

**General Information**

Country:	USA
Gender:	F
Height:	173
Weight:	54
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1994-08-14
License:	14081994000

**Further Personal Information**

Residence	Santa Barbara, CA, USA
Occupation	Athlete, Environmental Professional
Languages	English, French, Russian
Higher education	Geophysics - Princeton University: United States

**Sport Specific Information**

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing at age eight in Houston, TX, United States of America.
Why this sport?	She was encouraged to take up the sport by a friend. "The fencing club was near her house. She started when we were in lower school. She took me one day, and I loved it, so I convinced my mother to start letting me go. She quit like a year later, but I'm still doing it."
Club / Team	Alliance Fencing Academy: Houston, TX, USA
Handedness	Right

**International Debut**

Year	2014
Competing for	United States

**General Interest**

Hobbies	Playing the viola, listening to podcasts, reading. (usafencing.org, 01 Jun 2021)
Other information	<p><b>CHANGING PRIORITIES</b> She says that missing out on qualifying for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro made her reassess her priorities. "I had taken a year off from school to try to qualify for the Rio Olympics and I didn't make it and I was heartbroken. I decided I'm going to make life choices not because of fencing. I love fencing and I'm always going to fence and see where it goes, but I'm going to structure my life according to some of my other interests." In 2017 she moved to Switzerland to study for a master's degree in geophysics and geothermal energy at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. "I knew there was fencing, but I thought I'd take a more recreational approach to fencing while I was there. It ended up that I visited the club, I got to know the people, it was a really great atmosphere, and they really encouraged me and pushed me. It's a huge part of where I am. Because I went to Switzerland and got to train with people there I ended up making this team [the US team for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo]." ((LinkedIn profile, 01 Jan 2022; towntopics.com, 28 Jul 2021; usafencing.org, 01 Jun 2021)</p> <p><b>OCCUPATION</b> She works as an environmental scientist at a consulting group in Santa Barbara, CA, United States of America. (LinkedIn profile, 01 Jan 2022; usafencing.org, 01 Jun 2021)</p>