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## **TPUSA Announces Riley Gaines As Featured Speaker At This Year's Young Women's Leadership Summit**

**PHOENIX, April 10, 2023**—Turning Point USA is excited to announce that Riley Gaines will be a featured speaker at this year's Young Women's Leadership Summit.

Riley Gaines was an NCAA champion in swimming during her senior year at the University of Kentucky. During her final meet, she tied for 5th place with the biological male swimmer, Lia Thomas. Thomas also became the first transgender athlete to win an NCAA Division I National Championship in any sport, winning the women's 500-yard freestyle, defeating Olympic silver medalist Emma Weyant.

During this championship meet, female competitors were asked to share a locker room with Thomas, who still maintained all the physical attributes of a male. Gaines spoke about this experience in an [emotional video](#), explaining how inappropriate it is to force women to share such a private space with men.

Since first speaking out to protect women's sports, Gaines has faced an onslaught of hate from transgender activists and the progressive community. Unfortunately, those attacks turned physical after speaking at the Turning Point USA chapter event at San Francisco State University and became a national news story. [Gaines was ambushed](#) by a mob of trans activists who physically assaulted her and forced campus police to rush her into a small, nearby classroom where she was barricaded inside for more than three hours.

In the aftermath of SFSU, Riley has only become more determined to defend women's sports and has promised to double-down in her activism and advocacy. Gaines is paving the way for even more women to speak up against the erasure of female-exclusive spaces, and we are thrilled that she will be joining the growing list of conservative women who will inspire our audience to be bold in what they believe in and know is right.

Charlie Kirk, Founder and CEO of Turning Point USA:

*"The left wants you to believe that you can pick your gender, but when biological men are undressing in front of women, that's not equality or progress, it's a disgusting assault on women. When men win national championships in female sports, that's not bravery, it's cheating and it's sick. Riley's courage in the face of the massive cultural and academic pressures arrayed against her, has inspired a whole new generation of young women to stand up for what's right. Our hope is that the attendees at YWLS will hear Riley's message and be emboldened to also speak out in defense of women, in the truest sense of that word."*

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### **About Turning Point USA**

*Turning Point USA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2012 by Charlie Kirk who was only 19 at the time. The organization's mission is to identify, educate, train, and organize students to promote the principles of freedom, free markets, and limited government. Since its founding, Turning Point USA has embarked on a mission to build the most organized, active, and powerful conservative grassroots activist network on college campuses across the country.*

*With a presence on over 3,000 college and high school campuses, Turning Point USA is the largest and fastest-growing youth organization in America.*

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