



Developing Excellence Through Sport Schools

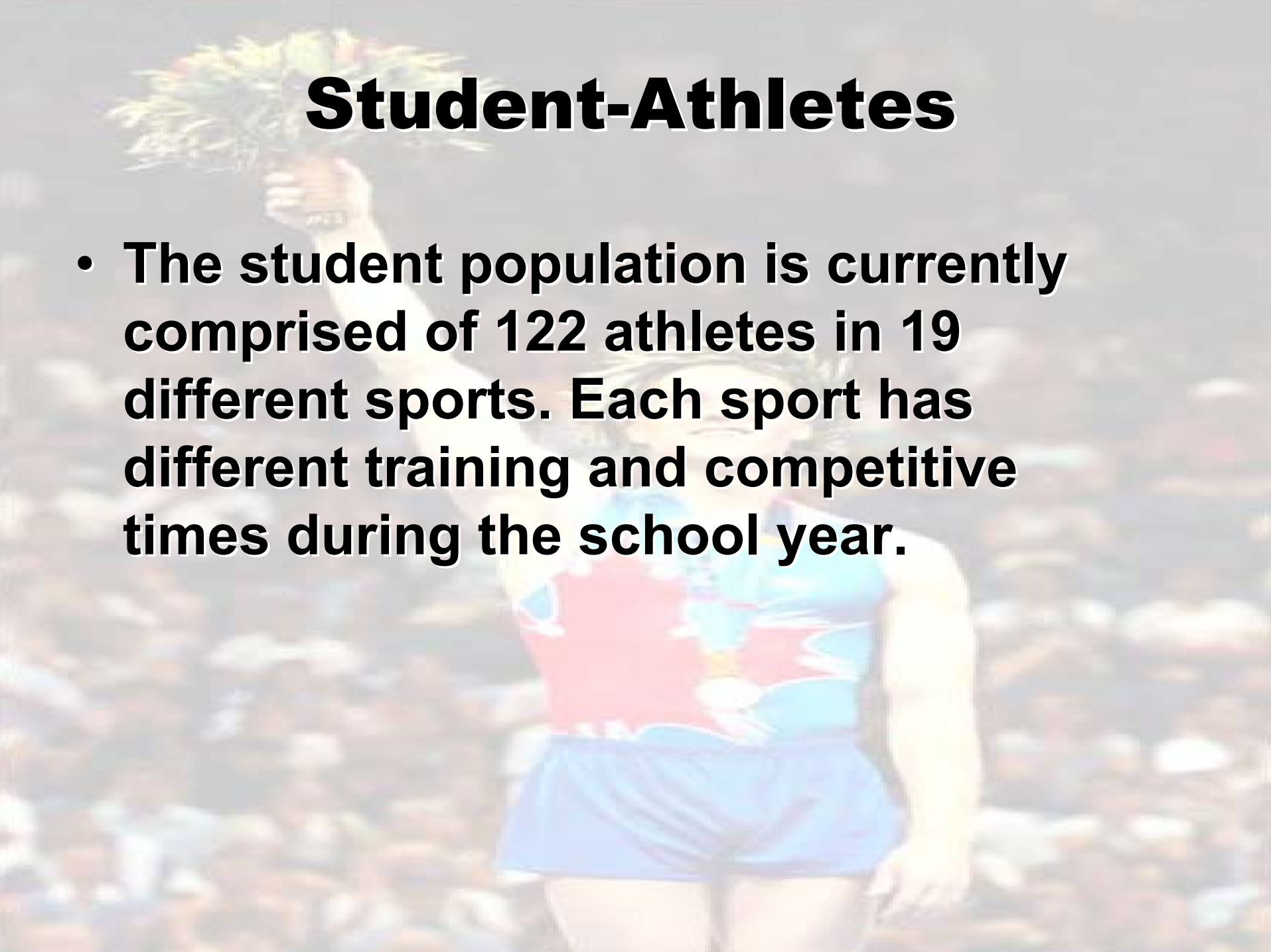
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NSS Mission Statement

- **At the National Sport School, we provide a supportive learning environment to enable developing high-performance athletes to mature as self-directed, life-long learners while pursuing excellence in sport.**

Student-Athletes

- **The student population is currently comprised of 122 athletes in 19 different sports. Each sport has different training and competitive times during the school year.**



Student Enrollment by Sport

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alpine	14	14	28
Badminton	2	1	3
Biathlon	3	0	3
Cross Country Skiing	1	1	2
Fencing	1	0	1
Figure Skating	1	1	2
Freestyle Skiing	2	0	2
Gymnastics	3	1	4
Hockey	0	7	7
Luge	2	4	6

Student Enrollment by Sport

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nordic Combined	4	0	4
Ski Jumping	4	0	4
Snowboarding	11	5	16
Soccer	3	0	3
Speed Skating	5	5	10
Swimming	4	5	9
Synchro Swimming	0	11	11
Tennis	4	2	6
Track & Field	0	1	1
Tumbling	1	0	1
Total	65	57	122

How Did it Begin?

- **CODA study – 50% drop out rate in either school or sport**
- **Programs in other countries**
- **CODA's vested interest in winter sport**
- **Contract with CBE**
- **From “program” to “school”**

Why does it work?

