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Mustangs Qualify 3 for Rio Olympic Games

As qualification continues for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, 3 current or former Mustangs have already punched their tickets to represent their respective countries at the highest level of competition. Nina Rangelova (Bulgaria), Rachel Nicol (Canada) and Matea Samardzic (Croatia) have reached Olympic Qualifying Time standards in at least one event.

Current volunteer assistant coach Rangelova was a member of the Mustang squad from 2010-2014 earning seven All-America honors. Rangelova reached the Rio A cut in the 200-meter freestyle and will swim that event in August, with the possibility of adding the 50- and 100-meter distances to her schedule. This will be the third Olympics for the Bulgarian, as she competed in the preliminary round of the 200 free at the Beijing Games in 2008 and the 100, 200 and 400 free heats at the 2012 London Games.

Nicol will compete in her first Olympics, representing Canada as one of two swimmers in the 100-meter breaststroke. She posted a second-place finish at the country’s trials in April to secure her position on the team. Her 1:06.88 posted during trial prelims gives her the 14th fastest time in the 2015-16 world rankings. During her time at SMU, she was a three-time All-America selection. She also holds the current program record in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Samardzic clocked a 2:09.73 in the 200 at the Croatian National Championship placing her in a tie for 17th on the 2015-16 FINA top times list. FINA will announce the final list of qualifiers for the Games on July 3. Swimming action runs from Aug. 6-13.

The following current or former Mustangs have posted FINA B standards for Rio this season:

- Rachel Nicol (Canada)
- Nina Rangelova (Bulgaria)
- Matea Samardzic (Croatia)
- Christian Scherubl (Austria)
- Isabella Arcila (Colombia)
- Jonathan Gomez (Colombia)
- Lucas Schenke (Germany)
- Vicky Cunningham (Great Britain)
- Mindaugas Sadauskas (Lithuania)
- Marne Erasmus (South Africa)
- Kirsty McLauchlan (South Africa)
- Tara-Lynn Nicholas (South Africa)
- Nathalie Lindborg (Sweden)

Go Mustangs!

100% Student—Athlete Giving at SMU

As part of a new “Every Mustang Counts” Giving Initiative, every SMU student-athlete has donated to the Mustang Club this year. SMU is now the first athletic department in the American Athletic Conference to have 100% participation. This comes on the heels of 100% athletic department staff giving last year. The student-athlete donations benefited their teams’ Excellence Funds, which are used to supplement team travel, special equipment purchases, or other expenses. Athletic Director, Rick Hart matched each team’s gifts up to $500 from the Athletic Director’s Discretionary Fund.

“The ‘Every Mustang Counts’ Campaign gave me a chance to give back to my team. After seeing what the money from our donors has done for us, it made me want to do the same,” said SMU equestrian student-athlete Alex Buttenworth.
Kurt’s Corner from the desk of the Senior Associate AD for Development

Though most of SMU’s on-campus competitions have concluded for the year, there are still a number of teams completing their seasons and gearing up for postseason competition. Our Track and Field team will attempt to win its 3rd consecutive AAC Championship and Women’s Golf and Men’s Tennis are both headed to their respective NCAA Championships. We also celebrate the 63 Mustang student-athletes who will become SMU alumni in less than two weeks. It is gratifying to have a chance to honor them along with their families for the tremendous work they have done to earn SMU degrees. We couldn’t be more proud of their accomplishments and wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

As we head into summer and begin to prepare for the 2016-17 academic year, it’s important to pause and reflect on the many achievements of our teams. A few of our proudest moments include:

- Men’s Soccer’s AAC Regular Season Championship and run to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16
- Volleyball’s 20th season, highlighted by an AAC Championship and first-ever appearance in the NCAA tournament
- Men’s Basketball’s run of 18 straight victories to start the season & Top 25 finish
- Women’s Swimming & Diving’s AAC Championship & Men’s Swimming & Diving coming in 2nd at their championship
- And SMU’s own Bryson DeChambeau’s performance in the 2016 Masters, earning Low Amateur honors

We remain very proud of the 424 students who represent SMU in competition. It is because of your generosity and support that we are able to continue our work of “Shaping Champions” and preparing these young women and men for life. I invite you to be a part of this exciting time in SMU Athletics by renewing your Mustang Club gift before May 31. For those who have already given, a huge THANK YOU! To show our gratitude for your generosity, we’re inviting all Mustang Club donors to join us at Ford Stadium on June 6th at 7:00 pm for the 2nd Annual Mustang Club Backyard BBQ. I hope you’ll join our coaches and staff so that we may thank you for all that you and our many donors do each year to make SMU the special community that we all love.

