

Mackenzie Woodring
Class of 1997 – Female Athlete Inductee
Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2015

A three sport athlete at Holton High School, Mackenzie Woodring competed in cross country, volleyball, and softball. During her senior year, Woodring was named female athlete of the year, in 1997, after earning all-conference and all-area honors in volleyball, and all-conference and state finalist honors in cross country. After an outstanding prep year at Holton, Woodring went on to run cross country and indoor and outdoor track at Ferris State University, where she finished as an all-conference athlete in the Great Lakes Interscholastic Athletic Conference (GLIAC).

Post college, riding for fitness, Woodring began cycling in 2004. She began mountain biking in western Michigan, which quickly turned into road racing for a Canadian based women's road racing team. By 2007, Woodring had won the Grand Cycling Classic in Grand Rapids, MI, a professional level cycling event, and from there was poised for greatness in cycling. In 2008, Woodring signed with Colavita-Sutter Home domestic professional team, the top ranked women's professional team in the United States. Mid-season, she was selected to represent the United States as a tandem pilot for the US National Paralympic Cycling Team in the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. She and her tandem partner, Karissa Whitsell, took home a gold, silver, and bronze medal in the tandem blind and visually impaired category events, competing on both the road and track. The Paralympics is a division of the US Olympic Committee for athletes with physical disabilities, including: head injuries, amputees, and the blind and visually impaired. The duo followed in 2009 with two World Championship titles on the road, with Woodring being the first pilot to guide Whitsell to a World Championship title. They continued with another UCI World Championship title at the track World Championships in 2009 in the 3km pursuit, which was also a World Record that held for 3 years. They won nearly every National Championship, World Cup, and World Championship event over a 2 year span.

Woodring would then go on to compete in more than 100 individual professional cycling events earning podium honors in many of those events, and she has continued to Pilot for the US National Paralympic Cycling team. She has competed in Belgium, England, Australia, Canada, Spain, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland, and China. Woodring was selected for the 2015 UCI Paracycling Road World Championships in Notwil, Switzerland, and continues to compete throughout the world. Woodring is a multi-time world championship and national championship cyclist in numerous disciplines. Woodring is the current road and time trial Paracycling Blind and Visually Impaired National Champion.

