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Greg Louganis Endorses GLBTQ Online High School, launches scholarship fund

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Former Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis has endorsed GLBTQ Online High School with the launch of the Greg Louganis Scholarship Fund!

"When I heard about GLBTQ Online High School, I knew that was a team I wanted to be a part of," said Louganis. "This unique school goes beyond eliminating the damaging experiences that some schools provide glbtq students. It also connects queer and questioning youth and their parents to supportive peers and community resources around the country. With all that support, students can concentrate on a high quality, college-prep education that will serve them well."

Dave Glick, Executive Director of GLBTQ Online High School, said, "We're thrilled to have Greg on board! As a highly successful gay man, he sets a wonderful example for our students. He has overcome numerous challenges to accomplish great things in several widely differing fields. We hope to help our students develop the versatility and resilience that Greg exemplifies."

Louganis will be helping to promote the school and build the Greg Louganis Scholarship Fund, which will be funded by private donations. The Louganis scholarships will be available to students who could not otherwise afford to attend the private, nationwide school. "GLBTQ Online High School is a fantastic new opportunity for queer and questioning youth nationwide. This school is sure to produce the brilliant stars of tomorrow from students with so many different backgrounds," Greg stated. "However, there are many youth who cannot afford this important opportunity without assistance. Please join me in supporting GLBTQ Online High School with a donation to the Greg Louganis Scholarship Fund. Together we can truly change lives!"

GLBTQ Online High School will manage all aspects of the scholarship fund. Students will be able to apply for scholarship support in conjunction with their application to the school.

Donations can be made by credit card via the school website, <http://www.glbtqonlinehighschool.com>, or by sending a check payable to GLBTQ Online High School with "Greg Louganis Scholarship Fund" in the memo line. Send to:

GLBTQ Online High School
540 Dorland Rd. S.
Maplewood, MN 55119

GLBTQ Online High School is a 501(c)3 tax exempt public charity. All donations are tax deductible in accordance with applicable laws.



About GLBTQ Online High School

GLBTQ Online High School is the world's first online high school created especially for students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning their sexuality or gender. It is a private school based near St. Paul, Minnesota and opened in 2010 to serve students nationwide and from around the world. The school provides a safe and welcoming educational community and a high quality, comprehensive college preparatory online high school experience for students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning their sexual orientation or gender using the best technology and techniques of distance education. Articles about the school have appeared in numerous publications, blogs and websites, including U.S. New & World Report, The Advocate, Edge Publications, St. Paul Pioneer Press, e-School News and Education Week.

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High quality photographs are available.

About Greg Louganis

Greg Louganis began competing in diving at age 10. By 16, he had won his first Olympic medal, a silver medal on the platform in 1976. At 24, he became the first man in 56 years to win two gold medals in diving by winning both the platform and springboard events. In 1988, competing against divers half his age, he became the first to win double gold medals for diving in two consecutive Olympics. He is a six time World Champion and has held 47 National Championship titles. At the Pan Am Games he earned six gold medals and in 1985 he was awarded the Sullivan Award as the nation's most outstanding amateur athlete. At the 1988 Olympic Games he was awarded the Maxwell House/United States Olympic Committee Spirit Award as the Olympic athlete who had best exhibited the ideals of the Olympic spirit, demonstrated extraordinary courage and contributed significantly to the sport.

Greg is more than a former Olympic diver; he stands out as a human being as well. Greg speaks out for many organizations including youth clubs, drug and alcohol rehabilitation groups, and organizations for the dyslexic. He often speaks on diversity, HIV/AIDS awareness and mental health.

Greg's autobiography, "Breaking the Surface," spent five weeks at number one on the New York Times Best-Seller List. He then produced a Video Diary called "Looking To the Light," which picked up where "Breaking the Surface" left off. He is also a dog trainer and author of "For the Life of Your Dog."