

Wendy Lucero-Schayes

USA Diving



Wendy Lucero was born in Denver and attended Thomas Jefferson High School. Although as a child her focus was gymnastics, at 8 year old she started swimming and diving with the Denver

Hill Toppers (University of Denver). At 9 years old she was Colorado State Champion gymnast. When she was 12 years old she gave figure skating a try but when she entered high school she turned her focus to diving. During her high school years her diving prowess started to show.

Wendy attended the University of Nebraska and then Southern Illinois University both on full ride scholarships. She was an academic All-American during all four years of college. In 1984, during her junior year at SIU she won her first national title as the USA Diving National 1M National Champion.

During the next seven years Wendy's diving accomplishments are truly amazing: 1985 USA Diving National Champion 1M Springboard 1985 NCAA National Champion 1M Springboard 1987 McDonald's International Diving Championship – Bronze Medal 3M Springboard

1987 US Olympic Festival Gold Medal 3M Springboard

1987 America's Cup II Gold Medal 3M Springboard

1988 US Olympic Team Seoul, Korea 6th place 3M
Springboard

1989 US Olympic Festival Gold Medal 3M Springboard

1989 USA Diving National Champion 1M & 3M
Springboard

1990 US Olympic Festival Gold Medal 3M Springboard

1990 USA Diving National Champion 1M & 3M
Springboard

1991 USA Diving Indoor National Champion 1M & 3M
Springboard

1991 USA Diving Outdoor National Champion 1M
Springboard

1991 USA Diving Outdoor Championships 2nd place 3M
Springboard

1991 Alamo International Competition 2nd place 3M
Springboard

1991 World Championship 2nd place 1M Springboard

During her illustrious career Wendy received a number
of awards. Those included:

1988 - Colorado Sports Women of the Year

1990 - US Diving Female Athlete of the Year

1991 - US Diving Female Athlete of the Year

1992 - Named as one of the Top Hispanic Women in America
1995 - Inducted into the Southern Illinois University Saluki Hall of Fame

2011 - Inducted into the Thomas Jefferson Hall of Fame
(with fellow COSHOF inductee George DiCarlo)

Upon retiring from diving Wendy went on to a brief television career as an associate producer with KUSA Channel 9 in Denver and then a sport reporter with KSAZ Channel 10 in Phoenix. Wendy now lives and works in the Phoenix area with her husband and former Denver Nugget, Danny Schayes. They have one very active son, Logan.