- **Outstanding teachers**
- **Motivated student-athletes**
- **Blended learning environment**
- **Communication (Parents, Teachers, Coaches, Student-Athletes)**
- **CODA – CBE Partnership**
- **Teacher-Advisor program**
- **Budget & Program fee**
- **Selection of athletes by Sport**
- **External Evaluation by the U of C**

Athletic Successes



Salt Lake City 2002

- **1 Gold Medal (Jennifer Botterill)**
- **2 Bronze Medals (Deidra Dionne, Alanna Kraus)**

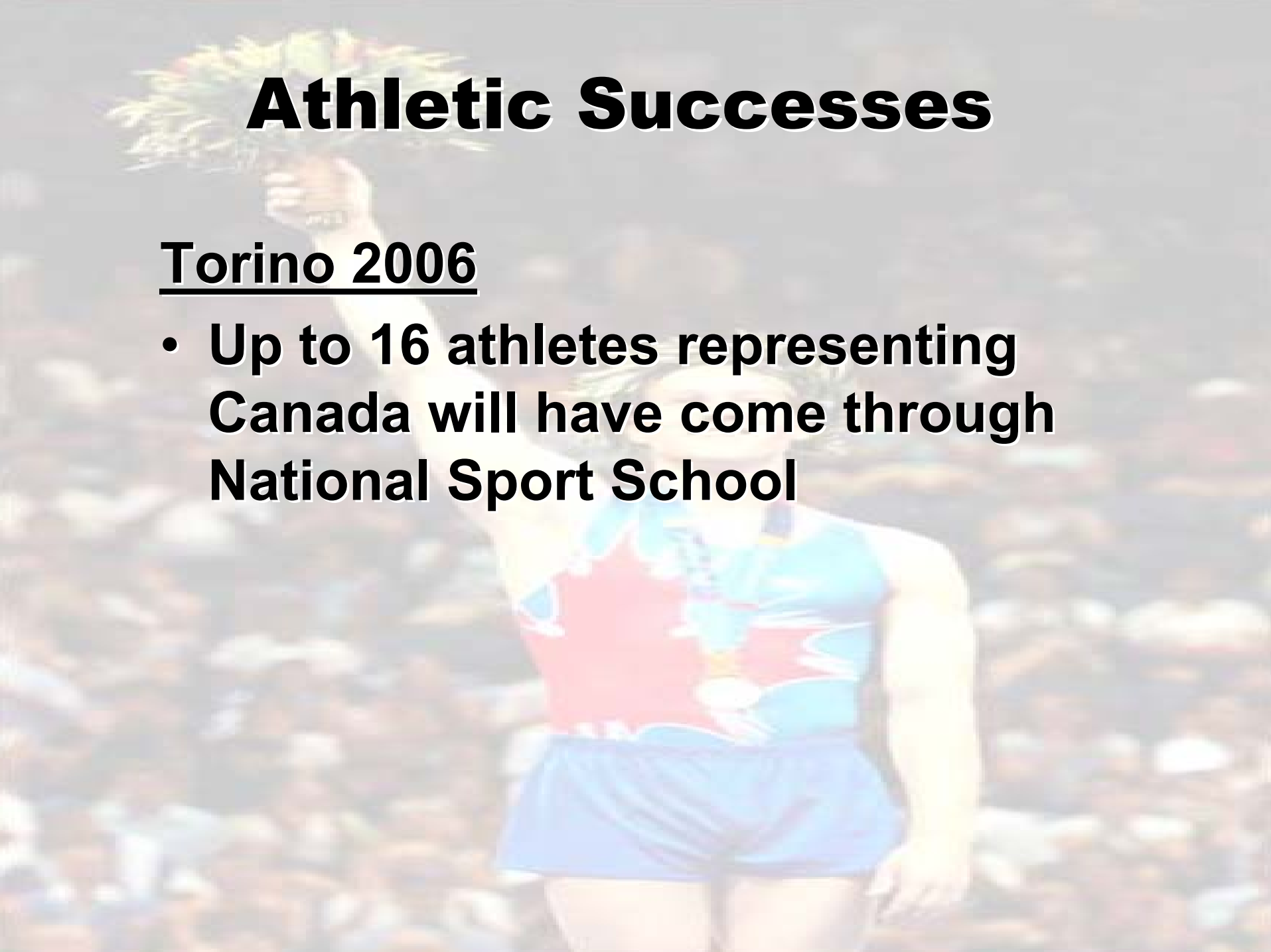
Athens 2004

- **1 Gold Medal (Kyle Shewfelt)**
- **1 Bronze Medal (Blythe Hartley)**

Athletic Successes

Torino 2006

- **Up to 16 athletes representing Canada will have come through National Sport School**



Academic Successes



- **Graduation rate**
- **Provincial standards**
- **Ability to pursue post-secondary**

Challenges

A cheerleader in a blue and red outfit is shown from the waist up, holding pom-poms in her right hand. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a large, out-of-focus crowd of people, suggesting a sports event or a large gathering.

- **TIME!!!**
- **Provincial Exams (grades 9 & 12)**
- **Communication**
- **Internet access in Europe**
- **Support from sport groups/coaches**

Future Directions

- **Our own building**
- **Thoughtful growth**
- **Continual revamping of sport criteria**
- **Post-secondary inclusion**





Questions??