Please RSVP here by June 1st so we have plenty of food for everyone!

As always, Pony Up and Go Mustangs!

SMU, SMU Athletics, and Lettermen’s Association to Honor 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees

SMU and SMU Athletics, in conjunction with the SMU Lettermen’s Association, have announced that the 2016 Hall of Fame inductees include: Amy Benz, Scot Donie, Reggie Dupard, Janet Ely, Daniel Hernandez, and the late Henry “Choc” Sanders. These athletes will be recognized at the annual Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony on Friday, May 6 at 7:00pm in Moody Coliseum.

Amy Benz, one of the top women’s golfers in SMU history, played at SMU from 1981-83. Benz was an All-American, and the winner of the AIAW National Championship as a sophomore. She was the 1982 NCAA individual national champion and was awarded All-America honors in both 1982 and 1983. Benz was also a member of the 1982 U.S. Curtis Cup team. Benz would go on to have a very successful career on the LPGA Tour totaling 13 top-10 finishes.

Scott Donie ranks as one of the most successful and accomplished divers ever to compete for SMU. Donie competed for the Mustangs from 1987-90, and he was an 11-time SWC Diving Champion and three-time NCAA Champion. Donie earned All-America honors in 1987-89. His success did not stop at SMU, as Donie was a member of the U.S. National Diving team from 1985-96. He is a two-time Olympian, winning the silver medal in the 10-meter platform in 1992 while competing for the United States.

Reggie Dupard is one of the greats in SMU Football history. As a powerhouse running back from 1982-85, Dupard helped the Mustangs clinch both an SWC Championship and a National Championship in 1982, a 1984 NCAA Co-Championship and an Aloha Bowl win against Notre Dame in 1984. He earned All-Conference honors from 1982-1985, and was named an All-American in 1985. Dupard is one of only two players in school history to rush for over 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons, and is still the school’s third-leading rusher. After being drafted in the first round by the New England Patriots in 1986, Dupard played five years in the league for the Patriots and the Redskins.

Janet Ely was a diver for the Mustangs from 1978-80. In 1979, Ely won the AIAW Championship on both the 1 and 3 meter, and earned All-America honors. She became the first female from SMU to represent the United States at the 1972 Olympic Games in München, taking fourth in both the springboard and platform events. Following her tenure at SMU, Ely had an impressive career which included both championships and world records. She took gold in the 10m platform at the World Championships, competed in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal in platform, and won the World Diving Championships in 1978. Ely is one of SMU’s most decorated divers to this day.

Daniel Hernandez owns one of the most impressive careers in the history of the Men’s Soccer program at SMU. During his time on the Hilltop, Hernandez twice earned All-America accolades and was named Conference Player of the Year in 1996 and 1997. After leading the Mustangs to a Western Athletic Conference title in 1997, Hernandez was named a Hermann Trophy finalist. Hernandez was selected in the second round of the 1998 MLS Draft by the Los Angeles Galaxy and was a member of the United States Men’s National Team. He also played in the Mexican Primera Division from 2003-2005. In 2009, Hernandez signed with MLS’s FC Dallas, where he helped the team to a 2010 Western Conference Championship.

Henry “Choc” Sanders was a household name during the early seasons of SMU Football. Sanders played guard for the Mustangs from 1928-29, and was the first First-Team All-American from SMU in school history, earning the honor in 1928. Sanders was also named to the 1928 and 1929 All-Conference teams, and was an integral part of the Mustangs’ 1929 undefeated season.

Tickets can be purchased online at [http://smu.edu/halloffame](http://smu.edu/halloffame) or by calling 214-768-4314.

Congratulations to the class of 2016 Hall of Fame inductees!
Celebrate the achievements of SMU student-athletes this quarter!

