WSY Swimming
Annual Awards Banquet 2019
West Shore Country Club | Camp Hill, PA

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Welcome
Carolyn Bolden

Invocation
Dinner
Senior Recognition

Alyson Chick Scholarship Presentation
Coach Derek Clemmer
Jeremy Naylor Scholarship Presentation
Coach Mike Gobrecht
Gobrecht Family Scholarship Presentation
Coach Mike Gobrecht

WSY Alumni Remarks
Leah Gingrich (Class of 2008)
Awards | Years of Participation
Coaching Staff

National Team Remarks
Gabe Deiderick
Hunter Keyes
Josiah Lauver
Wade Turlington
Alyson Chick Scholarship

Criteria:
Eligible candidates will be nominated for the award based on their dedication, work ethic, competitive drive, passion, sense of humor exhibited on a daily basis both in the pool and the classroom.

This Scholarship is to honor the dedication, work ethic, competitive drive, passion and sense of humor of Coach Alyson Chick and what she meant to the West Shore YMCA Competitive Swimming program.

Gobrecht Family Scholarship

Criteria:
Awarded to the High School Senior(s), who exemplifies the following characteristics during their years as members of the West Shore YMCA Competitive Swimming Program.

Leadership, Integrity of Character, Volunteerism within the community, Sportsmanship, Team Support and Commitment to team.

Must be committed the YMCA swim program year round (cannot swim for another team, except a high school team.) This is defined as having swum year round for three (3) consecutive years in the YMCA program as a high school student. Must be planning to attend some type of higher education, not necessarily college. Must have been active in some type of volunteer work in a community, such as the YMCA, church, hospital, or nursing homes.

Jeremy Naylor Memorial Scholarship Award

Criteria: The scholarship will be awarded annually to the graduating High School Senior(s) who exemplifies the following characteristics during membership of the West Shore YMCA Competitive Swimming Program.

Leadership, Integrity of Character, Sportsmanship, Overall Grade Point Average of 85%.

Commitment to both the YMCA as well as having swum at the Northern York High School practice site at one point during Grades 1–12

Membership: Applicant must be currently practicing and training with the YMCA Competitive Swimming program, and have been a YMCA Competitive Swimming participant for three consecutive prior seasons. Applicant must have participated in the YMCA programming at the Northern York High School practice site at one point during grades 1–12.
Carolyn Bolden

What is your favorite swimming memory?
This year’s Short Course Nationals and being able to train with awesome friends.

School and community activates
- 4 year member of CV Swimming (captain junior and senior year), National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, Susquehanna Service Dogs volunteer, Camp Hill United Methodist Church, Upward Football volunteer, YMCA volunteer.

Parents Names
Tim and Elizabeth Bolden

Number of years swimming at WSY?
7 years

Future plans?
Attend Liberty University to study communications and be a member of the women’s swim team. Go Flames!

Advice for Swimmers
Set goals and rely on yourself, and lean on your coaches and teammates to help you get there. Remember to have fun and don’t take these years for granted.

Katelyn Boyce

What is your favorite swimming memory?
Swimming the 400 IM and 400 free relay at Y States every year.

School and community activates
- 4 year member of Northern Swimming (captain 3 years)
- 4 year member of Northern Cross Country
- 4 year member of Northern Track and Field
- 3 year member of Northern Wind Ensemble

Parents Names
Derek and Sheri Boyce

Number of years swimming at WSY?
9 years

Future plans?
Study biology and swim at Messiah College.

Advice for Swimmers
No matter what happens, you have the option to persevere. Anything can be accomplished with a little grit, a lot of ibuprofen, and a good nap.
Abigail Brown
What is your favorite swimming memory?
Getting doughnuts after practice

School and community activates
4 year member of CV swimming and diving, National Honors Society, National Art Honors Society

Parents Names
Craig and Mary Brown

Number of years swimming at WSY?
9 years

Future plans?
Pursuing further education at either University of Pittsburgh or Skidmore College to study environmental science

Advice for Swimmers
Have fun, you won't remember the times you swam, but you will never forget the people and their lasting impact on you

Gabriel Deiderick
What is your favorite swimming memory?
Attending YMCA Nationals for the first time and getting to see all the fast swimming.

School and community activates
Cedar Crest High School Swim team; 4 years, Captain 2018-2019 season, 4-year debate club member, 4-year Young Republicans Club member.

Parents Names
Brian and Amy Deiderick

Number of years swimming at WSY?
1 year

Future plans?
Attend LaSalle University and major in Political Science, to later attend Law School.

