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WAUWATOSA EAST GRADUATE SET TO MAKE HISTORY AT PARALYMPIC GAMES IN RIO

WAUWATOSA, Wis. – Wauwatosa East graduate Hailey Danisewicz will make history this week as a member of the first-ever U.S. Paralympic Triathlon Team at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

Danisewicz, a 2009 East graduate, will compete for a medal in Rio on Sunday, Sept. 11. The 25-year-old earned her spot on the team after winning the women's PT2 class at the 2015 Rio de Janeiro ITU World Paratriathlon event last August.

The Wauwatosa native grew up playing sports but thought her days of athletic competition were over after having her leg amputated at the age of 14; the result of a battle with bone cancer. In 2011, Danisewicz reluctantly signed up for her first triathlon after members of Chicago's Dare2Tri Paratriathlon Club persuaded her to do so. She had no prior experience with swimming, cycling or running.

Sunday, Danisewicz will compete in the Paralympics for the first time and she has an edge on her competition. She's already won on the same course she will compete on. The Paralympic Games run Sept. 7-18 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Danisewicz is one of 289 athletes representing the U.S.

The Rio 2016 Paralympic Games will be the largest edition of the Games yet. An estimated 4,350 athletes from more than 176 countries will compete in 528 medal events. The Paralympic Games is a division of the United States Olympic Committee.

For more information on the Paralympic Games, click [HERE](#). For a link to a Sports Illustrated introduction to Danisewicz, click [HERE](#).

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