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US Speedskating Announces 2017-18 National Training Program

This season's program features 21 returning NTP athletes

KEARNS, Utah – US Speedskating announced today the 23 athletes that will be part of the 2017-18 National Training Program (NTP) for the Olympic season. This year's group features seven Olympians and 21 athletes who are returning from previous year's NTP programs.

The National Training Program is an elite group of female and male athletes who are selected based on their athletic performance during the 2016-17 season and will be aiming to represent Team USA at the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang.

"We're entering the Olympic season with a diverse pool of veteran and youthful talent," said **Guy Thibault**, US Speedskating high performance director. "I'm looking forward to an excellent showing from our athletes throughout the season heading into Olympic Trials and in PyeongChang."

The complete Short Track and Long Track NTP roster (in alphabetical order) is listed below and online:

SHORT TRACK (10) * denotes first-year NTP member

Maame Biney* – Reston, VA
Adam Callister – Salt Lake City, UT
Keith Carroll Jr. – Honey Brook, PA
J.R. Celski – Federal Way, WA
Kimi Goetz – Flemington, NJ
Gabiella Hachem* – North Potomac, MD
Thomas Hong - Laurel, MD
Casey Mullarkey – Cleveland, OH
Kristen Santos – Fairfield, CT
Aaron Tran – Federal Way, WA

LONG TRACK (13)

Petra Acker – Clifton Park, NY
Brittany Bowe – Ocala, FL
Jonathan Garcia – Houston, TX
Kimani Griffin – Winston-Salem, NC
Kelly Gunther – Clinton Township, MI
Mia Manganello – Crestview, FL
Joey Mantia – Ocala, FL
Ian Quinn – St. Louis, MO
Carlijn Schoutens – Heemstede, Netherlands
Paige Schwartzburg – Ocala, FL
Jerica Tandiman – Kearns, UT
Sugar Todd – Omaha, NE
Mitch Whitmore – Waukesha, WI

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During the 2016-17 speed skating season, U.S. athletes collected 32 international medals, including five World Championship Medals. In addition, of the 23 athletes on this year's roster, 16 of them were named to a Senior or Junior World Championship team last season.

The Olympic skating season kicks off in Kearns, Utah at the Utah Olympic Oval on August 19-20 with the men and women's Short Track World Cup Team Qualifier. The Long Track World Cup Team Qualifier will also be at the Utah Olympic Oval on Oct. 11-15.

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About US Speedskating

From Pond to Podium, we are US Speedskating. We grow and nurture a sport where all ages can experience the thrill of speed and the camaraderie of the skating community. US Speedskating is responsible for the development of speed skating from grassroots to the highest elite racing programs. US Speedskating is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union as the governing body for the sport of speed skating in the United States. The Organization has won 86 Olympic medals to-date, making it one of the most successful sports in U.S. Olympic history. US Speedskating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), on [Facebook](#) and at www.usspeedskating.org.

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SHORT TRACK

Name	Hometown	@Twitter	Instagram
Maame Biney	Reston, Va.	@BineyMaame	biney.biney
Adam Callister	Salt Lake City, Utah		adamcallister1
Keith Carroll Jr.	Honey Brook, Pa.	@keithcarrolljr	keith.carrolljr
J.R. Celski	Federal Way, Wash.	@jrcelski	celskeet
Kimi Goetz	Flemington, N.J.	@kimigoetz	kimigoetz
Gabriella Hachem	North Potomac, Md.	@gabbyhachem	gabhachem
Thomas Hong	Laurel, Md.	@thongyy	thomasxhong
Casey Mullarkey	Cleveland, Ohio	@c_mullarkey_	c_mullarkey_
Kristen Santos	Fairfield, Conn.		kristensantos
Aaron Tran	Federal Way, Wash.	@AaronVaughnTran	aarontran96

COACHING STAFF

High Performance Director: Guy Thibault

National Team Men's Coach: Anthony Barthell

National Team Women's Coach: Alex Izykowski

Head Athletic Trainer: Karen Ocwieja

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LONG TRACK

NATIONAL SPRINT TEAM

Name	Hometown	@Twitter	Instagram
Brittany Bowe	Ocala, Fla.	@BrittanyBowe	brittanybowe
Jonathan Garcia	Houston, Texas	@jagarcia23	jagarcia_23
Kimani Griffin	Winston-Salem, N.C.	@KSGriff90	kgriff90
Joey Mantia	Ocala, Fla.	@jrmantia	joeymantia
Paige Schwartzburg	Ocala, Fla.		schwartzburg
Jerica Tandiman	Kearns, Utah	@jLanTan	jlantan
Sugar Todd	Omaha, Neb.	@sugarmotion	srftct
Mitch Whitmore	Waukesha, Wisc.	@WhitmoreUSA	whitmoreusa

NATIONAL ALLROUND TEAM

Name	Hometown	@Twitter	Instagram
Petra Acker	Clifton Park, N.Y.	@babyP93	babyp93
Kelly Gunther	Clinton Township, Mich.	@KellyAGunther	kellyguntherr
Mia Manganello	Crestview, Fla.	@Mnmango89	mnmango89
Ian Quinn	St. Louis, Mo.	@quinn_ian	ian_quinn99
Carlijn Schoutens	Heemstede, Netherlands	@Carlijn	carlijn_12

Note: Please note that Carlijn Schoutens' Twitter handle has a capital 'i' instead of a 'L'

COACHING STAFF

High Performance Director: Guy Thibault

National Sprint Team Head Coach: Matt Kooreman

National Allround Team Head Coach: Tom Cushman

Sprint Team Head Athletic Trainer: Fikre Wondafrash