WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
AN UPDATE ON GSMP ALUMNI AND IMPACT
Although stories of division, hate, intolerance, and natural disaster have dominated headlines for much of recent memory, another reality is present: Sport has the power to rebuild communities and strengthen the bonds that connect us to others. Through the often untold stories of change—like that of Cynthia Coredo who is empowering a new generation of women and girls in Kenya to fight for their rights through boxing, or JP Maunes’ Filipino dragon boat team comprised of persons with physical disabilities who are winning gold against their non-disabled counterparts—sport is perhaps the most powerful tool to promote equality and inclusion around the world. Empowering global leaders in sports to make a positive social impact in their communities is the heartbeat of our work.

As one of our cornerstone initiatives at the Center for Sport, Peace, and Society, we have implemented the U.S. Department of State Global Sports Mentoring Program (GSMP) since 2012. Alongside more than 100 executives and mentors from U.S.-based host organizations, our team has helped the initiative achieve prominence on the global stage.

In 2013, the GSMP was named one of the 10 best diplomatic achievements in the world by the Public Diplomacy Council. In 2016, it was highlighted as the key initiative to address UN Global Goal #5: Gender Equality by the U.S. Department of State. And in 2018, the GSMP was featured at the SXSW festival for the success of its public-private partnerships and was awarded a Stuart Scott ENSPIRE Award at the Third Annual ESPN Sports Humanitarian of the Year Awards.

In addition, after their participation in the GSMP, Xinyi Hua (China) and Po-Chun Liu (Taiwan) were named to Forbes’ Most Powerful Women in International Sport list in 2018; Pamela Apklogan (Benin) was selected for the 2018 Mandela Washington Fellowship; Aline Silva (Brazil) was named the 2018 Woman in Sport by United World Wrestling (UWW); Maíra Liguori (Brazil) was named as one of BBC’s 100 Women of 2017; and Paola Kuri (Mexico) was named in 2017 as one of eight young people impacting Mexico in 2017 and was chosen to participate in Dove’s 60th Anniversary “Real Beauty” global campaign.

Yerlan Suleimenov (Kazakhstan) also helped pass legislation that recognized his country’s National Paralympic and Olympic Committees as equivalent entities which allows for equal funding and opportunities; Eyasu Tamene (Ethiopia) published a book on Ethiopian sign language and Deaf culture; and Valeria Filiaeva (Belarus) helped wheelchair tennis become an official sport in her country.

Collectively, the 147 GSMP alumni have founded 80 organizations or community initiatives; worked directly with 228,627 participants; mobilized 5,632 volunteers; created 510 partnerships with local, government, and international entities; earned 220 public recognitions; reached approximately 1 million people through 53 social media campaigns; and been featured in media more than 900 times.

Since returning home, GSMP delegates have also increased their leadership and civic engagement, which includes 86% increasing their volunteer activities or community service; 79% taking on a new leadership role in their community; 64% establishing inclusive policies or procedures at work; 36% proposing, writing, or passing legislation; and 36% being elected or appointed to a local, regional, or national government position.

Along with increases in collaborations between public and private entities, increases in mutual understanding, and meaningful and diverse professional development experiences, American mentors consistently describe the GSMP as “the most effective” and “the most comprehensive, unique, and far-reaching empowerment program” they have ever participated in.

We believe in what’s possible: a world where gender, mobility, race, religion, and sexuality do not define individuals but instead are celebrated qualities that enhance our shared humanity. In a society that often feels confined to our differences, the GSMP helps to create a more peaceful, equitable, and inclusive world through sports.

Thank you for serving as a mentor, for supporting us in this mission, and for your partnership, passion, and time. In the following pages, you will find updates on the delegates you have mentored and the global impact of the program.

