

## **WNBA ALL-STAR SABRINA IONESCU LAUNCHES SI20 FOUNDATION WITH INAUGURAL BASKETBALL CLINIC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DREAM**

The clinic will be hosted by Ionescu and her SI20 Foundation alongside DREAM for 75 DREAM Charter School student-athletes on Saturday, September 9, 2023 in the Bronx, New York

**New York, NY (August 30, 2023)** – WNBA All-Star Sabrina Ionescu announced today that she and newly-created SI20 Foundation will be partnering with DREAM, a 32-year-old community-based youth development organization and public charter school network operating in East Harlem and the Bronx. The two organizations will kick-off the partnership with a basketball clinic for DREAM Charter School student-athletes on Saturday, September 9th, 2023.

A pillar of DREAM’s Grow the Whole Child model is a commitment to physical and mental wellness for the organization’s 2,000+ students. Partnerships with professional sports leagues, brands and athletes has been incredibly impactful in shaping DREAM’s three-decade history, and the organization is ecstatic to work with Ionescu and her foundation to continue its commitment to developing the whole child and helping all children fulfill their vision of success.

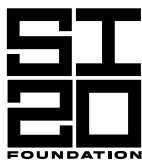
New York Liberty guard Sabrina Ionescu will be kicking off her newly created SI20 Foundation with an inaugural basketball clinic for the students at DREAM on Saturday, September 9th, 2023 from 3:30pm-6:00pm at the newly opened DREAM Charter School in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx. 75 middle school students will get a once in a lifetime opportunity to train with Ionescu and the amazing coaching staff at DREAM. Ionescu will host the event and participate in the clinic by playing a knockout game with the students, followed by a personal Q&A with Ionescu and DREAM students. “I’m so excited to launch my SI20 Foundation and partner with DREAM to provide equitable access to sports by giving DREAM students an up close and personal experience to learn and grow in their basketball careers,” says Ionescu. “I’m looking forward to giving them the opportunity to learn a lot from the clinic, while also being able to talk with me about their aspirations and goals as the next generation of athletes.”

In addition to DREAM students and staff members, other attendees will include members from the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF), SI20’s fiscal sponsor, that partners with the powerful voices and talents of those in the entertainment industry to work with public and private organizations and philanthropists committed to enabling positive social change.

The following day, the New York Liberty will host DREAM at Barclays Center for their final regular season home game where students will have the opportunity to watch warmups, enjoy the game, and join Sabrina for a special postgame visit.

To stay up to date on the latest news from DREAM and for more information on its mission, visit [www.wearedream.org](http://www.wearedream.org).

For more information on the SI20 Foundation and its mission, visit <https://www.eifoundation.org/partners/si20-foundation/> and <http://si20foundation.org/>.



### **ABOUT SABRINA IONESCU**

New York Liberty guard and 2x WNBA All-Star **Sabrina Ionescu** has become one of the most notable names in sports since being selected as the First Overall Pick in the 2020 WNBA Draft.

Before joining the Liberty, Sabrina played basketball for the University of Oregon Ducks where she was unanimously voted the 2020 AP Women's Basketball Player of the Year. She is also the only player, male or female, in NCAA history with 2,000 career points (2,562), 1,000 career rebounds (1,040) and 1,000 career assists (1,091).

During the 2022 WNBA season, Sabrina was voted to the AP All-WNBA First team, named WNBA Eastern Conference Player of the Month twice, and won the 2022 WNBA Skills Challenge. Additionally, she tallied the league's first-ever triple-double in less than three quarters and the first-ever 30-plus point triple-double.

Currently in her fourth WNBA Season, Sabrina was named an All-Star for the second time in her career, and set the internet on fire with her record-setting Three-Point Competition scoring 37 out of a possible 40 points, propelling her deeper into the national spotlight. In March of 2023, Sabrina was announced as the newest Nike Signature Athlete. She will be the first woman at Nike Basketball to globally lead a unisex shoe and apparel collection.

With the launch of the SI20 Foundation, Sabrina plans to continue to inspire kids to stay active through sport while building relationships with their teammates to foster deeper community connections.

To stay up to date on Sabrina, visit her [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **ABOUT THE SI20 FOUNDATION**

Created by WNBA Star, Sabrina Ionescu the SI20 Foundation equips youth from all backgrounds and skill levels with equitable access to sports that create genuine connections and builds stronger communities for life. The foundation plans to break down the biggest barriers preventing youth from accessing sports while setting them up with the molds of success they will utilize throughout their lives. The SI20 Foundation is a fund of the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF), a Charity Navigator Four-Star Charity that meets all 20 Better Business Bureau charity standards and carries the Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency.

### **ABOUT DREAM**

Originally founded as Harlem RBI, DREAM traces its beginnings to 1991, when a group of volunteers transformed an abandoned, garbage-strewn lot into two baseball diamonds for the youth of East Harlem. More than 30 years later, the organization serves thousands of children across East Harlem and the South Bronx through a network of free, extended-day, extended-year DREAM Charter Schools and community sports-based youth development programs. By developing a whole child model that is responsive to the unique academic and social needs of every child, DREAM is creating a future where all children are equipped to fulfill their vision of success.



#### **ABOUT THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1942, the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF) is a multifaceted organization that occupies a unique place in the world of philanthropy. By mobilizing and leveraging the powerful voice and creative talents of the entertainment industry, as well as cultivating the support of organizations (public and private) and philanthropists committed to social responsibility, EIF builds awareness and raises funds, developing and enhancing programs on the local, national, and global level that facilitate positive social change. Visit [eifoundation.org](http://eifoundation.org) and follow @eifoundation for more information.

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