



Inspiring the next generation of Female Athletes



PRNewswire/ -- This year, Women's History Month is celebrating the theme "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations."

Women in sports inspire fans of all ages through their accomplishments on the field, and this month, Arizona State University also recognizes Sun Devil female athletes who are dedicated to education off the field.

Race car driver Chloe Chambers, international softball player Dallas Escobedo Magee and WNBA basketball star Elizabeth Williams are exceptional female athletes who set standards in their professional sports and academic pursuits.

These women are either earning or have earned their degree through ASU Online and prove that excellence doesn't have to stop at the finish line.

Twenty-year-old Chloe Chambers expertly balances her life as a professional race car driver and an online business administration student at ASU.

Chambers races for the Red Bull Ford Academy Programme in the F1 Academy. The all-female racing series, backed by Formula One, is more than just a competition; it's a movement that empowers women to shatter long-held barriers, finding ways to integrate more female talent into motorsports.

But learning has always been the front-runner in Chambers' life. Her mother, a teacher, instilled in her the belief that knowledge fuels opportunity.

With the unique flexibility of online education, she navigates the twists and turns of both the racetrack and academia.

"She's always wanted us to get our degrees," Chambers said. "I think it's important. It's not a very common thing in racing to earn a degree. A lot of the drivers who do end up getting their degree had to take time off of racing to pursue that, which I don't have to do, luckily, with ASU."

With her eyes set on the Shanghai race in mid-March, she reflects on her journey.

"If I ever stop my racing or my driving career for any reason, and when that time does come, whether it's because of money, age or injury or something like that, I want something to kind of fall back on," Chambers said. "I would love to stay within the motorsports industry, so with the business administration degree, I can stay in motorsports, doing something I still enjoy and hopefully will be able to do until I'm very old."

Dallas Escobedo Magee has spent over a decade carving out her legacy on the softball field, quickly becoming a force in women's professional fast-pitch.

She finished her career at ASU as one of the most decorated Sun Devils, launching her professional career right after graduating in 2014 with three trips to the Women's College World Series and one national championship.

She went on to play with the Pennsylvania Rebellion and joined Team Mexico Women's National Softball Team in 2016. In 2020, she joined Mexico's first women's team to participate in the Olympic games.

Escobedo Magee was one of 15 women who comprised the Mexican National Olympic Softball Team for the Tokyo 2020

Olympic Games, becoming the first pitcher for Mexico at the Olympic games.

Growing up a devoted Sun Devil, she has always cherished her ties to ASU. The decision to pursue her master's degree online wasn't just about flexibility — it was about staying connected to a community that shaped her both on and off the field.

"The early stages of when I started my online degree, I was in the States," Escobedo Magee said. "I did travel all over the world playing with Team Mexico. I was doing homework, probably in the Dominican Republic or South Africa. Having the ability to access the online program wherever I needed was helpful."

While competing on the world stage, Escobedo Magee studied from around the world. She credits ASU's online programs with the flexibility that allowed her to tailor her studies around her demanding athletic schedule.

"It allowed me to finish my master's while playing full-time," she said. "I never had to choose between my education and my sport. I was able to make my own schedule, which I still love to this day, with anything that I do."

Her education has also had a profound tie to her coaching aspirations.

Studying autism and behavior analysis online has allowed her to blend her love for sports with a deep commitment to teaching. Now gearing up for her seventh season with Toyota Shokki, a team based in the Kariya region of Japan, Escobedo Magee reflects on her career as a pitcher on the international stage.

"Playing with the Toyota Shokki has been the most phenomenal and fulfilling experience as a professional that I could get," Escobedo Magee said.

Chicago Sky center Elizabeth Williams has seamlessly fused her passion for sports with a growing interest in global health.

Born in England to Nigerian parents, Williams initially thought her future might mirror her parents' successful medical careers. However, her love for basketball soon changed the trajectory of her life.

She quickly became a standout player, earning a scholarship to Duke University, where academics remained a priority. While initially considering a career in medicine, she was drawn to basketball, playing professionally in the WNBA and overseas.

Through her years in the WNBA, Williams honed her leadership skills, becoming a player representative and later serving on the executive committee of the Women's National Basketball Players Association. While continuing her basketball career, Williams pursued a graduate degree in global health online at ASU.

"I've learned a lot about global health, how it's evolved and how you can make an immediate impact," she said.

Her focus on healthcare access and women's health is strongly influenced by her international experiences playing in countries with diverse healthcare systems, including Turkey, Russia and China.

"I like the flexibility that online school offers," she said. "I (had) never taken anything online, so it was an adjustment, but because it's online, I can do everything when I'm overseas. When I'm in Turkey, I can turn in papers or chat with the group even though they're in the U.S."

BroadcastHER Coalition for 2025 to support women in gaming and Esports

PRNewswire/ -- In honor of Women's History Month this March, 1,000 Dreams Fund (1DF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to fueling the career goals and dreams of talented women in need worldwide, announces the BroadcastHER Coalition, a group of companies and organizations who have committed to joining 1DF in their goal of supporting women & femmes in gaming and esports through funding, mentorship, training opportunities in 2025.

The month will kicked off with BroadcastHER Coalition partners coming together to support 1,000 Dreams Fund's annual Streams For Dreams Twitch Charity Fundraiser. For a second year in a row, Twitch Women's Guild returns to fundraise and directly support for 1DF's BroadcastHER Grant, which awards up to \$1,500 in microgrant funding to content creators and anyone who aspires to work in gaming and esports for such items as hardware upgrades, conference travel, certification and educational courses. This year, funds raised by the Twitch Women's Guild will fund travel grants to TwitchCon 2025 in San Diego, CA.

According to a study in Esports Earnings, women esports players earn less than 1% of total esports prize money—the top 400 highest-earning esports players are almost all men. 1,000 Dreams Fund launched the BroadcastHER Initiative in 2018 to address these challenges by supporting underserved women with resources to reach their career goals and dreams in the gaming and esports industry.

Facilitating its success, the initiative has also received support from leading gaming and esports organizations, including Twitch and Riot Games.

"I am fundraising for 1DF this March because I want to do my part to help dreams become a reality. Creators who get to go to TwitchCon through these grants have opportunities to connect with their communities, meet and learn from other creators, interact with Twitch Staff and make professional connections to help build their portfolio," said AshSaidHi, Twitch Women's Guild co-leader, "Supporting women and marginalized genders is important!"

The BroadcastHER Academy supports the next generation of women & femmes in esports and gaming, awarding recipients with \$500 microgrants toward important costs, HyperX products, virtual mentorship, and an all-expense paid trip to Games Week Georgia to help them reach their career goals and dreams.

"Both Skillshot and Ghost Gaming are committed to uplifting the next generation of women pursuing careers in gaming and esports", said CEO Todd Harris. "On the heels of announcing our Ghost Gaming pro women's team in CS2 we announce our partnership support of the BroadcastHER Coalition! We've been honored to provide experiential learning for talented BroadcastHER Academy Fellows the past three years, and value our partnership with 1,000 Dreams toward empowering girls nationwide."

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