High-fives,
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JUSTIN JESUDAS
COUNTRY: India
MENTOR: Karin Korb
PROGRAM: 2018 Sport for Community
PLATFORM: Economic Empowerment; Health and Wellbeing; Sport Engagement
OCCUPATION: Director of Partners & Sports for The Spinal Foundation

PROGRESS & IMPACT
In September 2018, Justin organized the third-annual Kotak Wheelchair Marathon in Chennai, India. Nearly 1,500 athletes, including 300 athletes with disabilities, participated in the race. Justin is also working on two community-based programs aimed at promoting inclusion for people with disabilities. For the events, he’s working to partner with Chennai Runners, a local NGO that promotes running as a route to wellness. And, finally, Justin is organizing the Corporate Para-Games, which is an annual inter-corporate sports competition for people with disabilities. Justin received a GSMP Follow-On Grant to implement this project, which is set to begin in February 2019.

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PLATFORM: Disability Rights; Health and Wellbeing; Technology
OCCUPATION: Sports Manager for the National Paralympic Committee of Kazakhstan

PROGRESS & IMPACT
Mika has continued her work with the National Paralympic Committee of Kazakhstan. In that role, she has facilitated sport and inclusion workshops where she speaks openly about her disability, which is unique in Kazakh culture. She also uses her platform to encourage others to advocate for equality. In addition, Mika has helped bring international recognition for the work of the NPC of Kazakhstan in developing infrastructure and policy to promote rights of people with disabilities. Mika continues to remain connected to the U.S. Embassy in Kazakhstan and attends events hosted by the Embassy for women leaders in business and government.

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KEIT JAANIMAGI
COUNTRY: Estonia
MENTOR: Karin Korb and Amy Rauworth
PROGRAM: 2017 Sport for Community
PLATFORM: Disability rights; advocacy; technology
OCCUPATION: Paralympic swimmer, Estonia Paralympic Committee

PROGRESS & IMPACT
In June 2017, Keit was named deputy secretary general of the Estonia Paralympic Committee. Keit has been working on strengthening the Estonian Paralympic Committee’s strategic plan and has included her Action Plan—How I Play—as a key component. She has also been part of a team that was able to increase the government’s financial support for the NPC in Estonia, which will be key to helping the NPC implement its new strategic plan. In 2017, Keit was also nominated for a position as a board member of the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS), based on her work with Estonia’s Paralympic Committee and her time on the GSMP.

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TINATIN REVAZASHVILII
COUNTRY: Georgia
MENTOR: Karin Korb and Amy Rauworth
PROGRAM: 2017 Sport for Community
PLATFORM: Disability rights; Gender; Sport Engagement
OCCUPATION: President, National Paralympic Committee of Georgia

PROGRESS & IMPACT
In 2018, Tinatin became the President of the National Paralympic Committee of Georgia. Since her participation in the GSMP, she’s also traveled to Pyeongchang, South Korea with the Georgian delegation to participate in the country’s first winter Paralympic Games; organized a 3-day conference to provide workshops and lectures on the importance of sport and physical activity for women and girls with disabilities; and received two GSMP Follow-On Grants to support her Action Plan. Tinatin is also organizing a series of workshops in different regions of Georgia to provide training for coaches who work with people with disabilities, especially women and girls.

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OLESIA VLADYKINA
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PROGRAM: 2016 Sport for Community
PLATFORM: Sport Engagement
OCCUPATION: Paralympic swimmer, Paralympic Team of Russia

PROGRESS & IMPACT
Olesia continues to use her platform as a paralympic swimmer to advocate for the inclusion for people with disabilities, especially children, in Russia. Since participating in the program, she has worked with sponsors, such as the Cartoon Network and Speedo, to promote an active lifestyle, speak out against bullying, and bring awareness to the Special Olympics and Paralympic movement.

