

Age Group Swimmer of the Year – Girls

Beatrice Stewart



Beatrice has an amazing desire to improve. Her butterfly and freestyle are her best strokes but her desire to improve her backstroke and breaststroke to help her become an overall complete swimmer is really what separated her this year. I'm very excited to watch her this coming year to continue to improve on all strokes and to see her set and reach her far reaching goals. Beatrice's goals are not just for meets she makes practice a chance to set goals and to improve on something each and every practice. And it is those small goals each day that allows her to create and reach those big goals in meets.

At this point I'm not sure Beatrice realizes just how far she can go in swimming but I am very excited to watch her journey.

Coach Tim Hable

Age Group Swimmer of the Year – Boys

Cash Strickland



In the pool this year Cash won the 11-12 High Point Award at the Central Zone Championship. He broke 2 Lake Erie District Records, and won every event he swam at LE Long Course Champs. He continued his success in the short course season by qualifying for the Mid-States All Star Team and making the podium in every event he swam at LE Junior Olympics.

Cash's accomplishments are due to the daily dedication he has to his sport and his team. Cash's natural talent is in his ability to work. He is not afraid to set high goals for himself, and nothing deters him from the path to reach them. He shows up every single day, through good times and bad with passion and a determination to work as hard as he can, to dig deeper, race harder, and rise to any challenge he may face, even a global pandemic.

His work ethic is admirable but what is most impressive about Cash is his character. He is humble, always kind, and he is as good a teammate as he is a competitor. The first thing he does after a race is shake hands with the swimmers in the lanes next to him, and then usually become best friends with them. Every pool deck he has ever been on he makes a minimum of 10 new friends. That is a reflection of who he is, the kind of person others want to be around. Whether is at a meet with new friends and competitors, or at a practice with his teammates he elevates those around him to reach new heights with his contagious work ethic, and positive attitude.

Congratulations Cash Strickland on being Age Group Swimmer of the Year!

Coach Eileen Bringman

Senior Swimmer of the Year – Boys

Hunter Armstrong



Congratulations Hunter, you had an outstanding 2019!

I've been coaching Hunter for the past three years on CCS. Hunter started swimming CCS after his sophomore year in HS the summer of 2017. Here is a list of Hunter's progression and accomplishments over the past 3 years. You will notice once he got to the 2018 Long Course season he made some strong improvements and his dedication to training and competing really improved that lead to 2019 holy cow!

Hunter's Top times SCY(D0ver HS) and LCM by Year:

2017 Sophomore Year: SCY 50 Fr 21.88 100 Bk 51.70 and 2017 LCM 50 Fr 25.63, 100 Fr 55.48 and 100 Bk 1:001.4

2018 Junior Year: SCY 50 Fr 21.28 100 Bk 51.32 and 2018 LCM Hunter Qualified for the Summer Junior National 50 Fr 23.69, 100 Fr 52.28, 100 Bk 57.83 and 100 Fly 59.61

2019 Senior Year: SCY Ohio HS Div 1 State Runner-up 50 Fr 20.14 and 100 Fr 44.27 he had a breakout NCSA Meet 200 Bk 1:48.22, 50 Fly 22.64, 100 Bk 49.25, 50 Bk 22.60, 100 IM 51.61 Hunter was part of 2 USA National Age Group LCM Mixed Relay Records for the Mixed 200 Free Relay and Mixed 200 Medley relay!

2019 LCM Hunter raised the bar in a dramatic way both in his training and racing! At Senior Nationals at Stanford University he placed 30th 100 Fr 50.24, 100 Bk placed 18th 55.33 and the 50 Fr placed 25th 22.86 as we know now that was a great lead up to the Junior National Meet that followed at Stanford University the next week where Hunter had a GREAT MEET! He

placed 1st 50 Fr 22.57, 1st 100 Fr 49.80, 1st 100 Bk 54.97(New Meet Record!), 200 Bk 7th 2:03.60 and the 200 Fr 18th 1:53.26 What a Meet!

Hunter was also a part of our CCS relays 400 Free 6th 3:27.89 and 400 MR 9th 3:51.30 and our Men's Team Placed 5th with our Combine place of 8th. What a summer, What a meet!

