

= Caitlyn Jenner =

Caitlyn Jenner (born October 28 , 1949) , formerly known as Bruce Jenner , is an American television personality and retired Olympic gold medal @-@ winning decathlete . Jenner was a college football player for the Graceland Yellowjackets before incurring a knee injury requiring surgery . Coach L. D. Weldon , who had coached Olympic decathlete Jack Parker , convinced Jenner to try the decathlon . After intense training , Jenner won the 1976 Olympics decathlon title at the Montreal Summer Olympics (after a Soviet athlete had won the title in 1972 during the Cold War) , gaining fame as " an all @-@ American hero " . Jenner set a third successive world record while winning the Olympics . The winner of the Olympic decathlon is traditionally given the unofficial title of " world 's greatest athlete . " With that stature , Jenner subsequently established a career in television , film , writing , auto racing , business and as a Playgirl cover model .

Jenner has six children from marriages to ex @-@ wives Chrystie Crowover , Linda Thompson , and Kris Jenner . Since 2007 , Jenner has appeared on the reality television series Keeping Up with the Kardashians with Kris , their daughters Kendall and Kylie Jenner , and step @-@ children Kourtney , Kimberley , Khloé , and Rob Kardashian . Previously identifying publicly as male , Jenner revealed her identity as a trans woman in April 2015 , publicly announcing her name change from Bruce to Caitlyn in a July 2015 Vanity Fair cover story . Her name and gender change became official on September 25 , 2015 . She has been called the most famous openly transgender woman in the world . Jenner currently stars in the reality television series I Am Cait , which focuses on her gender transition .

= = Early life = =

Caitlyn Marie Jenner was born William Bruce Jenner on October 28 , 1949 , in Mount Kisco , New York , to Esther Ruth (née McGuire) and William Hugh Jenner . Her father was an arborist . She has two sisters , Lisa and Pam . Her younger brother , Burt , was killed in a car accident in Canton , Connecticut , in 1976 , shortly after Jenner 's success at the Olympic Games .

As a young child , Jenner was diagnosed with dyslexia . She attended Sleepy Hollow High School in Sleepy Hollow , New York for her freshman and sophomore years and Newtown High School in Newtown , Connecticut for her junior and senior years , graduating in 1968 . Jenner earned a football scholarship and attended Graceland College (now Graceland University) in Lamoni , Iowa , but was forced to stop playing football because of a knee injury . Recognizing Jenner 's potential , a switch to the decathlon was encouraged by Graceland track coach L. D. Weldon . Jenner debuted in the decathlon at the Drake Relays in Des Moines , Iowa in 1970 , placing fifth . Jenner graduated from Graceland College in 1973 with a degree in physical education .

= = Olympic career = =

All Olympic events and medals are for men 's events and prior to her public gender transition .

= = = Early career = = =

At the 1972 men 's decathlon U.S. Olympic trials in Eugene , Oregon , Jenner was in fifth place behind Steve Gough and Andrew Pettes . Needing to make up a 19 @-@ second gap on Gough in the men 's 1500 metres , Jenner ran a fast , last lap , finishing 22 seconds ahead of the other runners to make the Olympic team , prompting the Eugene Register @-@ Guard to ask : " Who 's Jenner ? " A tenth @-@ place finish in the decathlon event at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich followed . Watching Soviet Mykola Avilov win inspired Jenner to start an intense training regimen . " For the first time , I knew what I wanted out of life and that was it , and this guy has it . I literally started training that night at midnight , running through the streets of Munich , Germany , training for the Games . I trained that day on through the 1976 Games , 6 ? 8 hours a day , every day , 365 days a year . "

After graduating from Graceland , Jenner married girlfriend Chrystie Crowover and moved to San Jose , California . Chrystie provided most of the family income working as a flight attendant for United Airlines . Jenner sold insurance at night (earning US \$ 9 @, @ 000 a year) , while training during the day . In the era before professionalism was allowed in Olympic sports , this kind of training was unheard of . During this period , Jenner trained at the San Jose City College (SJCC) and San Jose State University (SJSU) tracks . Centered around Bert Bonanno , the coach at SJCC , San Jose was , at the time , a hotbed for training and was called the " Track Capital of the World " . Many other aspiring Olympic athletes such as Millard Hampton , Andre Phillips , John Powell , Mac Wilkins , and Al Feuerbach also trained there . Jenner 's most successful events were the skill events of the second day : hurdles , discus , pole vault , javelin and 1500 metres .

