

Stanton Collins  
Biographical Information - ACA Athlete Representative Application  
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I have been involved in paddle sport for the majority of my life. In 2003, when I was 9, I raced my first season of the "Richardson Racing League" at Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club (LCKC). Several years later, at 13, I joined LCKC's development team and began to train year-round. I was instantly hooked on the sport and was eager to continue to improve and compete in as many races as I could. Off the water I was still able to stay motivated in school and with extracurricular activities including becoming an Eagle Scout. My successful Eagle Scout project was the planning and construction of a recreational boat storage area for LCKC. While in high school I was selected as one of four students from my high school to participate in "Youth Leadership Hall", a leadership development program through the Chamber of Commerce. I also was chosen to take the Honors Mentorship course my senior year where I interned and shadowed with local business leaders. I continued my paddling career while completing my first two years of college prior to taking some time off to train full time for the 2016 season. Since 2014 I have worked for 22 Dragons as a coach for dragon boat teams across the country. I currently work at The Norton Agency as a market analyst for the commercial real estate division and am pursuing a degree in economics at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta while I continue to train as a member of the USA Senior Team.

The following are some highlights in my paddling career:

- 2008 – US Development team competing in Lake Placid and the Canada Day regatta.
- 2009 – Trained and competed in Orsova, Romania and the Bochum Regatta in Germany
- 2009 – Marathon World Championships - Portugal
- 2010 – Raced with Team USA at the Bochum Regatta, Lake Placid Regatta, and in Nova Scotia
- 2010 to Present – Member of the US National Sprint Team (Junior, U23 or Senior)
- 2010 – Marathon World Championships - Banyoles, Spain
- 2011 – Junior World Championships - Brandenburg, Germany
- 2011 – Marathon World Championships - Singapore
- 2012 – Trained in Germany and Romania and competed in several Regattas in both countries.
- 2012 – Marathon World Championships - Rome, Italy
- 2013 – U23 Sprint World Championships - Welland, Canada
- 2014 – Gold Medal - K2 500m Pan American Championships – Mexico City, Mexico
- 2015 – Pan American Games - K2 1000m – Toronto, Canada
- 2015 – World Cups 1 & 2, U23 World Championships, Senior World Championships
- 2016 – Pan American Championships - K2 1000m, K2 200m – Gainesville, Georgia, USA
- 2016 – Bronze Medal K4 1000m, Pan American Championships – Gainesville, Georgia, USA
- 2016 – World Cup - K2 1000m, K2 200m, K4 1000m, K4 200m – Portugal
- 2016 – 4<sup>th</sup> place in A final - K2 500m, World Cup – Portugal
- 2017 – U23 World Championships – Pitesti, Romania
- 2017 – National Championships - Florida, USA
- 2017 - Gold Medals in K1 200m, K2 200m, K2 1000m, K4 1000m – Florida, USA
- 2017 – Eugene Krawczyk Award Senior Men K2 200m
- 2017 – Beachem and Van Dyke Award - Senior Men K2 1000m
- 2017 – Eric Feicht Award – Senior Men K4 1000m
- Member of the fastest US K2 1000m boat since 2013
- Competed and medaled in every National Championships, except for 2015 and 2016, since 2007