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ADELINE DUMAPONG
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PROGRAM: 2016 Sport for Community
PLATFORM: Disability rights, leadership development
OCCUPATION: Paralympic powerlifter, Philippine Sports Association for the Differently Abled/National Paralympic Committee of the Philippines

PROGRESS & IMPACT
When she returned home, Adeline began implementing her Action Plan to involve Filipino para-athletes in developing leadership skills and promoting grassroots para-sports in their communities. Adeline also began hosting a weekly radio show on Philippines national radio called, “The Paralympic Hour.” In 2017, Adeline competed at the ASEAN Para Games where she won gold in the women’s powerlifting category. Adeline’s win sparked media attention on her work for women’s inclusion in Paralympic sports and mentoring Filipino para athletes to take her place at the podium in the coming years. Adeline continues preparing for Tokyo 2020, her final Paralympic Games as an athlete, and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in community development.

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ABOUT GSMP

The GSMP was launched in 2012 by the U.S. Department of State and ESPN. Since its founding, the Center for Sport, Peace, & Society (CSPS) has served as the cooperative partner.

The GSMP aims to empower underserved populations through sport-based mentorship and includes two key pillars: Empowering Women (fall) and Sport for Community (spring).

GSMP has been named one of the 10 best diplomatic achievements in the world, featured as a key initiative to address UN Global Goal 5: Gender Equality, and given an ESPN humanitarian award.

HOW GSMP WORKS

FIRST

NOMINATION

U.S. Embassies around the world nominate individuals with leadership skills, experience in the sports sector, and a drive to make change in their home countries. GSMP delegates are then selected by our team and the U.S. Department of State (DOS) and matched with mentors from U.S.-based organizations.

SECOND

MENTORSHIP

During an immersive, three-week mentorship, GSMP delegates cultivate leadership and business skills from top-executives at host organizations like Google, ESPN, Disney, and the U.S. Olympic Committee. Experiences in an American sports environment provide opportunities for personal and professional growth and help expand their vision for change.

THIRD

ACTION PLAN

During their mentorship, GSMP delegates also craft strategic plans to put into action upon return to their home countries with the common goal of creating sports opportunities for underserved populations. At the conclusion of the program, delegates present their action plans to peers, mentors, partners, and the DOS.

FOURTH

CREATE CHANGE

GSMP delegates then return to their home countries to implement their initiatives, share lessons learned with others, transform communities by providing access to sport where none previously existed, and become ambassadors for sport as a tool for positive social change.

ACTION PLAN THEMES

CONFLICT & DISASTER RELIEF
Initiatives that serve individuals in post-conflict or post-natural disaster areas through sport. For example, Olga Dolinina uses table hockey to promote stress relief and peacebuilding among youth affected by military conflict in east and south Ukraine.

DISABILITY RIGHTS
Initiatives that aim to advance rights and sport participation rates among persons with disabilities. For example, in 2017, Adeline Dumapong—a five-time Paralympian—helped organize the first summit in the Philippines dedicated to Paralympic sport.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Initiatives that found new organizations or promote the development of skills needed for economic participation. For example, Cecilia Vales launched a non-profit organization in Mexico that aims to break cycles of poverty for girls through English-language acquisition and participation in soccer.

GENDER EQUALITY
Initiatives that promote women’s equality and empowerment through sports. For example, Australia’s Chyloe Kurdas helped launch the first professional Aussie Rules Football League for women in the world.

TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION
Initiatives that use technology as a primary means to achieve social advancement through sport. For example, Maíra Liguori is working to develop a mobile app that connects women in Brazil to local sports opportunities.

UNDERSERVED & MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS
Initiatives that serve socially and economically marginalized populations through sport. For example, Dima Alardah uses physical activity and education as tools for social development among youth in Jordanian refugee camps.
ACTION PLAN IMPACT 2012-2017

GSMP TOTALS

147 GSMP DELEGATES

264 RECOGNITIONS
AWARDS, PROMOTIONS
OR ACHIEVEMENTS FROM
83 INTERNATIONAL
DELEGATES

72 COUNTRIES

871 PARTNERSHIPS
FORMED
FROM GSMP DELEGATE
ACTION PLANS

1,035 MEDIA FEATURES
ON GSMP DELEGATES

6,001 VOLUNTEERS

MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION
REACHED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA
AND OTHER ONLINE MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS

235,404 PARTICIPANTS
IN SPORT-BASED CLINICS &
CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

48 DELEGATES ESTABLISHED
SPORT AND COMMUNITY-CENTERED
ORGS

ACTION PLAN IMPACT 2016-2017

GSMP S4C

31 GSMP S4C DELEGATES

51 RECOGNITIONS AWARDS, PROMOTIONS OR ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 17 INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

25 COUNTRIES

133 PARTNERSHIPS FORMED FROM GSMP DELEGATE ACTION PLANS

240+ VOLUNTEERS

80+ MEDIA FEATURES ON GSMP DELEGATES

MORE THAN 45,000+ PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER ONLINE MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS

GOVT 37

LOCAL 74

INT'L 21

133 PARTNERSHIPS FORMED FROM GSMP DELEGATE ACTION PLANS

4,125 PARTICIPANTS IN SPORT-BASED CLINICS & CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

7 DELEGATES ESTABLISHED SPORT AND COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGS

NOTE: Impact statistics do not include 2018 Sport for Community Delegates.
# GSMP: Empowering Women Through Sports

## Action Plan Impact Areas

### KEY IMPACT AREAS

- **SPORT ENGAGEMENT**
  - Initiatives that aim to increase sport participation rates for women and girls. For example, Aline Silva founded an all-girls wrestling program in Brazil so they may find their strength and challenge social expectations of womanhood.

- **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**
  - Initiatives that use sport to develop pro-social behaviors in youth. For example, Nour Kayyal founded a basketball academy in Jordan so youth may develop confidence, resilience, and teamwork through sport.

- **GENDER EQUALITY**
  - Initiatives that promote women’s equality and empowerment through sports. For example, Martina Bartolucci developed a mentorship program in Argentina to increase the representation of women in the Ministry of Sports.

- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**
  - Initiatives that use sport to promote the development of key leadership qualities, including teamwork and self-efficacy. For example, Cynthia Coredo hosts programs to transform young, Kenyan women into community leaders capable of addressing challenges in Nairobi’s slum areas.

- **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
  - Initiatives that found new organizations or promote the development of skills needed to solve challenges through sport and innovation. For example, Pamela Akplogan founded an organization in Benin that works to provide girls safe access to playgrounds.

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**WINNER OF A 2018 ESPN HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Note: Statistics represent delegates from 2012-2017 for GSMP: Empowering Women through Sports.

*Alumnae often work in multiple impact areas, therefore, totals are more than the 147 delegates who have participated in the program.

*GSMP: Empowering Women through Sports was awarded a Stuart Scott ENSPIRE Award at the 2018 ESPN Sports Humanitarian Awards.
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GSMP ACCOLADES

GSMP HIGHLIGHTS
• Winner of an ESPN Sports Humanitarian Award (Stuart Scott ENSPIRE Award, 2018)
• Highlighted as a featured panel at the South by Southwest (SXSW) Festival (“The Power of the GSMP,” 2018)
• Highlighted as the key initiative to address UN Global Goal #5: Gender Equality by the U.S. Department of State Global Partnerships Office (2017)
• Featured at the espnW Women + Sport Summit (2015-2017)
• Named one of the top 50 Partnerships That Make a Difference by the University of Tennessee Office of Research and Engagement (2015)
• Named one of the 10 Best Diplomatic Achievements in the World by the Public Diplomacy Council (2013)

NOTABLE MENTIONS
• In 2017, the GSMP was named one of the espnW + Sport Summit’s “Eight Takeaways” by writer Sarah Spain, and in Julie Foudy’s words, made her “feel a lot better about our future.”
• In 2018, CSPS Director Sarah Hillyer appeared in a series of Women in the World videos, where she interviewed actresses and women leaders—Felicity Huffman, Jane Seymour, Joy-Ann Reid, Dr. Rola Hallam, and Frances Fischer—participating in the Los Angeles Salon about the importance of sports in women’s lives. The opportunity came as a result of Center’s work, the impact made by GSMP delegates, and the ongoing support from GSMP mentors, including those from Saatchi & Saatchi, LA, who helped organize the event.

