



2015 Inductee

JAN WILSON

There's adversity. And then there's adversity.

As a teen-ager, Lexington's Jan Wilson was well on her way to achieving many of her goals toward becoming a world-class swimmer.

But when she was 20 years old and attending the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, a doctor found a malignant tumor in her right knee. The only answer to keep the disease from spreading was the amputation of her right leg.

What could have been a devastating moment turned into incredible incentive. Determined to continue her career, Wilson began training to compete in Paralympic swimming.

From 1980 until 1990, Wilson held all United States national records in the 100-meter freestyle, 100-meter breaststroke, 100-meter butterfly, 200-meter individual medley and the 400-meter freestyle — for the entire 10 years.



In addition to that, she also held world records in three short course and two long course Paralympic events.

She was named as a member of the United States Paralympic teams in 1980, 1984 and 1988, winning 10 individual medals, including one gold, seven silver and two bronze.

She was inducted into the United States Amputee Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1997 for outstanding lifetime performance as an athlete.

In 2012, she was chosen as a London Paralympic Torch bearer.

Wilson and her husband, Hal Hunt, reside in Colorado Springs, CO, where she serves as the U.S. Olympic Committee Athlete Career Coach.