

Name:Gabrielle DouglasSport:Gymnastics

Biography:

Gabrielle Douglas, a member of The Fierce Five⁵⁸ that won the Olympic team gold medal in London, made history at the 2012 Olympic Games when she became the first African American to win the women's all-around Olympic gold medal and the first U.S. gymnast to win both the Olympic team and all-around titles at the same Games. She also is the first African American to win an individual Olympic gold medal in gymnastics. Douglas is just the fourth U.S. woman to win the Olympic all-around crown. Douglas began her Olympic year campaign in March with an impressive performance at the Kellogg's Pacific Rim Championships, where she helped Team USA bring home the gold medal and claimed the uneven bars title. At the Secret U.S. Classic, she took top honors on the uneven bars and tied for third in the floor exercise. At the Visa Championships, Douglas won the U.S. title on the uneven bars, as well as the all-around silver medal and the floor exercise bronze medal to advance to the U.S. Olympic Trials -- Gymnastics. Leading up to London, she won the U.S. Olympic Trials to secure an automatic berth on the U.S. Olympic Women's Team. Douglas was voted the Associated Press' Female Athlete of the Year and the Women's Sports Foundation's "Sportswoman of the Year" for 2012.

