



Our latest film, **"12 Parts Per Million"** was named **Best Documentary Short at the Malibu Film Festival!** The premiere screening was followed by a Q&A session with director Chet Thomas and Darrin Fletcher, the director of the animated sequences of the film.

"I was blown away by the audience's response to the film. As the director, I'm naturally a fan, but reality can sometimes differ from your expectations. When the audience loves it as much as you hope they will—and even more than you expected—it's truly a relief and very exciting. Coming out of the Malibu Film Festival, I'm energized and I hope the world has the opportunity to see the film."

*Chet Thomas, Director*

We were honored to share the story of Rick DeMont to advocate for greater athlete care and regulatory oversight in sports. It is our hope that "12 Parts Per Million" will continue to inspire fairness and integrity in the field.

# EXCEPTIONAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP



**LAST CHANCE!**

**APPLY AT [GLOBALSPORTSDEVELOPMENT.ORG](https://globalsportsdevelopment.org) BY JUNE 7TH AT 11:59 PM ET**

The deadline for the 2024 **Exceptional Youth Scholarship** has been EXTENDED! This is your last chance – applications are being accepted until **June 7th at 11:59 PM ET**.

Ten exceptional students will receive a one-time scholarship of \$10,000 each to support them in their journey at a four-year accredited university or college in the United States.

Please make sure to include a FAFSA-generated Student Aid Index (SAI) with your submission to be considered for the scholarship. [Applications submitted without the SAI will be automatically disqualified.](#)

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## Meet our 2023 Athletes in Excellence

Established in 2015, GSD's **Athletes in Excellence Award** recognizes exceptional athletes who uphold the values of good sportsmanship and fair play.

Since then, we've been proud to celebrate those who use their achievements in sport as a catalyst to inspire positive change by giving each recipient a \$10,000 grant to support their commitment to enriching the lives of others.



**Jessica Smith** began representing Australia in para-swimming when she was thirteen. She swam for Team Australia for the next seven years and competed at the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games at nineteen. Since retiring from swimming, Jessica has become a runner and an international advocate for diversity and inclusion, disability awareness, and positive body image, sharing her journey with diverse audiences including the United Nations. She is co-founder and COO of TOUCH Talent Inclusion Consultancy as well as a brand ambassador for corporations and a member of the Australian Government Sports Commission's AIS Female Performance & Health Initiative Athlete Advisory Group. Jessica has received numerous awards, including the prestigious Order of Australia Medal (OAM), Australia's highest honor, for her activism and dedication to sport.



**Esther Vergeer**, a seven-time gold Paralympic medalist, was inspired to start her community outreach after being approached by parents and disabled children seeking sports opportunities. In 2004, she founded the Esther Vergeer Foundation, enabling hundreds of children with a physical disability the chance to play sports every week across the Netherlands. She serves on the Dutch Paralympic delegation and the Dutch Sports Council and directs the ABN AMRO Open's wheelchair tennis tournament. Her accolades include two Laureus Awards, the 2016 Fanny Blankers-Koen Career Award, and being named International Tennis Federation World Champion in women's wheelchair tennis every year from 2000 to 2012. With 148 singles and 136 doubles titles, she's become a role model and advocate for both female and male tennis players with a disability.



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