



The Athletes in Excellence Award from the Foundation for Global Sports Development recognizes exceptional athletes who uphold the values of **good sportsmanship and fair play both on and off the field**. We believe in the importance of honoring athletes who use their achievements in sport as a catalyst **to inspire positive change**.

As part of the award, recipients will receive a **\$10,000** grant, enabling them to pursue their passions and create even more positive change.

We are now accepting nominations for Athletes in Excellence from individuals or organizations.

The deadline to nominate an athlete is **August 1, 2023**.

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Meet two of our Athletes in Excellence who advocate for positive mental health



2017 ATHLETE IN EXCELLENCE

Haley Hunter Smith

2020NE Tokyo Olympian and professional off-road cyclist Haley Hunter Smith mentors with Fast and Female and Cam's Kids Foundation. She focuses on teaching youth about mental wellness, particularly in regards to anxiety and eating disorders.

2021 ATHLETE IN EXCELLENCE

Cyrille Fagat Tchatchet II

Weightlifting Olympian Cyrille Fagat Tchatchet II was a member of the Refugee Team at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo. After experiencing trauma, homelessness, and food insecurity, Cyrille earned a degree in Mental Health Nursing from Middlesex University. He now serves patients facing mental health challenges and is a spokesperson for athletes who are refugees.



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