## Hanger Clinic Athletes Excel at 2024 Paris Paralympic Games

**AUSTIN, Texas, September 25, 2024** – World-class athletes from across the globe with limb loss, limb difference, and other physical challenges who receive orthotic and prosthetic care, competed at the highest level of international competition at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games which concluded earlier this month.

Among the competitors were 11 athletes who receive care from Hanger Clinic, including Ezra Frech who won two gold medals, one in the 100m and the other in the high jump, where he set a new Paralympic record and nearly beat his own world record. Additionally, triathletes Chris Hammer and Allysa Seely both secured medals, with Hammer winning gold, his first medal in his fourth Paralympic Games, and Seely earning bronze, making her a medalist in each of the three Games in which she has participated – Rio de Janeiro 2016 (gold) and Tokyo 2020 (gold).

Every athlete demonstrated remarkable dedication to their sport, and made their family, friends, and Hanger Clinic teams proud. The athletes' results are listed below:

- Byron Branch Para Fencing 9<sup>th</sup> Place (Team Foil Men), 10<sup>th</sup> Place (Team Epee Men), 15<sup>th</sup> Place (Individual Foil A Men)
  - Receives care from Mark Graham, CPO (Dayton, OH)
- Ezra Frech Para Athletics (Track and Field) 1<sup>st</sup> Place (100m T63 Men and High Jump T63 Men), 5<sup>th</sup> Place (Long Jump T63 Men)
  - Receives care from <u>David Ojeda Sersun, CPO</u> (Encino, CA)
- McKenna Geer Shooting Para Sport 13<sup>th</sup> Place (R9 50m Rifle Prone SH2 Open), 23<sup>rd</sup> Place (R4 10m Air Rifle Standing SH2 Open), 33<sup>rd</sup> Place (R5 10m Air Rifle Prone SH2 Open)
  - Receives care from <u>Casey Plonczak, CPO</u> (Pueblo, CO)
- Chris Hammer Para Triathlon 1<sup>st</sup> Place (PTS5 Men)
  - Receives care from <u>Anthony Berland, CPO</u> (Phoenix, AZ)
- Garrett Schoonover Para Fencing 13<sup>th</sup> Place (Individual Sabre A Men)
  - o Receives care from Kyle Rasmussen, CPO, MSPO (Murray, UT)
- Allysa Seely Para Triathlon 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (PTS2 Women)
  - Receives care from <u>Jillian Okimoto, CPO</u> (Phoenix, AZ)
- Lizzi Smith Para Swimming 6<sup>th</sup> Place (100m butterfly), 8<sup>th</sup> Place (100m backstroke)
  - o Receives care from Allison Neil, L/CPO (Austin, TX)

- Rachel Watts Para Triathlon 13th Place (PTS4 Women)
  - Receives care from <u>Barry Campbell, CO</u> (Overland Park, KS)
- Lora Webster Sitting Volleyball 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Team Women)
  - Receives care from <u>Susan Cohen, CP</u> (Westbury, NY)
- Jordan White Para Archery 17th Place (Individual Recurve Open Men)
  - Receives care from Leigh Chapman, CPO (Round Rock, TX)
- Taylor Winnett Para Swimming 8<sup>th</sup> Place (100m Butterfly S10 Women, 400m Freestyle S10 Women), 10<sup>th</sup> Place (100m Backstroke S10 Women), 11<sup>th</sup> Place (200m Individual Medley SM10 Women)
  - o Receives care from <u>Hobie O'Connor, CPO</u> (Colorado Springs, CO)

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