ALUMNAE ACCOLADES
• Xinyi Hua and Po-Chun Liu (Empower 2017) were named to Forbes’ Most Powerful Women in International Sport list for 2018. Xinyi, a Chinese sports journalist and one of few female news directors in the country, was No. 21, and Po-Chun, Taiwan’s first female baseball umpire, was No. 18.
• Maira Liguori (Brazil, Empower 2016) was named to BBC’s 100 Women of 2017 list as one of the most innovative game changers around the world.
• Aline Silva (Brazil, Empower 2017) was named United World Wrestling’s (UWW) Woman in Sport for 2018. The award coincides with the launch of Mempodera, an organization Aline created as part of her Action Plan to empower girls in her community through wrestling.
• Cynthia Coredo’s (Kenya, Empower 2015) organization, Boxgirls Kenya, received a development grant from the International Olympic Committee in 2017 for its work using boxing to teach life skills and self-defense to women and girls living in the slums of Nairobi.
• Paola Kuri (Mexico, Empower 2016) was named by Quién50 Magazine as one of the eight young people impacting Mexico in 2017. She was also chosen to participate in Dove’s 60th Anniversary “Real Beauty” global campaign for her work on gender equity (2017).
• Daniela Castro (Brazil, Empower 2013) was appointed Deputy Secretary of Sports for São Paulo, one of the world’s largest cities. In conjunction with the appointment, she released a book on sports advocacy for underserved populations. In the book, she shares her experience advocating for social welfare policy as director of “Athletes for Brazil,” an NGO where she served as executive director. She also references her GSMP experience in the book and highlighted U.S. advocacy practices and the successful example of Procter & Gamble, where she was mentored during the GSMP by Julie Eddleman.
• Grace Chirumanzu (Zimbabwe, Empower 2012) earned a national award for her work empowering women in sport from Zimbabwe’s Sports and Recreation Commission.
• Pamela Akplogan (Benin, Empower 2016) was selected for the 2018 Mandela Washington Fellowship that aims to develop young African leaders.
• Yasmin Al-Sharshani (Egypt, Empower 2015) and Dima Alardah (Jordan, Empower 2014) were featured in an article on Arab sportswomen role models in the prominent magazine, VOGUE Italia in 2016.
VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS:

CSPS PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES ESPN SPORTS HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Dr. Sarah Hillyer, director of the Center for Sport, Peace, and Society, receives ESPN’s Stuart Scott ENSPIRE Award on behalf of the Global Sports Mentoring Program, a partnership between the U.S. Department of State, espnW, and the CSPS. Hillyer was joined at the ceremony by alumnae Cynthia Coredo of Kenya, Geraldine Bernardo of the Philippines, and Dima Alardah of Jordan. The award was presented by Laila Ali.

GSMP BEHIND THE SCENES: EGYPT AND JORDAN
A behind-the-scenes video of the work six alumnae from the U.S. Department of State and espnW Global Sports Mentoring Program are doing to transform communities and empower women and girls in Egypt and Jordan.
VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS:

SHE BELIEVES: DIMA ALARDAH’S STORY
Dima restores hope to women, girls, and refugees through Shuttlers Academy and the Norwegian Refugee Council.

GIRL POWER: HAYAM ESSAM’S STORY
Hayam dedicates her life to supporting girls from underserved areas of Cairo through basketball and “Girl Power Egypt.”

GSMP 2017: CREATE A BETTER WORLD
Around the world, women are more likely to be affected by poverty, lack of proper education, violence, and disease.

KEEP GOING: BATOUL ARNAOUT’S STORY
Batoul creates a path for Jordanian girls and women through “BOOST,” an initiative she founded to bring hope through cycling.

