

# **AMERICAN GOLD SPORTS ALLIANCE**

### **FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER**

# **ADDING & EXPANDING**

February has been one of our biggest months yet! We've introduced two different committees, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and the Youth Advisory Committee, to continue our goal of making sports accessible to everyone, regards of who they are.

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

On February 1st, AGSA launched our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. We are dedicated to creating a culture of inclusivity through courageous conversations on topics of social justice, human rights, and recruitment and retention of under-represented student-athletes, coaches and staff.

If you or someone you know are interesting in joining either of these committees, please email us at info@agsa.org. We're happy to have you!



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### • YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Advisory Committee is a group of young people who are passionate about youth representation, have a range of experiences in sport and physical activity, and want to make sure that young people have a voice in deciding how opportunities are developed and delivered for young people moving forwards.

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### FEBRUARY ATHLETE OF THE MONTH **SAMANTHA SPIELBAUER**

#### **SPORT: WRESTLING AND BASKETBALL SCHOOL: CLAYTON RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL HOMETOWN: GUTTENBERG, IA**

Samantha Spielbauer plays varsity basketball, while also competing as a wrestler at Clayton Ridge High School in Guttenberg, lowa. Even though this is her first year of wrestling, Spielbauer surprised everyone by winning her first-ever state wrestling championship during the third annual lowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association's girls state tournament. She had the fastest pin, in 1:16 to win at 160. Spielbauer will continue her season wrestling in the 2021 High School National Recruiting Showcase and Girls Folkstyle Nationals Tournament.

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# LOOKING FOR NEW YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are excited announce the launch of our new Youth Advisory Council and are looking for new members. The YAC is a group of young people who are passionate about youth representation, have a range of experiences in sport and physical activity, and want to make sure that young people have a voice in deciding how opportunities are developed and delivered for young people moving forwards.

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining, email us at info@agsa.org. Learn More at agsa.org/youth

#### **MEMBERS**:

- Are junior high high school students.
- Are able to commit to a one year term.
- Have a passion for sports and volunteering.
- Enjoy working in a team and be able to communicate your ideas.
- -Have an open and creative mindset.



### **A NOTE** FROM PRESIDENT **SID CAESAR**

AGSA has been building a strong and energetic team. I am so excited to see the growth of our programs and am especially thrilled at the number of people who have viewed our website and read our social media posts, in support of our goals and objectives. We are especially thankful to our doners, who help us grow these programs.

### FEATURED STORIES CLICK THE HEADLINE TO READ THE FULL STORY

"AMERICAN GOLD SPORTS ALLIANCE LAUNCHES THEIR DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND EQUITY COMMITTEE"

**"FORMER AUGUSTANA WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDOUT, ANNA** FANK, SIGNS WITH FORMELLO CALCIO CLUB OF LAZIO, ITALY

"FRAN BELIBI IS CHANGING HOW WOMEN'S COLLEGE BALL DOES DUNKING" "FROM THE US LACROSSE CEO: AT THE HEART OF IT ALL"

**"SKIER HAS SIGHTS SET ON** PARALYMPICS AFTER OVERCOMING SETBACKS"

**"THREE COMPETITION** VENUES ANNOUNCED FOR THE WORLD GAMES 2022"





# AMERICAN GOLD SPORTS ALLIANCE

The American Gold Sports Alliance principle is assuring that dedicated student-athletes have the ability to receive the support and opportunities they need to succeed, irrespective of their financial status.

# **OUR VISION**

IDENTIFY student athletes with the help of national, regional, and local sports authorities.

• ADVOCATE for all student-athletes to choose an active lifestyle.

• LOCATE adequate funding and advocate for private sector donors and philanthropic efforts to assure proper organizational financial stability.

 COLLABORATE with the national, regional, and local sports authorities and teams to improve participation of student-athletes in training, coaching, and competition, to grow the abilities, confidence, and positive results of the student-athlete.

# Who We Support

#### WRESTLING FOR GOLD INITIATIVE

AGSA strives to unite the World Police and Fire Games wrestlers throughout the United States, organizing training and practice efforts, and find location, administrative, logistical, and coaching experts to build the capacity of the WPFG Team. LACROSSE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The AGSA supports all levels of lacrosse, assisting players locally, nationally, and internationally the chance to attend lacrosse camps and tournaments in the across the United States.

#### INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES, TEAMS, AND ORGANIZATIONS.

ASGA funds individuals and teams to expand their abilities to receive additional high level coaching and attend tournaments.

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