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**OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALIST, LAUREN TAMAYO, HONORED IN NEW YORK CITY AT WNBA “INSPIRING WOMEN AWARDS” LUNCHEON**

*Women’s Track Cycling Medalist Receives Top Honor Along with 10 Other Women of Team USA 2012, Including Venus Williams (Tennis), Tamika Catchings (Basketball) and Logan Tom (Volleyball)*

**New York, NY** – Asheville, North Carolina resident and 2012 Olympic Silver Medalist, Lauren Tamayo (Track Cycling/Women’s Team Pursuit), was in New York City earlier today along with nine of her athletic peers representing the Women of Team USA’s 2012 Olympic Team. Tamayo was on hand to receive one of the WNBA’s Inspiring Women awards at a mid-September luncheon in the New York. Tamayo and her fellow medalists were presented with the honors for their excellence in sport and ability to inspire a nation and a generation of women in sports through their Olympic success in the multiple sports they represent (i.e., cycling, water polo, judo, basketball, rowing, volleyball, boxing, and tennis).

After the ceremony, Tamayo said, “It was an honor to be awarded the Inspiring Women’s Award from the WNBA. Being on stage with other Team USA female Olympic medalists is a true representation of how far women in sports have come. I hope to inspire girls and young women to chase their dreams in sport and in life in general. This was a great day and it is a great feeling to be recognized along with several amazing athletes who are doing so much to inspire women in sports.”

Presenters at the awards luncheon included ESPN SportsCenter anchor, Cindy Brunson, and WNBA President, Laurel J. Richie. Others receiving the award included Venus Williams (Gold Medal, tennis), Betsey Armstrong (Gold Medal, water polo), Tamika Catchings (Gold Medal, basketball), Kayla Harrison (Gold Medal, judo), Paige McPherson (Bronze Medal, taekwondo), Taylor Ritzel (Gold Medal, rowing), Danielle Scott-Arruda (Silver Medal, volleyball), Claressa Shields (Gold Medal, boxing), and Logan Maile Lei Tom (Silver Medal, volleyball).

For the first time in history, the Women of Team USA outnumbered the men and also out-medaled their male counterparts, winning 58 of the USA’s 104 medals, including 29 of the nation’s 46 gold medals. They are role models for America’s youth and every child with a dream of competing at the highest level.

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