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## Pro athletes to share inspiring stories at free event

As part of IU Health Momentum Indy's weekend of bicycling activities, a panel of professional athletes will share stories of their challenges and successes at a free event at the Indiana State Museum on Friday, Aug. 26, from 5:30-8 p.m.

Guests and panelists include:

- Tony Kanaan, IndyCar driver, winner of the 2013 Indy 500 and avid cyclist;
- Oksana Masters, an American multi-sport Paralympic athlete (including handcycling) of Ukrainian descent from Louisville, Kentucky;
- Cory Williams, pro cyclist who co-founded the cycling team L39ION of Los Angeles with a mission to bring accountability and diversity to the sport;
- Rahsaan Bahati, 10-time U.S. champion who rides for his own team, Bahati Cycling, and operates the Bahati Foundation, which works to strengthen inner-city youth on and off the bike (An L.A. native, Bahati is an Indiana University grad who rode in the Little 500 there); and
- Brendan Quirk, CEO of USA Cycling.

Kisha Tandy, Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites curator of social history, will give a brief presentation on the life of Major Taylor.

"It's not often you have the opportunity to hear professional athletes candidly sharing their personal stories in a public forum," said Jeremy Wilson, lab director of VisionQuest Labs. "We're excited to give the public an opportunity to hear inspiring stories and get insights into what it takes to achieve dreams."

While VisionQuest Labs is the major sponsor for this event, Zipp, best known for designing, manufacturing, and marketing carbon-composite bicycle wheels for road cycling, triathlons, track racing, and mountain biking, played a major role in securing athlete participation.

After the panel discussion, attendees are encouraged to visit the museum's exhibit, Major Taylor: Fastest Cyclist in the World, about the life and career of champion bicycle racer and Indianapolis native Marshall "Major" Taylor. Justin Williams and Rahsaan Bahati are both featured in the exhibit and will see it in person for the first time at the event.

WHAT: IU Health Momentum Indy, Inspiring Stories Athlete Panel, presented by VisionQuest Labs

WHEN: Aug. 26, 5:30-8 p.m.

WHERE: Indiana State Museum, 650 W. Washington St., Indianapolis  
COST: Free for the panel discussion and the museum's Major Taylor exhibit  
REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/3vzHRP5>

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#### About the IU Health Momentum Indy

IU Health Momentum Indy is a two-day outdoor festival celebrating healthy lifestyles through cycling events, family fun and fitness activities. Held in the heart of downtown Indianapolis, it offers attendees both an evening street-party vibe and community-festival feel, with plenty of opportunities to watch cycling events, join organized rides or participate in health-focused activities for all ages. A nonprofit founded in 2010, the IU Health Momentum Indy has contributed more than \$180,000 in event proceeds to local nonprofits supporting youth development, workforce development, and health and wellness. More at <https://www.momentumindy.org/>.

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