= = = Olympic success = = =

Jenner was the American champion in the men 's decathlon event in 1974 , and was featured on the cover of Track & Field News magazine 's August 1974 issue . While on tour in 1975 , Jenner won the French national championship , and a gold medal at the 1975 Pan American Games , earning the tournament record with 8 @, @ 045 points . This was followed by new world records of 8 @, @ 524 points at the U.S.A. / U.S.S.R. / Poland triangular meet in Eugene , Oregon on August 9 ? 10 , 1975 , breaking Avilov 's record , and 8 @, @ 538 points at the 1976 Olympic trials , also in Eugene . Between 1973 and 1976 , of the 13 decathlons Jenner contested , her only loss was at the 1975 AAU National Championships when she " no heighted " in the pole vault .

At the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal , Jenner achieved five personal bests on the first day of the men 's decathlon ? a " home run " ? despite finishing in second place behind Guido Kratschmer of West Germany . Jenner was confident : " The second day has all my good events . If everything works out all right , we should be ahead after it 's all over . " On the second day , Jenner had a strong showing in the hurdles and discus , and personal bests in the pole vault and javelin . By that point , victory was virtually assured , but it remained to be seen by how much Jenner would improve the record . In the final event , the 1500 metres , seen live on national television , Jenner looked content to finish the long competition . Then Jenner sprinted the last lap , making up a 50 @-@ meter deficit , and nearly catching the event favorite Soviet Leonid Litvinenko who was already well out of contention for the overall title , but whose personal best had been eight seconds better than Jenner 's before the race . Jenner set a new personal best time , taking the gold medal with a world @-@ record score of 8 @, @ 616 points .

Olympic world record performance :

= = = Impact = = =

After the event , Jenner took an American flag from a spectator and carried it during the victory lap , starting a tradition that is now common among winning athletes . Abandoning vaulting poles in the stadium , with no intention of ever competing again , Jenner stated that : " In 1972 , I made the decision that I would go four years and totally dedicate myself to what I was doing , and then I would move on after it was over with . I went into that competition knowing that would be the last time I would ever do this . " Jenner explained , " It hurts every day when you practice hard . Plus , when this decathlon is over , I got the rest of my life to recuperate . Who cares how bad it hurts ? "

As a result of winning the Olympic decathlon , Jenner became a national hero receiving the James E. Sullivan Award as the top amateur athlete in the United States , and being named the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year in 1976 .

Jenner 's 1976 world record was broken by four points by Daley Thompson in 1980 . In 1985 , Jenner 's Olympic decathlon score was reevaluated against the IAAF 's updated decathlon scoring table and was reported as 8 @, @ 634 for comparative purposes . This converted mark stood as the American record until 1991 , when it was surpassed by eventual gold medalist , and world record holder , Dan O 'Brien of Dan & Dave fame . As of 2011 , Jenner was ranked twenty @-@ fifth on the world all @-@ time list and ninth on the American all @-@ time list . Including the 2012 emergence

of a new world record holder Ashton Eaton , Jenner 's mark has moved to No. 27 worldwide and No. 10 U.S.

Jenner was inducted into the United States National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1980 , the Olympic Hall of Fame in 1986 , the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame and the Connecticut Sports Hall of Fame in 1994 , and the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 . For almost 20 years , San Jose City College hosted an annual Bruce Jenner Invitational competition .