Rowing:
Savannah Moody—Applying to participate in the US Rowing U23 Selection Camp (6/8)

Equestrian:
Nora Gray—NCEA All-American Honors HM Equitation Over Fences, United Equestrian Conference Freshman of the Year in both Equitation Over Fences and Equitation on the Flat, Set Single Season Wins Record
Schaefer Raposa—NCEA All-American Honors 1st Team Equitation Over Fences, United Equestrian Conference Honors Equitation Over Fences Rider of the Year, Set Most Outstanding Performer Record, Holds the Most Career Wins in SMU History
Madison Steed—Freshman of the Year in Reining
Sylvia de Toledo—NCEA All-American Honors HM in Equitation Over Fences and Equitation on the Flat

Men’s Basketball:
Markus Kennedy—AAC Sixth Man of the Year
Shake Milton—AAC All-Rookie Team
Ben Moore—NABC All-District 25 Second Team
Nic Moore—AAC Player of the Year, All-AAC 1st Team, USBWA All-District VII, NABC All-District 25 1st Team, Bob Cousy Award Finalist, Wooden Award Late Season Top 20, Naismith Trophy Midseason Watch List, Oscar Robertson Trophy Watch List
Semi Ojeleye—Nominated for All-State NABC Good Works Team

Men’s Swimming & Diving:
Bryce Klein—Competes in 3 meter consolation final at NCAA Championships (3/25), AAC Weekly Honors (1/12) (2/2), Set school record on 1 Meter (1/30)
Bartosz Krzyzaniak—AAC Weekly Honors (2/9)
Daniel Pitts—AAC Weekly Honors (2/9)
Lucas Schenke—AAC Weekly Honors (2/2)
Team—Swimming and Diving earn CSCAA Scholar-All America status (1/27), Mustangs finish 2nd at AAC Championships (2/20)

Women’s Basketball
McKenzie Adams—AAC Newcomer of the Year
Alicia Froling—All-AAC Team

Women’s Golf:
Jenny Haglund—Named Golfweek Midseason All-Conference Team, Named AAC Golfer of the week
Lindsey McCurdy—Named to Golfweek Midseason All-Conference Team
Team—Mustangs win Clover Cup (3/13)

Women’s Swimming & Diving:
Marne Erasmus—All-American Honors in 100m Butterfly (3/18), Competes at NCAA Championship (3/18), AAC Weekly Honors (1/12)
Lauren Lamb—AAC Weekly Honors (1/12) (2/9)
Tara-Lynn Nicholas—Compete at NCAA Championship (3/18)
Hannah Rogers—AAC Weekly Honors (2/9)
Madeline Wainman—AAC Diver of the Week (10/6)
Team—Swimming and Diving earns CSCAA Scholar All America status (1/27), Mustangs win second consecutive American Athletic Conference Championship (2/20)

Mustang Club Launches Priority Point Calculator
SMU Athletics, through a partnership with eGroup and TicketMaster, is now offering a way for its donors to check their priority ranking online with the launch of a Priority Calculator. Visitors to the Priority Calculator website, www.ponypriority.com, are able to log in using their Ticketmaster Account Manager credentials and see their historic giving and current priority rank as compared with all active Mustang Club donors.

The new tool benefits donors by allowing them to see how their current and future gifts affect their standing among all donors. This ranking is then used for the purposes of seat upgrades, adding new season tickets and determining seating location at away and postseason games. Donors who have made a gift in 2016 are ranked by giving level and number of priority points within their giving level. While the priority points are open, the standings are updated nightly to account for new gifts made each day. We encourage you to visit ponypriority.com to see where you stand and make an informed decision about your future Mustang Club giving.

We hope you take the opportunity to log in and check out the Mustang Club’s Priority Calculator, giving you an opportunity to see your standing in real time among all 2016 donors. We have received very positive feedback from many Mustang Club members regarding the Priority Calculator. As of April 19th, the priority point calculator has been locked for the 2016-2017 athletic season. The calculator will unlock for priority points to resume for the 2017-18 season in January of 2017. Please contact your development representative with any questions or call 214-768-2582. Thank you for supporting our 424 student-athletes!

Go Mustangs!
Your donations maximize the potential of SMU Athletics by providing for each of these critical needs:
- Academic support
- Recruiting
- Facility enhancements
- Operational expenses

Founded in 1935, the Mustang Club, SMU’s official athletics fundraising organization, provides the foundation for annual support for each of the 17 sports at SMU.

Thank you for your support!
Congratulations to our graduating seniors!

Please join SMU Athletics in congratulating the 63 student-athletes graduating in May!

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