

NZINGHA PRESCOD

PISTE Founder & CEO | Olympic Athlete |
Award-Winning Social Entrepreneur

Nzingha is a Brooklyn native and one of the most decorated athletes in USA fencing history as a 2x Olympian, World Champion and 4x Senior World Medalist. She became the first Black woman to win an individual medal at the Senior World Championships when she claimed bronze in 2015. In July of 2018 she and her team captured Team USA's first-ever World Championships gold medal for the USA Foil. She is the first American woman to win a foil Grand Prix and has ranked as high as fifth in the world.

Nzingha is a graduate of New York City's highly acclaimed Stuyvesant High School and Columbia University. Founder & CEO of The Prescod Institute for Sport, Teamwork and Education (PISTE), Nzingha has committed to expanding access to sport as a sports equity champion advocating for inclusive and high-quality sport education. She served as the thought leader for New York City Council legislation to create the Mayor's Office of Sports, Wellness & Recreation. This new office will facilitate need-based access to competitive and recreational sports and increase the role of sport in early education across New York City.

In December 2021, Nzingha was awarded with the first inaugural Service & Hope Award by the US Olympic and Paralympic Foundation. She serves on the board of USA Fencing and is a member of the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee's Council on Social and Racial Justice. In 2022, she was awarded the Toyota Everyday Hero Award. In her professional career, Nzingha is a Consultant at EY where PISTE is a project under the EY corporate responsibility portfolio.