= = Post @-@ Olympic career = =

= = = Capitalizing on Olympic fame = = =

In the 1970s , Olympic athletes were considered amateur and were not allowed to seek or accept payment for their positions as sports celebrities . In 1972 , during the Cold War , three major Olympic titles that had a long history of American success ? basketball , the 100 meter dash , and decathlon ? were won by Soviet athletes . Winning back the decathlon title made Jenner an American hero . " After the Games were over , " Jenner said , " I happened to be the right guy , at that right place , at that right time . " Tony Kornheiser of The New York Times wrote : " Jenner is twirling the nation like a baton . He and wife , Chrystie , are so high up on the pedestal of American heroism , it would take a crane to get them down . "

After the expected Olympic success , Jenner planned to cash in on whatever celebrity status could follow a gold medal in the same mold as Johnny Weissmuller and Sonja Henie , who had become major movie stars following their gold medals . This would require forgoing any future Olympic competition . At the time , Jenner 's agent George Wallach felt there was a four @-@ year window ? until the next Olympics ? upon which to capitalize . Wallach reported that Jenner was being considered for the role of Superman , which ultimately went to Christopher Reeve . " I really don 't know how many offers we have , " Wallach claimed . " There are still unopened telegrams back at the hotel and you just can 't believe the offers that poured in during the first two days . "

Jenner appeared on the cover of the August 9 , 1976 issue of Sports Illustrated , the February 1979 issue of Gentleman 's Quarterly , and on the cover of Playgirl magazine . Jenner became a spokesperson for Tropicana , Minolta , and Buster Brown shoes .

= = = = Wheaties spokesperson = = = =

In 1977 , Jenner became a spokesperson for Wheaties brand breakfast cereal and appeared on the iconic front of the cereal box . After taking over from Olympic champion Bob Richards , Jenner was second in a succession of athletes featured as spokespersons for the brand . Mary Lou Retton succeeded Jenner in 1984 .

On November 22 , 1977 , Jenner went to San Francisco to refute charges filed by San Francisco district attorney , Joseph Freitas , that General Mills , the maker of Wheaties , had engaged in false advertising in its campaign featuring Jenner . Jenner liked Wheaties and ate the breakfast cereal two or three times a week , which supported the advertising campaign 's claims . Two days later , Freitas withdrew the suit , saying that it was " a case of overzealousness " on the part of his staff .

When Jenner came out as a trans woman in 2015 , General Mills stated that : " Bruce Jenner continues to be a respected member of Team Wheaties . " After a negative response to this initial statement , Mike Siemienas , General Mills 's brand media relations manager , clarified it by saying : " Bruce Jenner has been a respected member of Team Wheaties , and Caitlyn Jenner will continue to be . "

= = = Television and film career = = =

Jenner starred in the disco @-@ era Village People comedy Can 't Stop the Music (1980) . The movie was a flop . Jenner 's performance was nominated for the 1980 Golden Raspberry Award for

Worst Actor ; the film won the Golden Raspberry Award for Worst Picture . It was Jenner 's only theatrical release until 2011 . Jenner had some success with a television career , starring in the made @-@ for @-@ TV movies The Golden Moment : An Olympic Love Story (1980) and Grambling 's White Tiger (1981) . During the 1981 ? 1982 season , Jenner became a semi @-@ regular cast member in the police series CHiPs , guest @-@ starring as Officer Steve McLeish for six episodes , substituting for star Erik Estrada , who was locked in a contract dispute with NBC and MGM . Jenner also appeared in an episode of the sitcom Silver Spoons called " Trouble with Words " , wherein her personal issues with dyslexia were revealed in a storyline about a recurring teenage character with the same problem . Jenner appeared in the series Learn to Read and in the video games Olympic Decathlon (1981) and Bruce Jenner 's World Class Decathlon (1996) . The iconic " hero shot " , the finish of the final event of 1976 Olympic decathlon , and the Wheaties cover , were parodied by John Belushi on Saturday Night Live , endorsing " Little Chocolate Donuts " . In 1989 , Jenner played herself in the comedy short Dirty Tennis written by James Van Patten .

Jenner has appeared in a variety of game shows and reality television programs , including starring with Grits Gresham in an episode of ABC 's The American Sportsman . The program features Gresham hunting , fishing , or shooting in exotic areas with celebrities . In the early 1990s , Jenner was the host of an infomercial for a stair @-@ climbing exercise machine called the Stair Climber Plus .

