

General Information

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| Country: | USA |
| Gender: | F |
| Handedness: | Right-handed |
| Date of birth: | 1990-09-12 |
| License: | 12092000004 |

Further Personal Information

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| Residence | United States |
| Occupation | Athlete |
| Languages | English, Italian |

Sport Specific Information

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| When and where did you begin this sport? | She began fencing at age seven at the Societa del Giardino club in Milan, Italy. |
| Why this sport? | "Fencing is a family tradition and has deep roots." |
| Club / Team | Ataba Fencing Club [USA] / Wisconsin Athletic Club [USA]: |
| Name of coach | Abbas Fadel [Ataba, national]; Natalie Dostert [national], GER |
| Handedness | Right |

General Interest

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| Hobbies | Scuba diving. (tmj4.com, 20 Apr 2024) |
| Hero / Idol | Italian fencer [and her cousin] Franco Riccardi. (fencingforcollege.wordpress.com) |
| Sporting philosophy / motto | "Sometimes in life you have to advance, you have to make an attack, you have to go and pursue some goals. Sometimes you have to wait a little bit or retreat. Fencing translates into day to day life, and it's a sport that really challenges your brain to think better and faster." (Al Jazeera, 02 Feb 2022) |
| Famous relatives | Her cousin Franco Riccardi represented Italy in fencing. He won gold in both team and individual epee at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, and also claimed team epee gold at the 1928 Games in Amsterdam and silver at the 1932 Games in Los Angeles. (SportsDeskOnline, 12 Apr 2022; fencingforcollege.wordpress.com, 06 Oct 2015) |
| Ambitions | To compete at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. Outside of sport, she aspires to work as a cardiologist. (Wisconsin Athletic Club LinkedIn profile, 12 Jan 2021; USA Fencing Facebook page, 28 Mar 2024; tmj4.com, 20 Apr 2024; Instagram profile, 28 Mar 2024) |
| Other information | <p>FROM ITALY TO THE UNITED STATES She was born in Milan, Italy, and represented Italy at junior and senior World Cup events. She moved to the United States of America after accepting a scholarship to Penn State University to study pre-medicine and was awarded a green card in 2013 on sporting merit, which made her eligible to represent the United States of America in international competitions. (SportsDeskOnline, 12 Apr 2022; fencingforcollege.wordpress.com, 06 Oct 2015; usafencing.org, 14 Apr 2014; gopsusports.com, 01 Mar 2013)</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES She has been a volunteer assistant coach in the fencing programme at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, United States of America, and served as chairperson for the Wisconsin Division of USA Fencing. She has also volunteered at Walter Reed National Military Medical Centre in Bethesda, MD, United States of America. (und.com, 01 Jan 2021; und.com, 09 Nov 2021; wifencing.com, 01 Jan 2020; fencingforcollege.wordpress.com, 06 Oct 2015)</p> |