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**TRACK & FIELD LEGEND JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE TO VISIT CARTHAGE COLLEGE TO DISCUSS
2020 OLYMPIC GAMES**

KENOSHA, Wis. – Three-time Olympic gold medalist and international humanitarian Jackie Joyner-Kersey will visit Carthage College on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. to discuss the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. The event will be held in the Campbell Student Union Auditorium.

“Over the years I’ve had the opportunity to share my story to many audiences around the world, but there is always something special about speaking to young people, which is why I’m excited to come to Carthage,” says Joyner-Kersey. “These people are our future. They have their whole lives in front of them; endless possibilities and many unforeseen challenges. There is so much potential. I hope that something I’ve been through may help guide them in any small way toward seeing their own dreams come true.”

One of the most decorated female athletes of all time, Joyner-Kersey, dominated the track and field circuit in the 1980s and ’90s. She won six medals spanning four Olympic Games and holds the world record time in the heptathlon. In 2004, she was inducted into the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Following her illustrious career, Joyner-Kersey set her sights on aiding others. The Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation was then created and strives to change the lives of at-risk and low-income children in East St. Louis and across the U.S. She also helped establish Athletes for Hope and is an advocate for healthy lifestyles.

Daniel Orlando Diaz, director of World Cup, Olympic, and Cross-Platform Partnerships at NBCUniversal Media will also join Joyner-Kersey for Carthage College’s third Spotlight on Sports Speaker Series. Diaz, is a Carthage alumnus who graduated in 2011 with cum laude honors while majoring in communication, public relations, and Spanish.

Diaz is responsible for TV and digital video ad sponsorship of the World Cup, Olympics, and more across NBCUniversal™ owned television stations.

This event is free and open to the public. To register and hear more about the Olympic Games visit: www.carthage.edu/news/spotlight-on-sports/.

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