In January 2002 , Jenner participated in an episode of the American series The Weakest Link , featuring Olympic athletes . In February and March 2003 , Jenner was part of the cast of the American series I 'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here ! . She made a cameo appearance in a season @-@ three episode of The Apprentice , which aired in May 2005 . She also partnered with Tai Babilonia for Skating with Celebrities in a series that aired January ? March 2006 (they were eliminated during the fifth of seven episodes) , served as a guest judge on Pet Star on Animal Planet , as well as (with the Kardashian family) on Celebrity Family Feud . In November 2010 , a photograph of Jenner was shown in a janitor 's resume in an episode of It 's Always Sunny in Philadelphia .

Other television and talk show appearances by Jenner include : Nickelodeon 's made @-@ for @-@ TV film Gym Teacher : The Movie as well as episodes of Murder , She Wrote , Family Guy , the Lingo Olympic Winners episode , and talk shows such as Hannity and season 1 , episode 21 of The Bonnie Hunt Show in 2008 .

Since late 2007 , Jenner has starred in the E ! reality series Keeping Up with the Kardashians along with wife Kris Jenner , stepchildren Kourtney , Kimberley , Khloé , and Rob Kardashian (from Kris 's marriage to attorney Robert Kardashian) , and daughters Kylie and Kendall .

In 2011 , Jenner appeared in the Adam Sandler comedy Jack and Jill in a scene with Al Pacino as an actor in a play . Like Can 't Stop the Music , the film won the Golden Raspberry Award for Worst Picture and swept every Razzie category .

= = = Motorsports career = = =

Jenner was a successful race car driver in the IMSA Camel GT series (International Motor Sports Association) in the 1980s . Jenner 's first victory came in the 1986 12 hours of Sebring in the IMSA GTO class driving the 7 @-@ Eleven Roush Racing Ford Mustang with co @-@ driver Scott Pruett . The pair won their class and finished 4th overall in the 12 @-@ hour endurance race . 1986 was also the most successful year of Jenner 's career , finishing second in the championship to Pruett . Jenner commented , " I was a lot more badass runner than I was a driver . "

= = = Business = = =

Jenner had licensed her previous name for Bruce Jenner 's Westwood Centers for Nautilus & Aerobics in the early 1980s to David A. Cirotto , president of other local Nautilus & Aerobics Centers . She had no ownership in the licensed name centers , which were solely owned by Cirotto . Jenner 's company , Bruce Jenner Aviation , sells aircraft supplies to executives and corporations . Jenner

was the business development vice president for a staffing industry software application known as JennerNet , which was based on Lotus Domino technology .

In March 2016 , Jenner announced she had been chosen as the face of H & M Sport . Later that year , H & M created a six @-@ minute film featuring Jenner , called Caitlyn Jenner ? s Greatest Victories : A Timeline .

= = Gender transition = =

= = = Coming out as a transgender woman = = =

In a 20 / 20 interview with Diane Sawyer in April 2015 , Jenner came out as a trans woman , saying that she had dealt with gender dysphoria since her youth and that : " for all intents and purposes , I 'm a woman . " Jenner cross dressed for many years and took hormone replacement therapy but stopped after her romance with Kris Kardashian in the early 1990s became more serious . Jenner recounts having permission to explore her gender identity on her own travels but not when they were coupled , and that not knowing the best way to talk about the many issues contributed to the deterioration of the 23 @-@ year @-@ long marriage , which ended formally in 2015 .

While she has undergone some cosmetic surgery , she has neither undergone sex reassignment surgery nor ruled it out ; she stated that , for her , life as a woman is primarily a matter of mental state and lifestyle . She said she has never been sexually attracted to men , but has instead always been sexually attracted to women , and that , keeping in mind the difficulty people have understanding the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity , she will identify as asexual for now .

