

General Information

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| Country: | USA |
| Gender: | F |
| Handedness: | Right-handed |
| Date of birth: | 1997-07-09 |
| License: | 09071997001 |

Further Personal Information

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| Residence | New York, NY, USA |
| Occupation | Athlete, Coordinator |
| Languages | English |
| Higher education | Biology, Science - Columbia University: New York, NY, USA |

Sport Specific Information

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| When and where did you begin this sport? | She began fencing at age nine in New York, NY, United States of America. |
| Why this sport? | Her parents introduced her and her twin brother to fencing at the Peter Westbrook Foundation in New York. "We started the programme together. Peter Westbrook said that we had potential and that I could be an Olympian one day. My brother quit after a month, my dad told me that I had to keep going. It's that programme that led me to Columbia [university]." |
| Club / Team | Peter Westbrook Foundation: New York, NY, USA |
| Name of coach | Alex Martin [personal]; Buckie Leach [national] |
| Training Regime | "I do personal strength training four days a week, which includes weights, boxing, swimming and various cardio exercises. I take three to four lessons a week with my coach, Alex Martin, and fence with other members of the national team four times a week." |
| Handedness | Right |

General Interest

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| Hobbies | Knitting, arts and crafts. (usafencing.org, 10 Apr 2017) |
| Memorable sporting achievement | Winning the 2018 NCAA Division I title in the individual women's foil event while representing Columbia University. (Quad+, 01 Jun 2020; NCAA YouTube channel, 23 Jan 2020; gocolumbialions.com, 25 Mar 2019) |
| Most influential person in career | Coach Peter Westbrook. (NCAA YouTube channel, 23 Jan 2020) |
| Sporting philosophy / motto | "I aspire to inspire and be great." (Instagram profile, 09 Jul 2018) |
| Awards and honours | While representing Columbia University, she was a recipient in December 2019 of the NCAA Top-10 award, which recognises former college athletes for achievements in their sport, in their studies and in their community. (gocolumbialions.com, 17 Dec 2020) |
| Ambitions | To compete at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (olympics.nbcsports.com, 28 Sep 2018) |
| Other information | <p>STUDIES ON HOLD In 2019 she graduated with a degree in biology from Columbia University in New York, NY, United States of America. She had planned to attend medical school but put her studies on hold to concentrate on gaining a spot for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (amsterdamnews.com, 19 Apr 2019; news.columbia.edu, 21 May 2019; Instagram profile, 05 Jun 2019)</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES After graduating from Columbia University in 2019 she founded the Aspire to Inspire Initiative, a programme of talks and resources which allows high school students to learn about fencing at university from former college fencers. During her time at Columbia, she also organised conduct training for the U19 and U17 national teams to help prevent sexual misconduct. (gocolumbialions.com, 17 Dec 2019; academyoffencingmasters.com, 09 Jul 2020)</p> <p>OCCUPATION She works part time at a psychiatry and psychotherapy practice in Brooklyn, NY, United States of America, where she performs patient coordination and billing tasks. (LinkedIn profile, 21 Feb 2021)</p> |