

Clayton Murphy joins Nike Oregon Project

Rio Olympic 800 meters Bronze Medallist goes the distance with Nike

PORTLAND, OR, UNITED STATES, August 23, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Clayton Murphy](#), Rio Olympic 800 meters Bronze Medallist and 3rd All-Time fastest American over the distance, announced today that he has joined [Nike's Oregon Project](#). Murphy will join a training group that currently includes Olympic and World Championship Medallists Mo Farah, Galen Rupp, Matthew Centrowitz, Shannon Rowbury and Sifan Hassan. Murphy was coached collegiately and in his first year as a professional by University of Akron Coach Lee LaBadie.



Clayton Murphy celebrates his Olympic Win in Rio

"I want to thank Coach LaBadie for everything he has done for me" Murphy said. "He has been instrumental in my success as an athlete to date. Most importantly I want to thank him for how he has helped in my development as a person. I cannot say enough about everything he has done for me." Remarking on Murphy's decision, LaBadie stated that "I'm excited to see Clayton move to such an elite training group as the Oregon Project.

He has a great future in our sport as an individual and an American. We all at Akron wish him the very best."

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Commenting on his decision to join the Oregon Project Murphy said "This is the right time as I begin to focus on building toward the World Championships in 2019 and Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020. I am extremely excited to start working with the Oregon Project staff and to train with athletes like Mo, Galen and Matthew. The training environment and support system is a great fit for me and I am confident it will help me achieve my athletic goals." Murphy will begin training with the Oregon Project in the Fall at Nike's

World Head Quarters in Portland, Oregon.

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