

Meet Syracuse University's 2018 Commencement Speaker



Kathrine Switzer '68, G'72

Legendary athlete, sports and social advocate, author and Emmy Award-winning television commentator



1967 Boston Marathon

First woman to officially enter and run the Boston Marathon—almost forcibly removed from the marathon by a race director



Boston Marathon time highlights:

1967: 4:20

1975: 2:51:37 (personal best)

2017: 4:44:31

Number of Marathons, 40 and counting

Won New York City Marathon, 1974

Inducted National Women's Hall of Fame, 2011

Founder, former director of the Avon International Running Circuit, 400 races, 27 countries, 1 million women

Instrumental in getting women's marathon accepted as Olympic event, first in 1984



Founded 261 Fearless, a nonprofit that provides a supportive running network to empower women

Author, "Marathon Woman," "26.2 Marathon Stories" (co-authored with husband Roger Robinson), "Running and Walking for Women Over 40"



"Runner of the Decade" and one of four **"Visionaries of the Century,"** Runner's World magazine

Emmy Award winner, sports commentary

Arents Award, Syracuse University's highest alumni award, 2006



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