



Keynote Speaker Day-1
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CHRIS WADDELL

Commentator, Athlete, Author



An inductee in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Hall of Fame, Chris Waddell competed in alpine skiing, wheelchair track, and was also the first “nearly unassisted” paraplegic to summit 19,340-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro in a handcycle. A 13-Time Paralympic medalist, he is also a Hall of Famer for U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association and the Paralympics. He began to ski race at six and was competing for Middlebury College when his ski popped off in the middle of a turn. The resulting fall left him paralyzed from the waist down, but he started to mono-ski less than a year later and soon became the fastest in the world.

- Honored by the Dalai Lama as an “Unsung Hero of Compassion,”
- Skiing Magazine put him on their list of 25 Greatest Skiers in North America
- People Magazine named him one of “The 50 Most Beautiful People.”

Springboard is proud to present Chris, an NBC Paralympic Commentator, as the Keynote Speaker Day-1 at the 2020 Disability Matters North America Conference & Awards Gala. His must-attend session can only be experienced by purchasing a ticket and registering for the 2020 Disability Matters North America Conference & Awards Gala, please visit >> <https://consultspringboard.com/disability-matters/ticket-purchase/>.

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