

HIS STORY

An unlikely start for one of the world's best snowboarders, Evan Strong grew up on the waves of Maui, seldom wearing shoes, let alone snow boots. At 11 he broke his surfboard and couldn't afford a new one. A friend gave him an old skateboard, so he took to riding the cement waves and by 13 he landed his first sponsor. He set his sights on a career as a pro-rider. Over the next few years he began to win, and win often, and by 17 he was ready for the pro ranks...until the accident. Running late for work one day, he borrowed his sister's motorcycle and, tragically, was hit, head-on, at 65 mph, by a drunk driver. Three days later his left leg had to be amputated.

"My recovery was one of the most challenging times of my life, but I knew I was young and had a lot of living left to do. I wasn't ready to give up all these things that I loved to do...so I just told myself I wouldn't. I would find a way to ride again."







Evan soon connected with the Challenged Athletes
Foundation (CAF) and drew inspiration for his own
recovery from watching fellow amputees accomplish
great things in sport. From there he developed a passion
to help others faced with similar physical challenges. He
has since become a very active mentor of youth and
adult amputees in partnership with Adaptive Action
Sports (AAS). Always hungry for a new challenge, Evan
grew interested in snowboarding, but he knew that was
not a fit for Maui, so he moved to Lake Tahoe and got a
job at NorthStar Resort. He rode over 100 days that first
season and found his true passion.

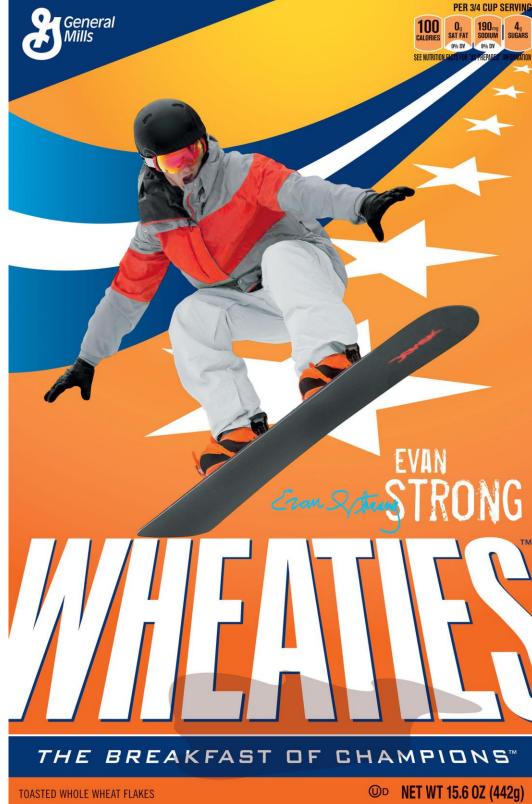


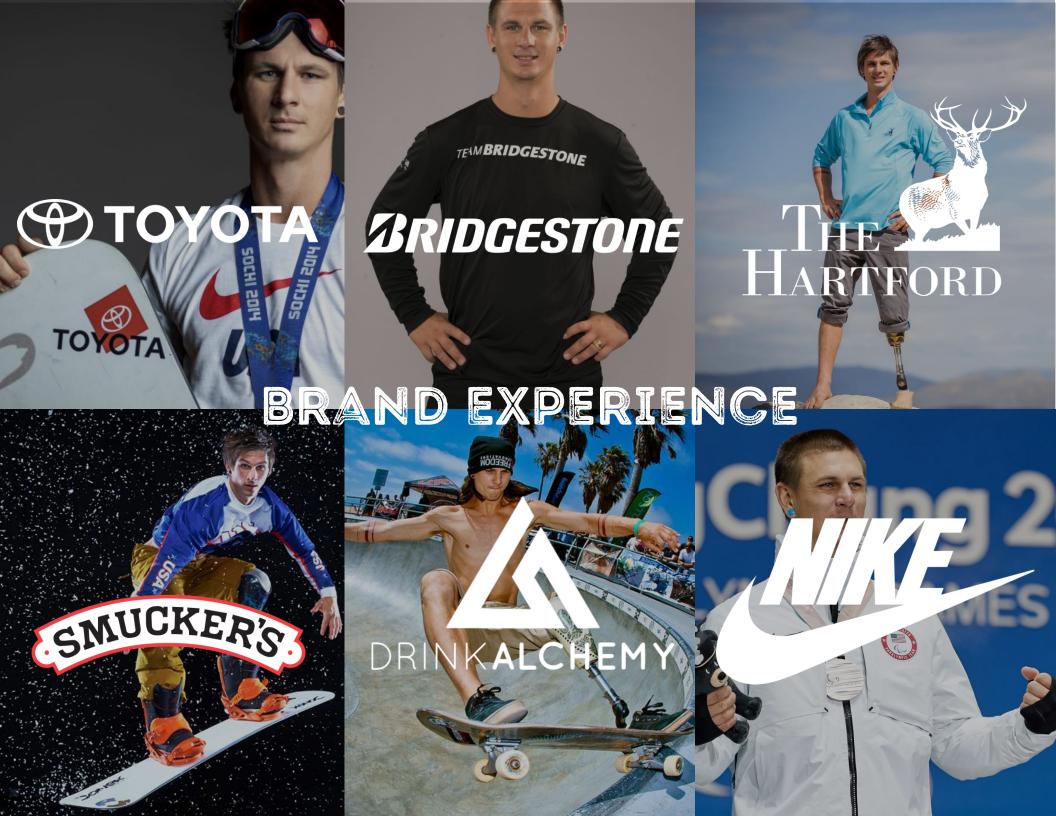
Evan has become a World Champion, an X-Games Gold Medalist, and in 2014 he won the first ever Paralympic Gold Medal in Sochi Russia, for which he was honored on the iconic Wheaties Box. He then followed up his Gold Medal performance and won a Silver Medal at the 2018 Pyeongchang Games.

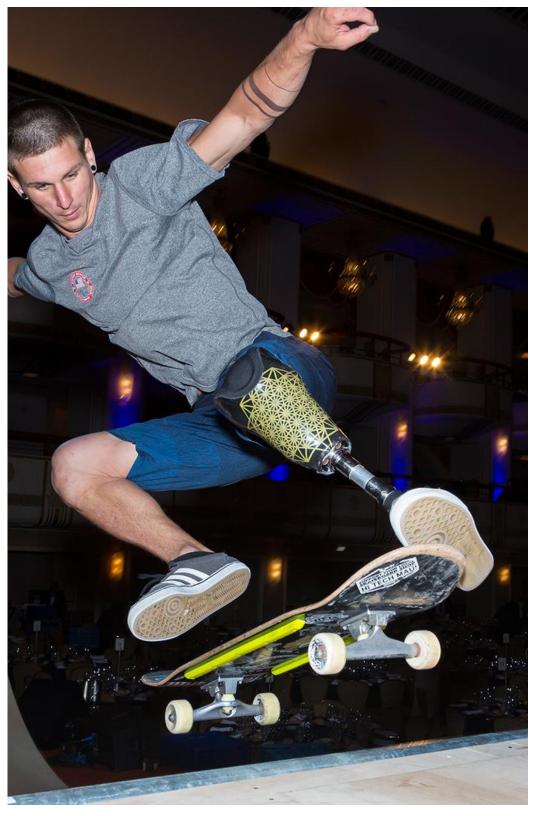
Evan competes in both snowboard cross and banked slalom events. After finishing 5th at the 2022 Paralympic Games, he's training hard to return to the podium in the 2026 Winter Paralympics

His ultimate goal is to win the U.S. Snowboarding National Championship title against able-bodied riders.











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