Hunter was selected to the USA National Junior Team in the 50 LCM Freestyle

Hunter has Olympic Trial Cuts in the 50-100 Free and the 100 Back

Hunter has the 17-18 Lake Erie Records:

*LCM 50 Fr/100 Fr (Swimmer & Event Record)
100 Bk (Swimmer & Event Record)*

*Relays 400 Fr Relay (Swimmer Record)
200 MR (Swimmer & Event Record)
400 MR (Swimmer Record)*

*LE LCM Open Records Hunter has 50 Fr/100 Fr (Swimmer Record)
100 Bk (Swimmer Record)
Relays 400 Fr Relay (Swimmer Record)
200 MR (Event Record)
400 MR (Swimmer Record)*

*His SCY Relay records 200 FR Relay (Swimmer & Event Record)
400 FR Relay (Swimmer Record)*

It has been a true pleasure to watch this young man grow and develop and I am super excited to see what the future has in store for him! Congratulations again Hunter and keep Rocking and Rolling Big Man!

Coach Mike Davidson

Senior Swimmer of the Year – Girls

Paige McCormick



I have been fortunate to work with Paige for a long time now and I am sad it is coming to an end. She is willing to do more, put in more time outside of the pool that people do not see, and always trying to find a way to get better. As a coach we always hear the "I work really hard speech from kids" but honestly a coaches view of hard work and an athletes view of hard work are usually different. Hard work is not just showing up and doing the set, or coming to every practice because the coach says so. Hard work is coming in early to work on your weaknesses, and hard work is going to lift or run on your own when you know those things will help you get stronger and faster in the pool. Hard work is taking your diet seriously fueling your body for high performance even when it is challenging. Hard work is not just showing up and swimming laps back and forth, anyone can do that. The one thing that has stuck out for me with Paige over the last few years is how she studies the sport and asks for help, or tries to find new ways to do things if she isn't satisfied with the results. Talk about hard, that is hard to do. Paige will graduate Hudson with many accomplishments, the 1st female State Champion, the only swimmers to stand on the podium at the state meet in all 16 events she competed in, and no one can ever take those accomplishments away from her. Paige earned her Olympic Trials cut last summer in the 400 IM and 200 Back and while it is sad that Trials are postponed till 2021, I think this will be a huge benefit for Paige as she gets a year to train at the U of Louisville. I couldn't be more proud of you Paige.

Coach Matt Davis

Open Water Swimmer of the Year

Sylvia Stewart-Bates



Sylvia loves swimming long distance. Her will to swim longer, faster is amazing. She'll swim as fast in a 5000 as she will in a 500 and loves it at the same time. Sylvia smiles when she gets to practice 3000's and up while in practice. I'm not sure of anyone else does that in practice (or anywhere else). She can keep a stroke count and tempo as well as anyone I've ever seen.

Sylvia actually asks to swim longer sets during practice. Distance swimming takes a special mind set and Sylvia's mind set is several steps above that of the usual distance swimmer.

Coach Tim Hable

Athletes' Award

Paige McCormick



When choosing someone who was deserving of this award, Riley and I not only took into account what the athlete did in the pool but also how the athlete was involved and gave back to the Lake Erie community as a whole. After looking back on Paige's career in Lake Erie Swimming, we believe she is the best representation of what we as an LSC stand for in terms of humility, leadership, service, and accomplishments. Outside of what she has done in the pool, she's contributed greatly to LESI first as a team representative for HEAT. She later furthered her involvement as the Junior Athlete Representative and Senior Athlete Representative. Paige has been actively involved with every service initiative and project within the LSC and is always looking for the next opportunity to help out. Her accomplishments don't end there, however. In the pool, Paige is a dedicated athlete willing to put in the effort to make herself better if that is a challenging set at practice or to learn how to fix some aspect of a stroke. When trying to come up with a nomination for this award, we both believed Paige was the most deserving of it. When we told Paige of the nomination she believed she was not worthy of the award. The fact that she did not believe that she should receive this award showcased her selflessness and cemented our decision even more that she should be the person who deserved this award.

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