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Four Burke Mountain Academy Alumni to Start at World Cup Opener in Soelden

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Four Burke Mountain Academy (BMA) alumnae/i will represent the United States and Canada in the Audi Fis Alpine World Cup Opener in Sölden, Austria, on Saturday, October 23 - 24, 2021.

Patrick Kenney '15, Nina O'Brien '15, Britt Richardson '21 (CAN), and Mikaela Shiffrin '13 are set to compete in this year's World Cup - first World Cup starts for both Kenney '15 and Richardson '21.

"Behind every World Cup racer is a long list of coaches, teammates, parents, and supporters who helped them along the way. We are always proud of those who make it to the highest level of our sport but are mindful to celebrate all of the great people who helped them get there. It's special to have four alumni starters in Sölden, two of whom are making their WC debut. The Burkie's will be cheering from around the globe this weekend!" Burke Mountain Academy Head of School Willy Booker '96

Burke Mountain Academy is the leading ski racing academy and the first sports academy of its kind in the United States and has produced more than **154 National Ski Team members** and **36 Olympians** since it was founded in 1970.

"I am beyond excited to represent BMA for Team USA in the Sölden World Cup Opener. Although racing in the World Cup is a big first step, plenty of work lies ahead if I want to achieve my dreams. I will enjoy every minute of this weekend while focusing on good skiing and what got me to this point. I'm confident, healthy, and prepared to give it all I've got!" Patrick Kenney '15

BMA is proud of the strong alumnae/i representation in this season's World Cups and looks forward to supporting its athletes throughout the season, including at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China.