NESTY**

The powerhouse that is the University of Florida swimming continued their winning ways in Japan with Katie Ledecky, Bobby Finke, Kieran Smith, Jake Mitchell and Brennan Gravley bringing home a combined 10 medals for the United States.

# PERSEVERANCE

## AWARD

*This award is given to the athlete who came back from adversity, retirement, sickness, injury, etc., to have an outstanding performance(s) in 2023, with special emphasis on the 2023 World Championships.*



### **LYDIA JACOBY**

Following her gold-medal finish in Tokyo in 2021, Jacoby was poised for even more success. She went to Abu Dhabi to compete in the short course world championships just months later but left due to illness prior to her signature 100m breaststroke event. Later she missed qualifying for the 2022 long course world championship team. After taking time off and joining the swim program at the University of Texas, Jacoby qualified for the 2023 World Aquatics Championships in two individual events. She would go on to win gold in the women's 4x100m medley relay as well as an individual bronze in the 100m breaststroke.



### **ASHLEY (TWICHELL) WALL**

At 33 years old, Ashley (Twichell) Wall made her return to competition at the 2023 Open Water National Championships less than a year after the birth of her son, Lochlan. She qualified for the U.S. Open Water National Team, then went on to win gold in the women's 10k at the 2023 Pan American Games. Twichell touched the wall 13 seconds before 2020 Olympic champion and defending Pan American Games champion Ana Marcela Cunha of Brazil in 1:57:16.4. Twichell's victory marks her first international gold in a 10k competition as well as her first Pan American Games as an open water swimmer.



# ALUMNI AWARD

*Given for the first time in 2023, the USA Swimming Alumni of the Year Golden Goggle Award is presented to a standout National Team alum who has and continues to give back to the sport following retirement. This individual also lives by the ideals of the USA Swimming Foundation's mission to save lives, build champions and impact communities.*



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## LENNY KRAYZELBURG

Lenny Krayzelburg won four gold medals and represented Team USA at the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games. He is a three-time world champion, sweeping the backstroke events at the long course world championships in 1998. By the time he retired from swimming in 2008, Krayzelburg had already accomplished quite a bit outside of the pool.

In 2005, he founded the Lenny Krayzelburg Swim Academy at a Jewish Community Center in West Los Angeles. Now known as the SwimRight Academy, this year-round swimming program has taught more than 40,000 children to become

safer around the water. SwimRight features its own curriculum designed by Krayzelburg himself with locations in Texas, Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

In addition to his swim schools, Krayzelburg is a board member of Tikva Odessa, a rescue aid and education organization serving at-risk Jewish children in Ukraine. He is also a board member of the American Friends of Israel Sport Center for the Disabled. Krayzelburg also started the Lenny Krayzelburg Foundation, which works with youth and child welfare organizations to increase local swimming-based opportunities.

# FRAN CRIPPEN OPEN WATER SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

*This award is given to the athlete who had the most outstanding year as an open water swimmer, with an emphasis on the 2023 World Aquatics Swimming Championships. This award is named in memory of Fran Crippen, a decorated open water athlete who died tragically in 2010.*



## MARIAH DENIGAN

With an eighth-place finish in the Open Water World Championships 10k, Denigan qualified to swim the event again at the 2024 Open Water World Championships, where she'll have a chance to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Denigan also represented the U.S. this year at the Open Water Swimming World Cup in Italy, where she finished sixth in the 10k and fourth as part of the mixed relay.



## KATIE GRIMES

With her bronze-medal finish in the Open Water World Championships 10k, Grimes was the first American across all sports to punch her ticket to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, becoming just the fourth American woman to ever qualify for the Olympics in open water. Grimes also won U.S. national titles in the 5k and 10k this year.

# MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

*This award is given to the top male swimmer of the year with special emphasis on achievements at the 2023 World Championships.*



## **JACK ALEXY**

Alexy made a splash in his international debut as the most decorated American male at the meet with five medals – gold in the 4x100m medley relay, silver in the 50m, 100m free and mixed 4x100m medley relay, and bronze in the 4x100m free relay.



## **BOBBY FINKE**

Finke won silver in the 1500m freestyle and bronze in the 800m freestyle, breaking the previous American records in both events, as well as setting new personal bests with times faster than his previous Olympic and world championship wins.



## **CARSON FOSTER**

Foster captured individual silver in the 400m individual medley in a time of 4:06.56, giving him his second-consecutive world championships medal in the event. He also split a 1:44.49 enroute to silver in the men's 4x200m freestyle relay.