#GSMP2016: CHANGING THE GAME
Sports have the power to change the landscape of society, and the women of the 2016 GSMP class know it.

GSMP: S4C 2017: INCLUSIVE BASKETBALL
In March 2018, CSPS implemented its third GSMP: Sport for Community exchange, in partnership with the Department of State.

GROWING MINDS: YASMIN HELAL’S STORY
In Cairo, Yasmin founded Educate Me, a school that impacts the lives of students through holistic education, including sports.

VOLEADERS’ IN VIETNAM: REFLECTIONS
In July 2017, members of the VOLeaders Academy traveled to Vietnam for a service-learning immersion experience.

GSMP 2017: PART ONE
See highlights from GSMP 2017, which included interactive games and team building at Terrapin Adventures.

GSMP 2017: PART TWO
See highlights from group discussions on action plan preparation and a monuments tour.

GSMP 2015: #RISEUP
Strong. Determined. Brave. These are the 16 women of the 2015 class.

PAT: A LEGACY OF LOVE
This is the story of how legendary coach Pat Summitt helped rebuild girls basketball in Iraq.
ABOUT US

ONE  RESEARCH

Through scholarly research, writing, and evaluation, we contribute to sport for development and peace literature and deliver keynote speeches at conferences worldwide. Since its founding in 2012, leaders of the Center for Sport, Peace, and Society (CSPS) have published 6 peer-reviewed academic articles, presented more than 70 times at national and international conferences, delivered four keynote addresses and a commencement speech, and developed a unique model of empowerment: the Theory of Empowerment for Social Change.

Two  TEACHING AND TRAINING

We teach on topics such as women in sport, service-learning, and sport for social change and leadership, all of which are global in nature and rooted in experiential learning. In addition, we also help lead a student-athlete leadership development program; deliver sport and social innovation trainings across the world, which includes invitations from U.S. Embassies abroad; and engage youth and adult participants in our culturally-grounded “Better World” curriculum through international workshops and sport and life-skills sessions.

Three  MENTORING

Since 2012, we’ve implemented the U.S. Department of State Global Sports Mentoring Program (GSMP), an initiative that brings international leaders to the U.S. for a five-week, immersive mentorship. Through seven installments of the GSMP, we’ve trained and empowered 147 participants to make a positive impact on underserved populations through sport in their local communities. We’ve also partnered with 63 host organizations and developed relationships with hundreds of public and private organizations around the world.

Four  GLOBAL EXCHANGES

As part of our commitment to promoting equality and inclusion worldwide, we travel the globe to support program alumni, U.S. Embassies, and program partners through sports-based clinics in local communities that promote the values of equality and inclusion. Within the past five years, we’ve trained more than 6,000 coaches, educators, social entrepreneurs, and executives during conferences, roundtable discussions, and educational sessions in 72 countries.

WHO WE ARE

We are a university-based social enterprise committed to peace-building, inclusion, and the empowerment of underserved populations worldwide.

WHAT WE DO

We help global leaders develop innovative solutions to socio-political challenges using sport. We work to create a more peaceful, equitable, and inclusive world.

HOW WE DO IT

Using a train-the-trainers model, we leverage the power of sport and education to develop leaders who use their vision for change to directly impact local communities.

WHO WE WORK WITH

The primary beneficiaries of our work are women and girls, persons with disabilities, youth, refugees, and student-athletes.

HOW WE BEGAN

Although our director has worked in the field of sport for development and peace for more than 25 years, the Center for Sport, Peace, and Society was officially founded in the summer of 2012. Soon after, the Center was awarded the inaugural “Empowering Women and Girls Through Sports” cooperative agreement through the U.S. Department of State. Since then, we’ve been awarded more than $6.9 million to promote equality and inclusion among underserved populations worldwide.

HOW WE WORK

Whether it’s the classroom, locker room, or boardroom, our mission remains the same: empowering global sports leaders to make a positive social impact.