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**The American Athlete**

Episode #2220

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Participants: **Mike Lee** – Professional Boxer

**Jeanie Buss** – Governor, Los Angeles Lakers

**Javale McGee** – Center Golden State Warriors

### General Synopsis for Episode #2220

In this episode a champion boxer, NBA executive and a NBA champion player describe their varied paths towards success in each of the chosen fields of athletic endeavor. Each guest shares their personal side of their journey from their first thoughts of seeking a professional career to reaching their goals and beyond.

**Mike Lee** is an IBF-USBA Light Heavyweight Champion. He talks about not worrying about failing but worrying about performing the way he can. Mike won a world title and it was the number one thing he wanted and states, “I was taught at a young age don’t regret what you did but what you didn’t do.” **Jeanie Buss** has followed her dad, Dr. Jerry Buss, footsteps as the president of the LA Lakers. She states that her dad gave her the opportunity to put her in a position to succeed or fail on her own. She shares, “It is important to me to be someone who leads by example, leads by hard work and really is doing the job and letting the people who work for you be the stars.” Jeanie feels that being a woman in this business has not been a disadvantage, it might be pressure but it is an opportunity.

### Observation and Conclusion

In episode #2220 sports trivia questions are asked between segments to challenge viewers to research and learn sports facts. The participants provide encouragement and advice to the viewers to work hard, define goals, and have fun in your chosen field. **Javale McGee** provided his thoughts about playing in the NBA, “It is a blessing to play period, winning and being part of it is the best feeling ever. I stepped up and did it.” This episode inspires, educates, informs and empowers children 13 years of age and up.

Sincerely,



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