



## **Aerial Tumbling and AcroGymnastics Men's Pair earn Silver Medal at the 2014 World Age Group Championships**

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Final competition at the World Age Group Championships in Paris, France wrapped up this past weekend with an outstanding result for ATA's men's pair, Bryan Allen and Brennan Atsatt. Solid routines in the qualification rounds advanced them to finals where the pair delivered a medal winning performance earning them a silver medal in the 13-19 age group division, narrowly missing the top slot to the Russians with a 28.05 for their combined routine.

"The road to World Championships that started for ATA's Women's Pair, Women's Group and Men's Pair 2 years ago has proved to be an adventurous rollercoaster of highs, lows, loops, and turns. Performing 7 fantastic performances and earning a silver medal for USA has been an incredible way to conclude the journey! I am so proud of all the athletes in their display of grace, sportsmanship, and excellence." said Alayna Davis, ATA Head Coach

"Traveling to this prestigious competition is already an honor, but receiving second place over all one tenth behind Russia was the icing on the cake of my acro career. I wanted to jump up and down and scream and cry. It was such a monumental moment in my life." said Bryan Allen.

"We're honored to be a part of Team USA's success in France and especially happy to bring home ATA's first World Medal. It's truly been a team effort and we're grateful to our coaches, parents and the legions of passionate people who have supported us over the years. I hope that we can be an inspiration to others so they can experience all the amazing opportunities we've had." said Brennan Atsatt.

"I am so excited for our athletes to finally bring home a World's medal for the first time! We have been a successful club for the past 20 years and have had opportunities to represent the USA at many international competitions. We just couldn't be prouder!" said Nancy Davis, ATA Team Manager.

Also showing strong performances at World Championships were the following pair/groups: Kaitlyn Kennedy, Shannon Kennedy and Kendall Tarvin; women's group – age 13-19, receiving a combined score of 51.278 and Madeline Bones and Samantha Servellon competing as a women's pair in the 12-18 age group category earning a combined score of 53.90. These athletes have all been training for the past two years towards this opportunity and we are very happy and proud of the performances they gave for Team USA!

Over 33 countries participated at this year's World Championships in Levallois, France, which is held every other year. Acrobatic Gymnastics is a combination of powerful partner skills that include both static and flight elements that show the athletes strength, agility and flexibility. Competitive performances are choreographed to music and take place on an Olympic spring floor. They also include tumbling and artistic dance. The sport consists of five events: women's pairs, men's pairs, mixed pairs, women's groups and men's groups. Acrobatic Gymnastics is a discipline of gymnastics supported by USA Gymnastics.

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