

2008

Biography



Olympic Athletes

Kristina Groves

Sport: Speed Skating

Birthplace: Ottawa, Ontario

Recent Career Highlights:

2008 World Champion (3000m)

Historic five-medal performance at 2008 World Championships

2007-08 World Cup Overall Champion (1500m)

2006 Olympic Winter Games – two-time Silver Medalist (1500m and Team Pursuit)

2006 World All-round Speed Skating Championships – Bronze Medallist

2005 World Single Distances Championships – Bronze Medallist (3000 m)

Personal Interest:

Kristina is an Athlete ambassador for Right to Play and in 2007, she traveled to Rwanda to contribute to the work of the organization first hand.

Blythe Hartley

Sport: Diving

Birthplace: Edmonton, Alberta

Recent Career Highlights:

2008 Winter Senior National Championships – Gold Medallist (3 m)

2007 FINA World Championships – Silver Medallist (1m)

2006 Commonwealth Games – two-time Gold Medallist (1m and 3m)

2005 FINA World Championships – Gold Medallist (1m)

2004 Athens Olympic Games – Bronze Medallist (10 m Synchronized)

2003 Pan-American Games – two-time Gold Medallist (3 m and Synchronized Springboard) and one-time Bronze Medallist (10 m)

Personal Interest:

Blythe and her family created the Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation in memory of Blythe's brother Dr. Strachan Hartley. The foundation is dedicated to furthering Strachan's life goal of making a difference in the world by providing under-privileged youth and families with life-enriching sports and educational programs that will help them reach their full potential.

Paralympic Athletes

Earle Connor

Sport: Track and Field

Birthplace: Castlegar, British Columbia

Recent Career Highlights:

2004 Recipient of the prestigious Laureus World Sport Award

2000 Sydney Paralympics Games - Gold and silver Medallist

Three-time named Canadian Athlete of the Year

Undefeated world record holder in the 100 meter dash since 1997

Personal Thought:

Earle, who works as a marketing consultant, credits his athletic accomplishments to his determination and ability to live his life uninhibited by his disability.

Kendra Ohama

Sport: Wheelchair Basketball

Birthplace: Brooks, Alberta

Recent Career Highlights:

2008 Good Luck Beijing International Invitational - Gold Medallist

2007 Parapanamerican Games - Silver Medallist

2004 Paralympic Games - Bronze Medallist

1992, 1996, 2000 Paralympic Games - Gold Medallist

1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 World Championships - Gold Medallist

Personal Thought:

Kendra, a goldsmith by trade, says her support system at home is her key to success in basketball. Before a game she enjoys listening to music and socializing with her teammates.