## **RYAN MURPHY**

As one of the men's captains for the U.S. team in Fukuoka, Murphy collected gold in the 100m backstroke and as lead-off in the men's 4x100m medley relay, silver in the 200m backstroke, and bronze in the mixed 4x100m medley relay.

# FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

*This award is given to the top female swimmer of the year with special emphasis on achievements at the 2023 World Championships.*



## KATE DOUGLASS

Douglass tied for the most medals (six total – 2g, 3s, 1b) by a female swimmer at these world championships. She also claimed individual gold in the 200m individual medley. Douglass was given the Honda Sport Award for Swimming and Diving, the NCAA award given to the top athlete in each Division I sport.



## KATIE GRIMES

At just 17 years old, Katie Grimes became the first American in any sport to punch her ticket to Paris 2024 Olympic Games with her bronze-medal finish in the women's 10k event. Two weeks later, she went on to claim her second medal, but this time a silver medal in the pool in the women's 400m individual medley.



## KATIE LEDECKY

Ledecky picked up her fifth-consecutive world championship title in the 1500m freestyle and her sixth-consecutive title in the 800m freestyle. These wins also earned her the distinction of the first swimmer in history from any country to win five titles in two different events.



## REGAN SMITH

Smith broke the American record in the women's 50m backstroke while in Japan with a time of 27.10 enroute to a silver medal. She also became one of four American women to ever medal in four individual events at a world championship.



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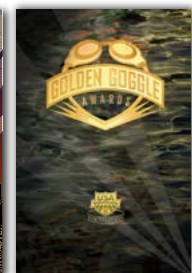
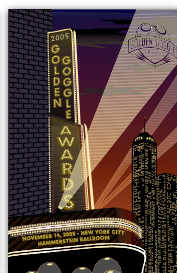
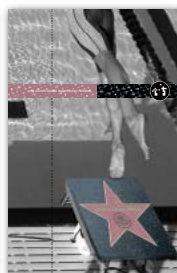
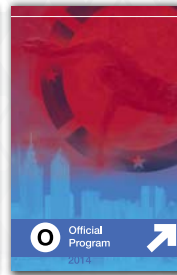




# PAST WINNERS

2004 - 2023

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**BREAKOUT PERFORMER OF THE YEAR**

2022: Leah Hayes  
 2021: Lydia Jacoby  
 2019: Regan Smith  
 2018: Michael Andrew  
 2017: Mallory Comerford  
 2016: Lilly King  
 2015: Jordan Wilimovsky  
 2014: Maya DiRado  
 2013: Chase Kalisz  
 2012: Katie Ledecky

2011: Alex Meyer  
 2010: Missy Franklin  
 2009: Tyler Clary  
 2008: Rebecca Soni  
 2007: Ben Wildman-Tobriner  
 2006: Cullen Jones  
 2005: Jessica Hardy  
 2004: Larsen Jensen

**PERSEVERANCE AWARD**

2022: Leah Smith  
 2021: Annie Lazor  
 2019: Nathan Adrian  
 2018: Micah Sumrall  
 2017: Matt Grevers  
 2016: Anthony Ervin  
 2015: Allison Schmitt  
 2014: Haley Anderson & Andrew Gemmell  
 2013: Megan Romano

2012: Jessica Hardy  
 2011: Peter Vanderkaay  
 2010: Kate Ziegler  
 2009: Dana Vollmer  
 2008: Eric Shanteau  
 2007: Ryan Lochte  
 2006: Erik Vendt  
 2005: Brendan Hansen  
 2004: Kaitlin Sandeno (Comeback of the Year)

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

2022: Anthony Nesty  
 2021: Gregg Troy  
 2019: Mike Parratto  
 2018: Greg Meehan  
 2017: Greg Meehan  
 2016: Dave Durden  
 2015: Bruce Gemmell  
 2014: Bruce Gemmell  
 2013: Bruce Gemmell

2012: Bob Bowman  
 2011: Gregg Troy  
 2010: Gregg Troy  
 2009: Eddie Reese  
 2008: Bob Bowman  
 2007: Bob Bowman  
 2006: Bob Bowman  
 2005: Eddie Reese  
 2004: Eddie Reese

