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## Amanda Beard

Travels from: **Arizona**

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Amanda Beard made her first Olympic appearance at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games at the age of 14, while a student at Irvine High School in Irvine, California. She won silver medals in the 100-meter and 200-meter breaststrokes, and gold in the medley relay. Her young-teen manner captured the attention of the media, and she was often photographed clutching her teddy bear, even on the medal stand.

After 1996, Amanda won a bronze medal in the 200-meter breaststroke at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Amanda attended the University of Arizona where she captured an individual NCAA National Championship in 2001. In 2003 she became the world champion and world record holder in the 200-meter breaststroke. At the

Athens Olympic Games in 2004, Amanda won her first individual gold medal in the 200-meter breaststroke and a silver medal in the 200-meter individual medley.

She is the winner of eight United States National titles - three times in both the 200m breaststroke and the 100m breaststroke, plus twice in the 200m individual medley - and she was ranked first in a world for 200m breaststrokers in 2003.

Now a busy wife and mother, Amanda is still one of the world's best swimmers. Currently training for what would be her 5th Olympic Games, Amanda proved that the dream is within reach by placing 2nd in the 200 Breaststroke at the 2011 US Winter National Championships.

Amanda gained popularity with her swimming expertise, but she is also well known for her other endeavors. Modeling has become a full-time career that she would like to continue and is also interested in more TV hosting opportunities. Amanda spends much of her time doing appearances for her Olympic Sponsors, speaking engagements for Breast Cancer awareness and talking with young swimmers throughout the United States about overcoming obstacles and setting high goals. Her comeback during the 2010 Nationals inspired women and mothers everywhere. She is currently training to compete in the 2012 London Olympics.

In 2012, Amanda released her first book, *In the Water They Can't See You Cry*, an uplifting memoir revealing the truth of the Olympic spotlight, the battles that came along the way and her newfound happiness.

### *Most Requested Topics*

- Women's Issues
- Olympic Experience and Motivation
- Breast Cancer Awareness
- Fashion and Style
- Health & Fitness