Nathaniel Mills

Nathaniel Mills competed in three Olympic Winter Games as a speedskater, in 1992, 1994, and 1998, when he was elected U.S. Team Captain.

Since retiring from Olympic competition, Nathaniel has turned his focus to Olympic cooperation. As co-founder of the Olympism Project he has become a leading proponent and practitioner of Olympic education, bringing prominent Olympians together to discuss the challenges of practicing Olympism in modern times. He also edits an Olympism blog that takes on thorny issues in the Olympic Movement, and he is an Athlete Ambassador for Right to Play, established by fellow speedskater Johann Olav Koss to ensure that children everywhere have access to sport and play regardless of economic or political hardship.

At home in Washington, DC, Nathaniel makes Olympic ideas real for hundreds of children each year through Inner City Excellence (DC-ICE), which he co-founded with local parents in Anacostia to bring the joys of skating to youth living in the nation’s capital. DC-ICE has grown into year-round ice and inline skating programs and events rooted in the principles of Olympism: Finding Joy in Effort, Respect, Fair Play and the Pursuit of Excellence in Body, Mind, and Spirit.

As a lawyer, Nathaniel represents Olympic Champion speedskater Shani Davis. He also serves the World Service Authority as an advocate for world citizenship and human rights, particularly the freedom of movement. As coordinator of the WSA’s World Sports Commission, he is charged with advancing world citizenship through sport.

Nathaniel hails from a family of amateur athlete lawyers: sister Phoebe Mills was a medalist in gymnastics at the 1988 Seoul Olympics; sister Jessica was a Junior World Figure Skating Champion; and sister Hilary and brother Lucas were both on the U.S. National Speedskating Team.