

As the world watched the 2016 Olympic Games, LA84 cheered on the achievements of those connected to the Foundation. Here's how those with LA84 ties contributed to the United States' successful showing in Rio.

- Former LA84 Foundation president and International Olympic Committee executive committee member **Anita DeFrantz** presented the gold medal in rowing to the USA women's eight. DeFrantz, a 1976 rowing bronze medalist and senior advisor to the LA 2024 Olympic Bid Committee, worked with the bid team to present Los Angeles' bid to IOC members. LA 2024 aims to return the Olympic Games to Los Angeles 40 years after the 1984 Games.
- **Team USA Women's Water Polo**, who hosted their team announcement at the LA84 Foundation in June, took gold after topping Italy 12-5 in the title match and winning all six of their matches in Rio by an average of nearly seven goals.
- **Venus Williams**, past participant in LA84's youth tennis programs, won a silver medal along with Rajeev Ram in the tennis mixed doubles competition.
- Joe Kovacs, coached by LA84 coaching clinic presenter **Art Venegas**, won a silver medal in the men's shot put.
- Will Claye, coached by LA84 coaching clinic presenter **Jeremy Fischer**, won a silver medal in the men's triple jump.
- USA Women's Volleyball, coached by LA84 clinic presenter and 1984 Olympic gold medalist **Karch Kiraly**, won a bronze medal after defeating the Netherlands 3-1 in the third place match.
- Former LA84 employee **Rose Monday** served as the assistant women's distance running coach for USA Track & Field, which saw Jenny Simpson win the US's first ever medal (bronze) in the women's 1500-meter race, Molly Huddle break the American record in the 10,000-meter race, and 5,000-meter runner Abbey D'Agostino become a worldwide inspiration after stopping to help New Zealand runner Nikki Hamblin after both fell in their preliminary heat.