

Victoria Arlen

ESPN On-Air Personality, Motivational Speaker, Paralympic Gold Medalist & World Record Holder

Victoria was 11 years old when she came down with a rare viral disease, Transverse Myelitis, with which she battled for five years including four years in a vegetative coma. The disease left her without the use of her legs for nearly a decade.

A lifelong swimmer and elite athlete, Victoria never gave up her childhood dream of competing in the Olympics Games. In June 2010, she returned to the pool for the first time since her illness and in the spring of 2012, she qualified for the London Paralympic Games in four events. There she won a Gold Medal and three Silver Medals.

Despite missing five years of school during her illness, Victoria graduated on-time with her triplet brothers, from Exeter High School, located in New Hampshire, in June 2013.

Victoria is now an on-air TV personality with ESPN reporting for numerous programs, including the X-Games, the Invictus Games, The ESPY Awards, espnW, the Frozen Four, the Special Olympics World Games, and SportsCenter.

In the fall of 2017, Victoria competed on ABC's hit show, *Dancing with the Stars*, for nine weeks and was eventually became a semi-finalist. She has appeared on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and in *People Magazine*, along with numerous other major media outlets and publications.