



Vanessa O'Brien:

A Mountain Climber, for whom the sky is the beginning of the limit



“Vanessa O'Brien is a British-American mountain climber, explorer, public speaker and former business executive. She is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Member of The Explorers Club. She has climbed the highest peak on every continent and has a Guinness World Record for doing so in 295 days, setting a record for the fastest time a woman first achieved this goal. Vanessa has also skied the last 60 nautical miles or 111 km to the South Pole and North Pole completing the Explorers Grand Slam in 11 months, becoming the first woman to do so in under a calendar year and one of only 9 people in the world.

Vanessa is an Honorary Ambassador of the US Nepal Climbers Association Inc., serves as an Advisory Board Member for Thomson Safaris for Kilimanjaro climbs and treks in Tanzania, and is an active member of The American Alpine Club. She has contributed to a number of research and scientific projects including investigating the effects of nocturnal hypoxic exposure on high-altitude mountaineering (Explorers Club Flag #206 to Manaslu's summit at 26,759 feet), testing the thinning of high altitude glaciers (Explorers Club Flag #132 to the Godwin-Austen Glacier at 16,500 feet), and illustrating the impact of climate change at the equator in advance of



COP21 in conjunction with Project 25Zero.

Vanessa has summited four mountains over 26,000 feet, including Everest, of the fourteen tallest peaks worldwide, and her next project is an attempt to become the first American

British woman to successfully summit K2, the second highest peak in the world, at 28,251 feet in the Karakoram region of Pakistan.

Vanessa had her MBA in Finance from the Stern School of Business, New York University. She currently lives in New York City with her British husband Jonathan who is the Chief Financial Officer at Proskauer Rose LLP. During her professional career, Vanessa held London-based positions as the Director of Finance and Business Development for Morgan Stanley, Barclays Bank, and Bank of America's credit card division. She also held senior roles in finance, strategic planning and business development at Capital One and GE Capital in the United States.



Ch. Shahzad Akhtar And Mrs. Farah Azeem Shah briefing about Global Affairs International Magazine to Vanessa O'Brien



Ch. Shahzad Akhtar And Mrs. Farah Azeem Shah presenting copy of Global Affairs International Magazine to Vanessa O'Brien

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'AMBASSADOR FOR SPORTS'



“Vanessa O'Brien has recently become new Ambassador for Art as Global Affairs selected her on her meritorious services in the field of sports and especially in climbing.

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The team of Global Affairs is very much proud over her appointment and extend their felicitations and heartiest congratulations to her.