**RELAY PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR**

2022: Women's 4x200 Free Relay  
Ledecky, Smith, Weinstein, Sims

2021: Men's 4x100m Medley Relay  
Dressel, Apple, Andrew, Murphy

2019: Women's 4 x 100 Medley Relay  
R. Smith, King, Dahlia, Manuel

2018: Men's 4x100m Medley Relay  
Murphy, Wilson, Dressel, Adrian

2017: Women's 4x100m Medley Relay  
Baker, King, Worrell, Manuel

2016: Men's 4x100 Free Relay  
Dressel, Phelps, Held, Adrian

2015: Women's 4x200 Free Relay  
Franklin, L. Smith, McLaughlin, Ledecky

2014: Women's 4x200 Free Relay  
Vreeland, Franklin, L. Smith, Ledecky

2013: Women's 4x100 Free Relay  
Franklin, Coughlin, Vreeland, Romano

2012: Women's 4x100 Medley Relay  
Franklin, Soni, Vollmer, Schmitt

2011: Women's 4x100 Medley Relay  
Coughlin, Soni, Vollmer, Franklin

2010: Women's 4x100 Medley Relay  
Coughlin, Soni, Vollmer, Hardy

2009: Men's 4x100 Free Relay,  
Adrian, Grevers, Lochte, Phelps

2008: Men's 4x100 Free Relay  
Phelps, Weber-Gale, C. Jones, Lezak

2007: Men's 4x200 Free Relay  
Phelps, Lochte, Keller, Vanderkaay

**RELAY PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR CON'T**

2006: Men's 4x100 Free Relay  
Phelps, Walker, C. Jones, Lezak

2005: Women's 4x200 Free Relay  
Coughlin, Hoff, W. Myers, Sandeno

2004: Women's 4x200 Free Relay  
Coughlin, Vollmer, Piper, Sandeno

**FEMALE RACE OF THE YEAR**

2022: Katie Ledecky, 800 Free  
 2021: Lydia Jacoby, 100 Breast  
 2019: Regan Smith, 200 Back  
 2018: Kathleen Baker, 100 Back  
 2017: Lilly King, 100 Breast  
 2016: Simone Manuel, 100 Free  
 2015: Katie Ledecky, 200 Free  
 2014: Katie Ledecky, 1500 Free  
 2013: Katie Ledecky, 1500 Free  
 2012: Katie Ledecky, 800 Free  
 2011: Missy Franklin, 200 Back  
 2010: Rebecca Soni, 200 Breast  
 2009: Ariana Kukors, 200 IM  
 2008: Rebecca Soni, 200 Breast  
 2007: Kate Ziegler, 1500 Free  
 2006: Whitney Myers, 200 IM  
 2005: Kate Ziegler, 1500 Free  
 2004: Amanda Beard, 200 Breast

**MALE RACE OF THE YEAR**

2022: Finke, 800 Free  
 2021: Finke, 800 Free  
 2019: Dressel, 100 Fly  
 2018: Murphy, 100 Back  
 2017: Dressel, 100 Fly  
 2016: Phelps, 200 Fly  
 2015: Wilimovsky, 10K  
 2014: Jaeger, 1500 Free  
 2013: Lochte, 200 IM

2012: Adrian, 100 Free  
 2011: Lochte, 200 Back  
 2010: Lochte, 200 IM  
 2009: Phelps, 100 Fly  
 2008: Phelps, 100 Fly  
 2007: Phelps, 200 Fly  
 2006: Phelps, 200 IM  
 2005: Crocker, 100 Fly  
 2004: Phelps, 100 Fly

**FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

2022: Katie Ledecky  
 2021: Katie Ledecky  
 2019: Regan Smith  
 2018: Katie Ledecky  
 2017: Katie Ledecky  
 2016: Katie Ledecky  
 2015: Katie Ledecky  
 2014: Katie Ledecky  
 2013: Katie Ledecky

2012: Missy Franklin  
 2011: Missy Franklin  
 2010: Rebecca Soni  
 2009: Rebecca Soni  
 2008: Natalie Coughlin  
 2007: Katie Hoff  
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 2005: Katie Hoff  
 2004: Natalie Coughlin

**MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

2022: Bobby Finke  
 2021: Caeleb Dressel  
 2019: Caeleb Dressel  
 2018: Ryan Murphy  
 2017: Caeleb Dressel  
 2016: Michael Phelps  
 2015: Michael Phelps  
 2014: Michael Phelps  
 2013: Ryan Lochte

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 2008: Michael Phelps  
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 2006: Brendan Hansen  
 2005: Aaron Peirsol  
 2004: Michael Phelps



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