

## **RILEY GAINES**

Riley Gaines, a 12-time All-American swimmer with 5 SEC titles was a successful female swimmer at University of Kentucky with ambitions to pursue a dental degree. That post-graduate ambition and her entire life was changed when she was forced to share a locker room and then compete against a male swimmer, Lia (formerly Will) Thomas at the 2022 NCAA Women's Swimming Championship.

This uneven challenge, not just for Riley but for every woman competing in the pool that day, was made even more traumatic when the NCAA officials insisted on giving Lia Thomas the trophy, despite tying Riley down to the hundredth of a second in the event. Riley vividly recalls wondering why no one was standing up for her or for any women in the room.

This moment became her call to action—to defend and protect America's daughters against the woke left and their gender-denying ideology. Riley believes that trans-identified males should not take opportunities for success in sports away from women.