= = = Media attention = = =

In June 2015 , Jenner debuted her new name and image , and began publicly using feminine pronoun self @-@ descriptors . Jenner held a renaming ceremony in July 2015 , adopting the name Caitlyn Marie Jenner . Prior to her 20 / 20 interview , a two @-@ part special titled Keeping Up with the Kardashians : About Bruce was filmed with the family in which she answered questions , and prepared her children for the personal and public aspects of the transition . In the special , which aired in May 2015 , the point was emphasized that there is no one right way to transition . Jenner made it a priority to ensure that all her children were independent first before focusing on her transition . In September 2015 , her name was legally changed to Caitlyn Marie Jenner and gender to female .

Jenner 's announcement that she is transgender came at an unprecedented time for trans visibility , including legislative initiatives . The 20 / 20 interview had 20 @. @ 7 million viewers , making it television 's " highest @-@ ever rated newsmagazine telecast among adults 18 ? 49 and adults 25 ? 54 " . The Daily Beast wrote that Jenner 's honesty , vulnerability , and fame may have caused " cheap jokes " about trans people to " seem mean to a mainstream audience on an unprecedented scale " . Noting the shift in how comedians treated Jenner 's transition , The Daily Beast saw the change as the same evolution that took place in acceptance of LGBT people as a whole when " comedians finally cross the critical threshold from mockery to creativity in their joke @-@ telling " .

Jenner 's emerging gender identity was revealed in a Vanity Fair interview written by Buzz Bissinger . Annie Leibovitz photographed the cover , the magazine 's first to feature an openly transgender woman , which was captioned " Call me Caitlyn " . Using her Twitter handle , @ Caitlyn _ Jenner , she tweeted : " I 'm so happy after such a long struggle to be living my true self . Welcome to the world Caitlyn . Can 't wait for you to get to know her / me . " Time magazine declared this tweet the tenth most re @-@ tweeted tweet of 2015 , based on re @-@ tweets of tweets by verified users from January 1 to November 10 of that year . Jenner amassed over one million Twitter followers in four hours and three minutes , setting a new Guinness World Record and surpassing United States President Barack Obama , who , a month before , accomplished the same feat in four hours and fifty

@-@ two minutes . Four days later Jenner was up to 2 @.@ 37 million followers , with another 1 @.@ 5 million followers on Instagram .

However , Jenner also received criticism . Beginning in September 2015 , she was depicted on the satirical American animated program South Park , which parodied her supporters ' political correctness , as well as her driving record . The Jenner @-@ related episodes were " Stunning and Brave " , " Where My Country Gone ? " , " Sponsored Content " , " Truth and Advertising " and " PC Principal Final Justice " from the show 's 19th season .

In April 2016 during the Republican presidential primaries , Jenner became an exemplar for candidate Donald Trump 's opposition to North Carolina 's Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act , with Trump saying that Jenner could use any restroom of her choosing at his Trump Tower property . Jenner soon posted a video showing that she had taken Trump up on his offer . She thanked Trump and assured Trump 's adversary Ted Cruz that " nobody got molested " .

In June , Jenner was one of several celebrities depicted using synthetic nude " sleeping " bodies for the video of Kanye West 's song " Famous " .

= = = Reception = = =

In August 2015 , Jenner won the Social Media Queen award at the Teen Choice Awards . In October 2015 , Glamour magazine named her one of its 25 Glamour Women of the Year , calling her a " Trans Champion . " In November 2015 , Jenner was listed as one of Entertainment Weekly 's 2015 Entertainers of the Year . In December 2015 , she was named Barbara Walters ' Most Fascinating Person of 2015 . Also in that month , she was listed on Time magazine 's eight @-@ person shortlist for the 2015 Person of the Year , and Bing released its list of the year 's " Most Searched Celebrities " , which Jenner was at the top of , and declared Jenner 's Vanity Fair cover the second in a list of " top celeb moments of 2015 . " She was the second most searched for person on Google in 2015 . In April 2016 , she was listed in the Time 100 . In June 2016 , Jenner became the first openly transgender person to be featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated . The cover and associated story marked the 40th anniversary of her winning the 1976 Summer Olympics decathlon .

