



2019 Marathon Exchange Athlete Ambassadors Curitiba



Christine Adolph

Christine moved to Columbus in 1997, and now with her husband Steve, calls it home. As a marathoner and triathlete, Christine understands the powerful impact sports have not only on the individual, but also in bringing a community together. She is a pace coach for the Marathoners In Training (MIT) group and has been very fortunate to be able to combine her passion and professional experience to serve Special Olympics Ohio as their Vice President of Finance. She

has completed 19 full marathons to date and will be running the Curitiba, Brazil marathon in November.



Emily Kresman

Emily Kresman has been running since she was a freshman in college, when she was a college athlete. Since 2012, she has run numerous 5ks, 10ks, a mountain race, three half marathons and this year she will run her first full marathon in Columbus. When she moved to Columbus, she began running with the Short North Running Club and Grandview Run Club. These two clubs helped her aim higher with her running goals and feel included in the Columbus running

community. She is excited for her first international race and feels very blessed to have the opportunity to represent Columbus in Brazil.



Josh Moening



Josh is a Human Resources professional who has been living in Columbus for the past ten years. He also helps teach new divers with Columbus SCUBA. He started running over four years ago for health and fitness. He very quickly fell in love with running. He started training for longer distances and joined the Short North Run Club and the Grandview Run Club. He has since lost over 50 pounds, ran ten half marathons, numerous smaller races, and a 200-mile relay race in the hills of North

Carolina. Running has provided health, opportunity, experiences, friendships and more for Josh. His first full marathon will be the Columbus Marathon this Fall. He is also an avid traveler who has visited twelve countries on three continents, but this will be his first trip to Brazil. Josh is excited to represent Columbus in Brazil!

Melanie MacKenzie



Melanie is from Worthington and is currently spending a year in São João del Rei, Brazil as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant. She is enthusiastic about intercultural education and citizen diplomacy and has participated in academic exchanges to Spain, Northern Ireland, and Brazil. In college, she also interned at Sister Cities International. Melanie graduated with a degree in International Studies in 2018, and then worked for a study abroad and cultural travel company before starting

her Fulbright grant at the Federal University of São João del Rei. This will be Melanie's third marathon, with her second being the 2018 Columbus Marathon. She can't think of a better way to end her year of cultural exchange than representing Columbus in Curitiba through the Sister Cities Marathon Exchange!



Aimee Truitt



Aimee Truitt first moved to Columbus to pursue her degree from The Ohio State University. She works for Columbus Metropolitan Library as an Adult Services Librarian and is passionate about her career. She enjoys serving the Columbus community and connecting them to valuable resources. She currently lives in Grandview Heights with her husband, Dan. Together they have a dog, Ellie, and a cat, Kit Kat, with whom they love spending time. In 2017, during a journey to get fit, she discovered her passion for long distance running. Soon after, she was introduced to

Columbus Running Company (CRC) who have since helped propel her across many finish lines. The support of the running community has inspired her to celebrate other runners as they strive for self-improvement and pursue personal goals. She is looking forward to experiencing the energy of Curitiba as she runs their marathon and cannot wait to share all the reasons why Columbus is a travel destination for everyone.