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***Wrestle Like A Girl Announces
The Inaugural Adrienne Arsht Leadership Award
Donna de Varona as the first recipient***

Washington, D.C., September 28, 2022 – Wrestle Like A Girl will present the Inaugural Adrienne Arsht Leadership Award at the 6th Annual Wrestle Like A Girl Gala at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. at the National Portrait Gallery on October 11, 2022.

The Adrienne Arsht Inaugural Leadership Award was established in 2022, in honor of business leader and impact philanthropist, Adrienne Arsht. This award recognizes a person who, over time, has personified extraordinary leadership under challenging circumstances. The recipient possesses unique and exceptional qualities which inspire and motivate others to achieve their fullest potential. The award identifies an individual of great character, moral courage, and tenacity. The individual is committed through his or her acts, to inspire others to follow in their example. In this year, the 50th Anniversary of Title IX, we are honoring a person who is aligned with the preservation of Title IX or who, through their work and leadership, is a "guardian" of the movement.

The 2022 Adrienne Arsht Leadership Award will be presented to Donna de Varona. Her leadership in sport, media, and advocacy initiatives amplifies girls' and women's sporting chances across the globe. Her work continues to shape the future of our nation by influencing and inspiring legions of girls and women, and those who support them.

"Wrestle Like A Girl is an extraordinary organization that provides a unique opportunity to girls and women both personally and professionally. I am thrilled to have this award named in my honor and to have Donna de Varona be the inaugural recipient. Donna's exemplary leadership and tireless dedication to women's sports is an inspiration," stated Adrienne Arsht.



Donna's accomplishments include Founding Board Member Special Olympics International, Former consultant to the United States Senate regarding the Ted Stevens Amateur and Olympic sports legislation, Five-time appointee to the President's Council on Physical Fitness, long standing member of various International Olympic Committee commissions including the Women in Sport Commission, and she currently serves as an Executive Board Member of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

About Wrestle Like A Girl:

Wrestle Like A Girl, a 501(c)3 founded in 2016, is led by Team USA bronze medalist, Sally Roberts, with a mission to empower girls and women using the sport of wrestling to become leaders in life. Through Advocacy and Education, Programs, and Research, WLAG leads and supports policies that champion the inclusion of girls and women in wrestling, advocates for a healthier wrestling culture, and leads projects that reduce barriers to entry while increasing opportunities. Learn more at www.wrestlelikeagirl.org or follow @wrestlelikeagirl_ on Instagram and @WrstleLikeAGirl on Twitter.