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### Tori Thomas Ready To Open Her 2026 Season and Debut Professional Year With Key West “Pole Vault in Paradise” and the Reno National Pole Vault Summit

**Key West, FL — December 2025** — After a record-breaking collegiate career, rising pole vault athlete **Tori Thomas** is officially launching her 2026 season and professional debut with two major early-season appearances: **Key West Pole Vault in Paradise** and the **Reno National Pole Vault Summit**, where she will also serve as a featured panel speaker.

Thomas will open her season at **Pole Vault in Paradise**, hosted by Key West Track & Field. The event draws elite vaulters from across the country and marks an exciting start to her first year competing as a professional. Event information: <https://www.keywesttfc.com/>

Following Key West, Thomas will travel to Nevada for the **Reno National Pole Vault Summit**, the largest pole vault gathering in the world. There, she will:

- Compete in the **Pro/Elite Division** on January 16, 2025
- Speak on a **panel discussion**
- Host a **table talk** for athletes
- Share a **special gift** created exclusively for summit attendees

This appearance marks her first major professional showcase in front of the global vaulting community.

#### “More motivated than ever”

Coming off a collegiate career defined by record-breaking performances, Thomas enters her professional season with strong momentum. “I feel more motivated than ever. The work I’ve been putting in this off-season with my coaches has been paying off, and I’m ready to show what I can do on the national and international stage.”

Thomas is coached by **Dennis Mitchell** and her father, **Chad Thomas**, who continue to guide her technical development, confidence, and competitive growth.

#### Looking Ahead to Nationals

After her opening meets, Thomas will finalize her indoor season at the **2026 USA National Indoor Championships** in early March. With healthy training cycles and higher marks than ever in practice, she is targeting major breakthroughs as she transitions fully into the professional ranks. “It’s an exciting year. I’m healthy, I’m jumping well, and I’m surrounded by people who believe in me. I’m ready to take big steps forward.”

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