Feminist author Germaine Greer called Glamour magazine 's decision to award Jenner with a " Woman of the Year " award misogynistic , questioning whether a transgender woman could be better than " someone who is just born a woman . " Jenner also received criticism from individuals such as actress Rose McGowan , for stating ? in a BuzzFeed interview ? that the hardest part about being a woman " is figuring out what to wear " . McGowan argued : " We are more than deciding what to wear . We are more than the stereotypes foisted upon us by people like you . You 're a woman now ? Well fucking learn that we have had a VERY different experience than your life of male privilege . " McGowan later stated that she was not transphobic , and added : " Disliking something a trans person has said is no different than disliking something a man has said or that a woman has said . Being trans doesn 't make one immune from criticism . "

Chris Mandle of The Independent stated : " Jenner has gone on to inspire countless men and women , but her comments , which were made after she was celebrated at Glamour magazine 's Women Of The Year in New York were branded ' offensive and insulting ' . " He added : " People began tweeting the other , harder things women have to deal with , such as institutionalized oppression , abuse and sexual assault " . James Smith , husband of Moira Smith , the only female New York Police Department officer to die on September 11 , 2001 , returned Moira 's " Woman of the Year " award , given posthumously . Referring to Jenner as a man , he stated that he found Glamour giving Jenner the same award insulting to Moira 's memory , and referred to the matter as a publicity stunt . Smith later said that , having supported transgender youth and Glamour 's decision to honor transgender actress Laverne Cox in 2014 , he did not object because Jenner is transgender ; he objected to Jenner 's " hardest part about being a woman " commentary ; this proved to him that Jenner " is not truly a woman . I believe this comment and others he has made trivializes the transgender experience as I have witnessed it . "

Conversely , Adrienne Tam of The Daily Telegraph argued that Jenner deserved the Glamour

award , stating : " What McGowan failed to take into consideration was the jesting manner in which Jenner spoke . " Tam said :

[Jenner] also immediately followed up her " what women wear " dilemma with : It 's more than that . I 'm kind of at this point in my life where I 'm trying to figure this womanhood thing out . It is more than hair , makeup , clothes , all that kind of stuff . There 's an element here that I 'm still kind of searching for . And I think that 'll take a while . Because I think as far as gender , we 're all on a journey . We 're all learning and growing about ourselves . And I feel the same way .

Tam considered McGowan 's criticism to be over the top , and stated of James Smith 's criticism , " The salient point here is one about courage . We easily recognise physical courage such as saving orphans from burning buildings , or ordinary people putting their lives in the line of fire . It is far harder to recognise mental courage . " She added : " Without a doubt , the police officer who died in the September 11 attacks was courageous . But so is Jenner . It 's a different kind of courage , but it is courage nonetheless . "

= = = = LGBT community = = = =

With her profile raised by her coming out as a trans woman in 2015 , Jenner has been called the most famous openly transgender woman in the world . She is also one of the most recognized LGBT people in the world and arguably the most famous LGBT athlete . Jenner acknowledged in her 20 / 20 interview that part of her reason for being so visible was to bring attention to gender dysphoria , violence against trans women , and other transgender issues . She also sought to promote more informed discussion of LGBT issues at a time when the trans community has unprecedented visibility . She signed with Creative Artists Agency 's speakers department and will collaborate with the CAA Foundation on a philanthropic strategy focusing on LGBT issues . She made a private appearance at the Los Angeles LGBT Center in June 2015 , where she spoke with at @-@ risk trans youth .

Jenner received the Arthur Ashe Courage Award during the 2015 ESPY Awards in July 2015 . ESPN executive producer Maura Mandt said Jenner was given the award because " she has shown the courage to embrace a truth that had been hidden for years , and to embark on a journey that may not only give comfort to those facing similar circumstances , but can also help to educate people on the challenges that the transgender community faces . " She is the third consecutive openly LGBT person to receive the award following footballer Michael Sam (2014) and anchorwoman Robin Roberts (2013) .

In October , Jenner presented the Point Foundation 's Horizon Award to television producers Rhys Ernst (of the show Transparent) and Zach Zyskowski (of the show Becoming Us) . This was her second public speaking engagement after her gender transition .

