

# Faces of Hope Welcomes Maggie Nichols | Athlete A

In January 2018, elite gymnast Maggie Nichols joined gymnasts Aly Raisman and McKayla Maroney to speak out about the sexual abuse she endured from USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar. Maggie joined more than 150 women in giving impact statements about the abuse as well as the negligence of USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University.

Until her testimony, Maggie was known as Athlete A – the first USA gymnast to report the abuse. At the hearing, Maggie stated, “I want everyone to know that he did not do this to Athlete A, he did it to Maggie Nichols.”

While Maggie was certainly not the first to be abused, in 2015, she was the first athlete to come forward and report the abuse. A knee injury and being the first to speak out regarding the sexual abuse caused speculation when she was left off the 2016 Olympic Team. Netflix aired a documentary featuring Maggie’s story in June 2020, bringing additional light and attention to the tragedy. Since then, Maggie has established The Maggie Nichols Foundation, which helps charities that help victims and survivors of all types of abuse.

In 2016, Maggie went on to the University of Oklahoma to compete in the NCAA. She is one of the most decorated NCAA gymnasts of all time and has been dubbed “the Michael Jordan of College Gymnastics.” Maggie is one of only two gymnasts to ever complete the Gym Slam—scoring a perfect 10 in each event. She recently graduated with her masters from the University of Oklahoma.

**Please join us. Tuesday, April 11, 2023. 11:00-1:00 at Boise Centre.**

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There are many amazing resources to learn more about Maggie Nichols and the culture of abuse in USA Gymnastics.

Faces of Hope recommends:

**Athlete A** on Netflix

**Believed** a podcast from NPR and Michigan Radio