



2019 Marathon Exchange Athlete Ambassadors Hefei



Peter Dully

Peter C. Dully Jr. has lived in Columbus since 1992, coming to the Heart of the Heart of it All to attend graduate school at The Ohio State University, where he has taught in the English Department ever since. This will be his ninth trip to China and his twenty-second or twenty-fourth half-marathon—he has entirely lost count. Peter started running in 2007 and shortly after founding High Five Running by high-fiving strangers as he ran through Clintonville and on the Olentangy River Trail. He has since

high-fived tens of thousands of people (he has again entirely lost count) while running in many states and countries. He also organizes two 5Ks every year—the H5R Foolish 5K and the H5R Thankful 5K. When not running, Peter enjoys reading, baseball and cooking. He loves doughnuts, Walt Whitman and Columbine, among many other things. Peter lives in Clintonville with his Special Lady, Alyssa Francis, and their seven-year-old son, Walter. Their family is rounded out and amused by a dog named Marvin Gardens and two cats named Tammy Faye Bakker and Sixto Lezcano.



Andrew Petro

Andrew is a senior at The Ohio State University majoring in Marketing. He is the President of his service fraternity of Eagle Scouts, Epsilon Tau Pi. This fall will mark his 3rd year of running marathons and the Hefei Marathon will be his 14th full marathon.



Emily Weber

Emily Weber is a Marketing Professional at Honda Logistics North America with a passion for community involvement and desire to be an involved global citizen. She was drawn to exploring global travel further after a wonderful experience in Curitiba, Brazil and is thrilled to share the opportunity this year with her husband, Zack. Emily enjoys triathlon and endurance running. She is a proud member of Hilliard/Galloway Sole Sisters, the Columbus chapter of

MRTT/SRTT, and enjoys participating in group runs with Columbus Running Company. Emily was inspired to begin distance running by her husband after losing 60 pounds in 2014 and will complete her 15th half marathon in Hefei. Running has provided close friends, opportunity, experience, love, health, and more for her - and she's ready to share her running journey and life in Columbus with the people she meets in China this year.



Zachary Weber

Zack Weber is a PhD student at The Ohio State University specializing in Epidemiology. He began his running career when he was a junior in high school. That was when he ran his first marathon. Since then, he has completed an additional seventeen 26.2-mile trips, including six during a full Ironman triathlon. He enjoys swimming, biking, and running. In his free time, he reads and studies for school, explores Columbus breweries, eats food and enjoys

spending time with his wife, Emily Weber who is also a 2019 Athlete Ambassador to Hefei. He is beyond excited to share Columbus and his stories of our great city in Hefei.



Keith Woods

Keith was born in Pennsylvania and did all he could to avoid gym growing up. Then he discovered running. Keith started to run to clear his head after a long day and as a way to explore cities when he travels for his role as a Global Account Manager with United Way Worldwide.

Keith has completed several Half marathons, and this will be his first full marathon and is looking forward to the challenge and being able to see this part of the world. Keith resides in Dublin.