



TORCHBEARER FEATURE

César Cielo

Nov. 24, 2009, at Hopewell Rocks, New Brunswick

Torchbearer Story:

César Cielo is Brazil's most successful swimmer, an Olympic gold medallist and the current world record holder in the 100-m freestyle.

Specializing in sprint events, Cielo won a gold medal in the 50-m freestyle event at the 2008 Beijing Games, as well as a bronze in the 100-m event. At the 2009 world championships, Cielo won gold in both the 50- and 100-m events, while setting a world record and becoming just the third swimmer in history to win both distances at a single world championship.

Cielo attended Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama (USA), where he competed for the seven-time NCAA national champion Auburn Tigers Swimming and Diving Team. At Auburn, Cielo won six national championship events. Cielo has given up his final year of NCAA eligibility and is now a professional swimmer. In Brazil, Cielo swims for Esporte Clube Pinheiros.

Cielo is carrying the Olympic Flame as part of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay International Media Program, developed by VANOC in collaboration with the Canadian Tourism Commission, to spread the excitement and share the Olympic spirit with media and fans around the world.

Did You Know?

- At Auburn University, Cielo majored in international business.
- Cielo was the 2007 NCAA Swimmer of the Year.
- Before a home crowd at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Cielo won three gold medals and set three Pan Am Games records.