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CFY Olympian Homecoming presented by Kennedy Law Racing

WHAT: CFY will honor 10 Tampa Bay Olympians from 1984-2024.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

WHERE: Island Way Grill- 20 Island Way, Clearwater.

SCHEDULE

- 5:30 PM** Doors Open. Media may arrive at 5:15PM.
- 5:55 PM** Olympian introductions at 5:55PM by Clearwater's own and WWE Legend Hulk Hogan.
- 6:00 PM** Olympic Chat lead by 3-time Olympic Gold Medalist and the Voice of Swimming for the past two decades Rowdy Gaines.
- 6:45 PM** Olympians will be available for press conference interviews.

OLYMPIANS

Bobby Finke- Swimming: Born and raised in Clearwater, Countryside HS, University of Florida, 2-Time Olympian (2020 & 2024) 3-Time Olympian Gold Medalist, Olympic silver medalist and CURRENT WORLD RECORD HOLDER IN THE 1500 METER FREE.

Tracy Otto- Paralympian Archery: 2024 Paralympian, Plant City native, UT alumni, she is a survivor, she is an inspiration, and mom to be with fiancé Rick Riessle.

Emma Weyant-Swimming: Born and raised in Sarasota, current University of Florida collegiate swimmer, 2-Time Olympian- 2020 400 IM Silver Medalist & 2024 400 IM Bronze Medalist.

Noah Lyons- Windsurfing iQFOil: 2024 Olympian, CFY advocate, Clearwater native, Clearwater HS, was inspired to become an Olympian by Zach Railey.

Rowdy Gaines-Swimming: Born and raised in Winter Haven, University of Auburn alumni, 1984 3-time Olympic Gold Medalist, and the VOICE of Olympic.

Brooke Bennett-Swimming: Florida native, raised in Plant City, CFY Development Manager, and 2-Time Olympian (1996 & 2000), 3-Time Olympic Gold Medalist.

Ken Eriksen- Softball: Born in New York- USF Baseball Player- Signed with the Clearwater Bombers to play fastpitch softball, the current USF Head Softball Coach, and 2020 Olympic Head Softball Coach.

Tracey McFarlane- Swimming: Born in Montreal Canada, representing Canada and USA in international championships, University of Texas alumni, and 1988 Olympic Silver Medalist. Today calls St Petersburg home.

Zach Railey- Sailing: St Petersburg native, Clearwater HS, a 2-Time Olympian (2008 & 2012), 2008 Silver Medalist.

Nicole Haislett-Swimming: St Petersburg native, Lakewood HS, University of Florida alumni, and 1992 3-Time Olympic Gold medalist.

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“We are extremely excited and proud to host the CFY Olympian Homecoming presented by KLR. These Olympians represent what every young athlete strives to become, and they are the perfect role-model for the children we support through our mission to be involved in youth athletics. It is a privilege to facilitate stoking the flames of those dreams.” **CFY Chairman Fred Miller.**

CFY’s mission is to elevate the youth of Pinellas County through access to athletics and other skill-building programs where children from all backgrounds can learn, play, and grow together. For more information, please visit our website at www.cfypinellas.org