In November , Jenner was listed as one of the nine runners @-@ up for The Advocate 's Person of the Year . That month she was also listed as one of the Out100 of 2015 , with Out calling her the " Newsmaker of the Year . " On International Human Rights Day , Jenner discussed transgender rights with Samantha Power , the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations . In 2016 , Jenner was on the cover of The Advocate 's February / March issue .

MAC Cosmetics collaborated with Jenner on a lipstick , called Finally Free , which was made available for purchase April 8 , 2016 , with MAC stating , " 100 % of the selling price goes to the MAC AIDS Fund Transgender Initiative , to further its work in support of transgender communities . " Also in April 2016 , Jenner was listed as No. 8 on Out magazine 's Power 50 list . In May 2016 , her interview with Diane Sawyer in 2015 won Outstanding TV Journalism ? Newsmagazine at the GLAAD Media Awards .

In June 2016 , the Human Rights Campaign released a video in tribute to the victims of the 2016 Orlando gay nightclub shooting ; in the video , Jenner and others told the stories of the people killed there .

In July 2016 , Jenner spoke about coming out as transgender and Republican at a Republican National Convention " Big Tent Brunch " for the conservative group American Unity Fund .

===== I Am Cait =====

Jenner 's gender transition is the subject of I Am Cait , initially an eight @-@ part TV documentary series , which premiered on E ! in July 2015 to an audience of 2 @.@ 7 million viewers . Jenner is an executive producer of the show . The show focuses on Jenner 's transition and how it affects her relationships with her family and friends . The show also explores how Jenner adjusts to what she sees as her job as a role model for the transgender community . In October 2015 , the show was renewed for a second season , which premiered on March 6 , 2016 .

The show tied for best Outstanding Reality Program at the GLAAD Media Awards in 2016 .

== Personal life ==

Jenner is a Christian , leans towards political conservatism , and is a Republican . " I have gotten more flak for being a conservative Republican " , she said , " than I have for being trans " . Although stopping short of an endorsement , Jenner said she liked Ted Cruz , a Republican candidate for President of the United States in the 2016 election , despite Cruz 's negative views of trans people . (Cruz dropped out of the race on May 3 , 2016 .) On her reality show I Am Cait , Jenner said that although she does not support Donald Trump , she thinks he would be good for women 's issues . She then stated she would never support Hillary Clinton .

=== Marriages ===

Prior to her public gender transition , she had been married three times . She was married to Chrystie Scott (née Crownover) from 1972 to 1981 . They have two children , son Burton and daughter Cassandra , known as Burt and Casey Jenner . Jenner and Scott 's divorce was finalized the first week of January 1981 .

On January 5 , 1981 , Jenner married actress Linda Thompson in Hawaii . They have two sons together , Brandon Jenner and Sam Brody Jenner (known as Brody) . By February 1986 , Jenner and Thompson had separated and subsequently divorced . Their sons later starred on the reality show The Princes of Malibu , and Brody appeared in the reality show The Hills .

On April 21 , 1991 , Jenner married Kris Kardashian (née Houghton) after five months of dating . They have two daughters , Kendall and Kylie Jenner . While married , Jenner was also the step @-@ parent to Kris 's children from her previous marriage ? Kourtney , Kim , Khloé and Rob ? who star in Keeping Up with the Kardashians . The couple announced their separation in October 2013 , though they had actually separated in June . Kris filed for divorce in September 2014 citing irreconcilable differences . Their divorce terms were finalized in December 2014 and came into effect on March 23 , 2015 , because of a six @-@ month state legal requirement .

=== Fatal car crash ===

In February 2015 , Jenner was involved in a fatal multiple @-@ vehicle collision on the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu , California . Kim Howe , an animal rights activist and actress , was killed when Jenner 's SUV ran into Howe 's car . Accounts of the sequence of collisions have varied , as have the number of people injured . Prosecutors declined to file criminal charges , but three civil lawsuits were brought by Howe 's stepchildren and drivers of other cars involved in the collision . Jessica Steindorff , a Hollywood agent who was hit by Howe 's car , settled her case in December 2015 . Howe 's stepchildren settled their case in January 2016 . Financial details were not disclosed in either case . The third lawsuit is ongoing .