



April 3, 2013

Dear Faculty:

I am a member of the William L. Mayo Prestigious Speaker Series. Last year we brought Dan Rather on campus and enjoyed the wisdom and history that he shared. I am excited to announce this year's speakers – a panel of Gold Medal winning U.S. Olympians including Ryan Lochte, Misty May, and Sanya Richards-Ross. Each of these athletes has dedicated their lives to honing their skills and each has been rewarded with success. The panel will be moderated by SportCenter's Linda Cohn.

Although the classroom and an Olympic swimming pool may seem worlds apart, we expect our speakers to talk about the factors that lead to success in any field – commitment, determination, goal setting, focus, and perseverance. Our committee's hope is that our students will enjoy the presentation, but more importantly, will leave moved to make their mark on this university and the world beyond its walls.

I hope that you'll be able to attend the presentation. Also, I am asking for your assistance in publicizing the event and in getting students to attend. The committee will publicize the event throughout the next two weeks, but nothing is more powerful in building up excitement than word of mouth. Please help us to fill the house for this exciting and inspirational evening.

In addition, applications are available to students for a small number of individuals to be able to meet and dine with the Olympians. Students will need a recommendation from a faculty or staff member in order to be eligible for this opportunity. Applications are due Wednesday, April 10th.

The William L. Mayo Prestigious Speaker event will be held on Tuesday April 16th at 8:00pm in the Ferguson Auditorium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJ Green", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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