

It has been a lifelong dream of Samantha's to compete at the Olympics. She tried her hand at a number of sports growing up, but didn't truly find her passion until she started wrestling in 2003. Samantha was born in London, Ontario and moved to Fredericton in 2009 to train and compete. It was then, that she became a better-rounded athlete and began competing internationally. Samantha has seen success representing New Brunswick nationally and internationally. She has become a Pan-American Champion, two-time World University medalist, and a two-time Jeux de la Francophonie medalist. Samantha hopes to inspire the next generation of young athletes by volunteering in the community, acting as the athlete representative on the Lutte New Brunswick Wrestling board, and coaching youth in the Atlantic region.

## **Career Highlights:**

- Team alternate at the 2016 Olympics in Rio
- New Brunswick's 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Pan-American Champion in 2016
- · 2 x World University Championship Medalist, Bronze in 2014 and Silver in 2016
- · 2 x Jeux de la Francophonie Medalist, Silver in 2013 and Bronze in 2017
- 9 x Canadian National Medalist and 2016 Senior National Champion
- 2 x Most Outstanding Female Wrestler in Canada.

## Hometown: Fredericton

## Current Community: Fredericton

**Tips for teachers:** Samantha speaks English and can either present in the classroom or in a gymnasium where she can do demonstrations on wrestling techniques (if mats are available). She has a USB and CD with a short video about the NB Sports Hall of Fame and would like a table to display artefacts and equipment. The video is also available online by visiting YouTube and searching "NB Sports Hall of Fame".



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