

General Information

Country:	CAN
Gender:	F
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1987-01-15
License:	15011987002

Further Personal Information

Family	Husband Alex Martin
Residence	Calgary, AB, CAN
Occupation	Athlete, Business Owner, Coach, Personal Trainer
Languages	English, French
Higher education	Sociology - University of Ottawa: Canada

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing at age 10 at a camp at the University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada.
Why this sport?	Her parents encouraged her to have a sport for each season of the year. She initially did karate but did not enjoy it and was looking for something else. She saw fencing on television and, although she was not sure if she liked the sport at first, she stuck with it so she did not have to do karate.
Club / Team	Epic Fencing Club: Calgary, AB, CAN
Name of coach	Alex Martin [personal, husband]
Handedness	Right

General Interest

Nicknames	Smelleigh Lion (olympic.ca, 01 Aug 2015)
Hobbies	Spending time in nature, reading, watching TV. (olympic.ca, 23 Jul 2021)
Hero / Idol	Canadian fencer Sherraine Schalm. (olympic.ca, 01 Aug 2015)
Superstitions / Rituals / Beliefs	She eats pasta the night before a competition, and has pizza and red wine once the tournament has finished. (olympic.ca, 01 Aug 2015)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"I have failed over and over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeed." [Michael Jordan] (olympic.ca, 01 Aug 2015)
Awards and honours	<p>In 2009 and 2010 she was named Female Athlete of the Year at Carleton University in Ottawa, ON, Canada. (LinkedIn profile, 2016)</p> <p>In 2009 and 2010 she was named Fencer of the Year in Ottawa, ON, Canada. (fencing.ca, 2012)</p> <p>She is a member of the Ottawa Fencing Hall of Fame in Ontario, Canada. (ottawafencing.ca, 2012)</p>
Famous relatives	Her husband Alex Martin has worked as a fencing coach at the Empire United Fencing Club in Union City, NJ, United States of America. (ottawasportspages.ca, 21 Jul 2021 stratfordfencingclub.ca, 07 May 2015)
Other information	<p>RETURN TO CANADA In 2020 she and her husband relocated to Calgary, AB, Canada. She had spent the previous seven years living in New York City, NY, United States of America, but she was motivated to make the move with the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo in mind after New York saw a surge in COVID-19 cases. "It hasn't been easy. It's been stressful. There have been times where I've cried. But it's all been about setting ourselves up as best we can for the future." (University of Calgary KGSA Instagram profile, 04 Dec 2022; calgary.ctvnews.ca, 29 Oct 2020; glebereport.ca, 13 Aug 2020)</p> <p>FURTHER EDUCATION AND OCCUPATION In 2013 she obtained a master's degree in political science from Carleton University in Ottawa, ON, Canada. In 2023 she graduated with a master's degree in kinesiology and exercise science from University of Calgary in Canada. She is a certified personal trainer with her own business, and is also a part-time fencing coach. (LinkedIn profile, 30 Apr 2023; University of Calgary KGSA Instagram profile, 04 Dec 2022; YouTube channel, 14 Sep 2022; Lion Ethik Instagram profile, 03 Jun 2021; fencingontario.ca, 01 Apr 2020)</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES She has served as an athletes' representative at the Canadian Fencing Federation. (fencing.ca, 23 Mar 2023; athletescan.ca, 20 Nov 2020)</p>