

# SrA Kelly Curtis

## SKELETON



<b>Hometown:</b>	Princeton, New Jersey
<b>High School:</b>	Princeton High School/Lawrenceville School
<b>College:</b>	Spring Field College- Undergraduate St. Lawrence University-Graduate
<b>Joined Air Force:</b>	August 2020
<b>AFSC:</b>	3D1X1, Knowledge Operations
<b>Event:</b>	Skeleton

Senior Airman Kelly Curtis discovered the sport of Skeleton when she was 24 years old. She was introduced to sliding by fellow Springfield College alumna, Erin Pac, who earned the Bronze medal as a Bobsled pilot in the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games. While in graduate school, Kelly competed in a USA Bobsled and Skeleton recruiting combine event and was invited to a bobsled and skeleton driving school. After earning her Master's degree in Educational Leadership, her focus shifted to competing for Team USA in Bobsled for the 2014-2015 season. When not in a Bobsled, she was sliding Skeleton whenever possible and decided to pursue it full time. She spent the next two seasons in the domestic development program learning the skills necessary to navigate down a mile of ice, headfirst, reaching speeds of 80 mph. She became North American Cup Champion in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 seasons. Airman Curtis climbed the ranks to be named to her first National Team and became Intercontinental Cup Champion in the 2019-2020 season. Airman Curtis' personal headfirst speed record is 136.6 kph/84.88 mph. Kelly placed 21 out of 25 at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. She crossed the finish line in 1:02.94 in the first heat, in 1:03.05 in the second and in 1:03.24 in the third, reaching nearly 77 mph at her fastest.

***“Being an Airman athlete is a dream come true. I was lucky enough to be able to serve my country and pursue my passion for my sport. I am really grateful for the Air Force World Class Athlete Program for allowing me to compete and represent my country and the USAF. Eyes are on Olympic Gold ‘22!”***

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2022: Team USA Olympian-ranked 21 out of 25 at 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing  
 2022: #14 World Ranking International Bobsled and Skeleton Federation  
 National Team Trials- 3rd place Overall-USA 3  
 2020 World Ranking #23 International Bobsled and Skeleton Federation  
 2020 Intercontinental Cup Champion-Highest Points after 8 races in Russia, USA, Germany, Korea  
 2019 North American Cup Champion-Highest Points after 8 races in Canada and USA

