

3 Lessons to Learn From Olympic Athletes



A Message from Ronia

I hope everyone is having a great (albeit hot) summer! The Olympics start this weekend, and from the opening ceremonies to the inspiring performances, the games are always memorable.

While reading about some of the world class athletes getting set to compete in London, it got me thinking about some of the common characteristics of these remarkable young people. I believe that we can take inspiration from them and apply certain lessons to our own lives and to this organization.

1. Singular Focus. Great athletes do not spread themselves too thin. They focus on their strengths and work with laser-like focus to achieve greatness. Usain Bolt is really fast. Undoubtedly he could be competitive in a number of different track and field events. But trying to do too much – lacking singularity of focus – would likely prevent him from being the world's greatest sprinter.

2. Commitment. Focus is one thing, but Olympic athletes also must have strong work ethic and determination as well. 17-year-old US swimmer Missy Franklin has six to eight two-hour practices and three additional hour-long practices with her trainer every week. In all, Franklin totals nearly 20 hours of swimming a week along with juggling school. There was no corner-cutting for her on the road to London.

3. Passion and Fun. Given how hard they work, many Olympic athletes would burn out if they didn't enjoy what they do. You can only spend so much time in the pool or the track if there's not an element of fun involved.

So what's the takeaway? If we maintain a strong focus on providing excellent service to our clients, work hard, and have some fun along the way, we can continue to build a world-class organization.

I hope you enjoy the Olympics and the rest of the summer!

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Awards

For the fourth year, OpTech has made the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing private companies in America.



New Hires

Say hello to our newest team members!

Andrew Beckwith
Michael Bradford
Robin Busby
Douglas Currie
Mark Dawkins
Kavitha Gangisetty
Tejkumar Garlapati
Rick Gilliam
Sanjay Haladkar
Syed Haq
Natalee Hessel
Tanner Jones
Barbara LaFave
Jeffrey Nichols
Pratik Oza
Aaron Parham
Edward Savage
James Sommers

New Accounts

OpTech is happy to announce new client relationships!



Comerica Staff Shines in Bright Ideas Contest

What better way to come up with innovative ideas for our clients than to ask the talented team that supports them? We recently implemented a new program called the “Bright Idea Program” to help identify efficiencies and cost savings ideas for Comerica Bank. As part of the program, we invited our Comerica Bank staff to submit bright ideas that they believed would positively impact Comerica Bank. Entrants with the best ideas were eligible for a generous cash prize of up to \$2,000.

Congratulations to the following winners for submitting great ideas! Each winner received a \$50 gift card and is in the running for the grand prize that will be determined by the Comerica Bank team of judges!

Deepak Goplam | Jason Cross | Tom Mishler

For more information on the program, contact Tracy Little at tlittle@optechus.com.



Names from left to right: Deepak Gopalam, Tom Mishler, Jason Cross, and Tracy Little, OpTech’s program manager presenting them with their award.

Happy Anniversary to George Switzer!

This July, George Switzer, our senior engineer assigned to the vehicle mobile infrastructure team at DTE Energy, is celebrating nine years with OpTech. We held a special lunch on July 25 to honor his years of hard work and loyalty to our company.

Escort Electronics
Hirschmann Car
Communications, Inc.
Lear Corporation
Magna Electronics
Panasonic
Quickens Loans
United Wholesale Mortgage

🎵 Birthdays

Best wishes to the following OpTech employees with May, June, July, August and September birthdays!

MAY

Norman Balston | May 1
Renee Greene | May 7
Heather Moldovan | May 15
Kavitha Sriram | May 30
Venkata Vadlapudi | May 25

JUNE

Don Streeter | June 1
Jennifer Towler | June 1
Will Hodges | June 4
Kavitha Gangisetty | June 7
Thomas Mishler | June 16
Faith Karim | June 20
Randy Loken | June 20
Walter Zaviski | June 26
Christopher Krieger | June 29

JULY

Geno Tolbert | July 5
K. Balasubramanian | July 11
Nancy Robinson | July 13
Sean Salim | July 13
Sridevi Reddy | July 16
A. Rodriguez Edge | July 19
Pearline Johnson | July 21
Venkata Yelamarthi | July 23

AUGUST

Tanner Jones | August 5
R. Devi Peechara | August 6
George Switzer | August 12
Patricia Scarlett | August 14
Barbara Lafave | August 17
Barry Kessler | August 31
Yanrei Yang | August 31

We want to express our thanks to George for being a valuable member of our team. The success of OpTech is due to the talented and diverse people that work here. We are looking forward to many more great years of working with George and all of our team members.



Scott Goodwin (right) giving George Switzer, DTE consultant, a 9-year anniversary gift bag.

SEPTEMBER

Laura Coker | September 15
Mark Dawkins | September 19
G. Saravanan | September 20
Paul Shaw | September 24
P. Carpenter | September 25

★ Opinion of the Month

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.

– Maya Angelou



It's a Boy!

Kartik Seela, one of our Comerica team members, has a new addition to the family! Kartik and his wife recently welcomed a baby boy into the world. Congratulations to the Seela family on their new bundle of joy!



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