



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

ALANA NICHOLS

Originally from Farmington, New Mexico, Nichols is a world-class athlete with a passion for challenging herself and others. From a young age, her passion for sports and adventure has driven her, and no matter what obstacle life throws her way, she takes a challenge head-on. After suffering a spinal cord injury at age 17 while attempting a back flip on her snowboard, Alana quickly transitioned to adaptive sports. She is the first American female to win gold medals at both the Summer (Wheelchair Basketball) and Winter (Alpine Ski Racing) Olympic/Paralympic Games.

Nichols's impressive career includes a 2008 gold medal from the Paralympic Summer Games in basketball, two gold medals in downhill and giant slalom, a silver medal in the Super G, and a bronze medal in the Super Combined at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

She continued her success as a 2011 NWBA National Champion, a 2011 Colorado Sports Woman of the Year Recognition, the 2011 Paralympic Athlete of the Year, the 2011 World Champion in the Downhill Super G, and the 2014 silver medalist in the downhill at the Paralympic games in Sochi, Russia. In May 2014, Nichols was inducted into the Warner Brothers "Superman Hall of Heroes" in the inaugural class of real-life heroes.

"As a proud New Mexican, being inducted into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame is an incredible honor," said New Mexico Sports Hall of Famer Alana Nichols. "This recognition not only celebrates my athletic journey but also underscores the unwavering support from my home state. I am deeply grateful and hope to continue inspiring others to pursue their dreams, regardless of the challenges they may face."

