

Danica Patrick Biography

Go Daddy and NASCAR Nationwide Series™ driver Danica Patrick, the first woman to win a major closed-course auto race, brings racing talent and a fresh image to the racetrack. The record-breaking athlete began racing go-karts at age 10 before she even had a driver's license. She jumpstarted her career overseas making history with the highest-ever finish for a woman, or an American, at the Formula Ford Festival.



Since then, Danica's career has been on the fast track with considerable wins and high-profile endorsements. She was named the Rookie of the Year for both the 2005 Indianapolis 500 and IndyCar series. She placed 3rd in the 2009 Indianapolis 500, which was both a personal best and the highest finish to date by a woman. Anticipation is high for her this year as she competes in both the IndyCar Series and the NASCAR Nationwide Series™, a rare and difficult crossover.

Now, she's driving people to learn about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in memory of her grandmother who died of emphysema, a form of the disease. Danica remembers how her grandmother struggled to breathe and the impact that had on her life. She is determined to help others recognize signs of the disease and take action to breathe better. So she's raising awareness for COPD as the leading ambassador for the DRIVE4COPD campaign.

DRIVE4COPD is a public health initiative sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., that is designed to raise awareness of COPD and screen the millions who may be at risk for the disease.

For more information about Danica's role in the DRIVE4COPD campaign visit DRIVE4COPD.com.