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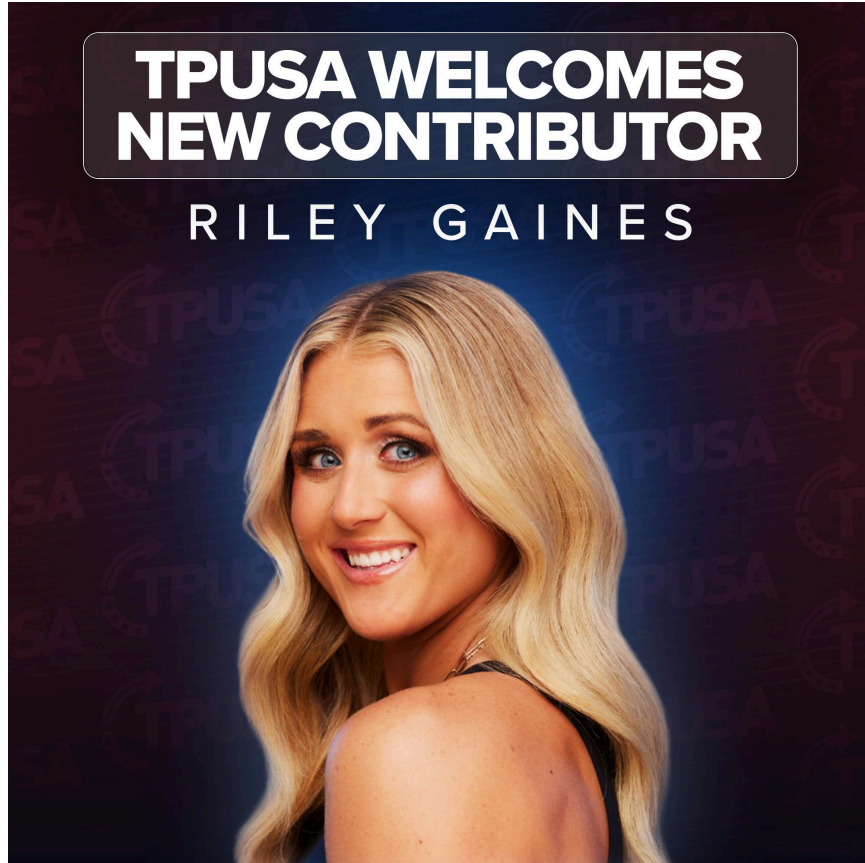
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TPUSA WELCOMES NEW CONTRIBUTOR

RILEY GAINES



Turning Point USA Signs 12-Time All-American and Women's Sports Advocate Riley Gaines as Newest Contributor & Celebrates October 10th as 'Real Women's Day'

The announcement coincides with Oct. 10th, XX, which Gaines declares as 'Real Women's Day' to honor the truth of biological femininity

PHOENIX, Oct. 10, 2024 —Turning Point USA is thrilled to announce that Riley Gaines, an accomplished NCAA champion swimmer, women’s rights advocate, and rising conservative voice, has joined its growing team of contributors.

As TPUSA welcomes Gaines, the organization is honored to highlight the important work she and many others are doing to defend biological truth. As women uniquely possess XX chromosomes—a scientific fact increasingly ignored by the progressive left—Riley has declared October 10th, marked as 10/10 on the calendar and the Roman numeral XX, as Real Women’s Day. Turning Point USA proudly stands with her in this celebration.

A 12x All-American swimmer from the University of Kentucky, first captured national attention when she competed against University of Pennsylvania swimmer Will "Lia" Thomas, a biological man who won the women’s Division I National Championship in the 500 Free. Gaines ended up tying Thomas for 5th place in the 200 freestyle final but was [denied a trophy](#) after officials opted to give it to Thomas instead.

Gaines continued to make national headlines when speaking at a local TPUSA chapter at San Francisco State in April of 2023. Gaines was verbally and physically attacked by protesters who forced their way into the event. Gaines was ultimately “held hostage” for three hours before she was finally able to leave the space escorted by police.

“Riley’s bold stance on protecting women’s athletics continues to resonate with Americans across the country of many different backgrounds,” says Turning Point USA Founder and CEO Charlie Kirk. *“Riley is a dynamic voice for Gen Z who inspires young people, and especially young women, to be fearless in the face of some of the most controversial, yet critical cultural debates of our time. This is one of those unique crossover issues where people of all political and cultural persuasions agree on the need to protect women’s sports. Her advocacy perfectly aligns with Turning Point USA’s mission to promote free speech and stand for biological truth. We’re honored to have her on the team.”*

Gaines, who now boasts a social media following of over 2.1 million across platforms, will create exclusive content to be published on TPUSA’s social media channels. She will also speak at TPUSA national conventions as well as at local high school and college chapters where she will engage directly with students to inspire the next generation of conservative leaders.

As we celebrate Real Women’s Day on October 10th, TPUSA is proud to stand with Riley Gaines in the fight for fairness, truth, and the preservation of women’s rights.

For press inquiries related to Riley Gaines, email: press@tpusa.com

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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 3,500 college and high school campuses, Turning Point USA is the largest and fastest-growing youth organization in America.

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