Advice for Swimmers
Look back and look at not where you ended up, but the journey you took to get there.
Josiah Lauver

What is your favorite swimming memory?
My three trips to YMCA nationals with the team

School and community activates
Bishop McDevitt student ambassador 4 years, Christian Service club 4 years, Rotary Club Youth Community Development team 2 years, Future Business Leaders of America 3 years, National Honor Society, The National Junior Classical League Latin Honor Society and the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society.

Parents Names
Doug and Janeen Lauver

Number of years swimming at WSY?
3 years

Future plans?
Attend Georgetown University in the fall where I plan to study business and minor in journalism and continue my swimming career.

Advise for Swimmers
Hard work is an important part of swimming but it is even more important to have fun. You might not always remember your fastest times, but you will remember and cherish the memories made with friends forever.

Hunter Keyes

What is your favorite swimming memory?
YMCA Short Course Nationals with some of my great friends

School and community activates
4 years of varsity swimming at Central Dauphin High School, Senior year Captain

Parents Names
Charlie and Sharon Keyes

Number of years swimming at WSY?
3 years

Future plans?
Smeal College of Business at Penn State University

Advice for Swimmers
Enjoy it while you can because it is gone before you know it
Alexis Majka

What is your favorite swimming memory?
Being able to swim with some of my best friends.

School and community activates
4 year member of the Trinity High School Swimming and Diving team, captain of the team, National Honor Society

Parents Names
Rick and Tracey Majka

Number of years swimming at WSY?
3 years

Future plans?
Attend King’s College in the 5 year Physician’s Assistant Program and swim for the King’s College Monarchs.

Advice for Swimmers
It may get hard sometimes, but just keep your goals in mind and keep going.

Nicole Lee

What is your favorite swimming memory?
Districts in Philadelphia and making lifelong friends throughout my time on this team

School and community activates
4 year member of Trinity High School swim team and captain (1 year), 4 year member of Camp Hill High School tennis team and captain (1 year), 2 year member of the National Honor Society, 3 year member of the National World Language Honor Society. Mini-team volunteer for the WSY Pre-competitive team for 4 years, and through this volunteerism I was awarded the Harrisburg Area YMCA Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. Volunteer for CHAC 8 and under group for 4 years, 2 year member of Volunteer.

Parents Names
Chris and Tracy Lee

Number of years swimming at WSY?
11 years

Future plans?
Attend Messiah College to study physical therapy as well as be a part of the Messiah Falcons women’s swim team.

Advice for Swimmers
Work hard, never give up, and build strong bonds with your teammates. They will be the ones swimming beside you at practices and meets, supporting you through the highs and lows of each year. You may not remember the times you swam at each meet, but you will remember laughing with your teammates, so don’t take them for granted.
John Zak

What is your favorite swimming memory?

Going to States with Trinity High School and swimming the 400 free relay.

School and community activates

4 year member of Trinity High School swimming and diving team (captain my senior year), Mentor Group leader for Trinity HS Seton House, 4 year THS mini-THON participant, THS French Club, Good Shepherd CYO Basketball team

Parents Names

Kevin and Beth Zak

Number of years swimming at WSY?

6 years

Future plans?

Attending college at either the College of Charleston, Elon University or George Washington University and will study International Business and Communications.

Advice for Swimmers

No matter how hard it gets or how many laps you swim, keep pushing through. The end result is great friendships, mental toughness, and lasting memories.

Walter “Wade” Turlington

What is your favorite swimming memory?

This year’s YMCA Nationals because we had an amazing group of swimmers that I got to become close to and swim fast with.

School and community activates

4 year member of CV Swimming, Captain junior and senior year

Parents Names

Walter “Wade” Sr and Patrice Turlington

Number of years swimming at WSY?

5 years

Future plans?

Studying cyber security and swimming in the college of my choice.

Advice for Swimmers

Enjoy swimming with your teammates, and enjoy working through practice. Your teammates are some of the closest friends that you could ever have and they are always there to support you and can push you through the toughest times in practice and life. Try to enjoy working hard through a practice because while it is easier to not work hard and give up, the reward of completing a hard practice or getting a best time in a race is well worth it.
Leah Gingrich—WSY Graduating Class of 2008

Leah Gingrich is currently living in Georgia and coaching at Columbus Aquatic Club. After returning to the pool at the age of 27 and not training competitively for 6 years, Leah has qualified for the 2020 USA Olympic Team Trials (100 butterfly) in Omaha (where she will be competing at the age of 30). Leah was a member of the University of Texas swimming team from 2008 – 2012. As a member of the Longhorns she was a 2-time All-American, 4-time Honorable mention All-American, 6-time Big 12 Champion, 5-time finalist at the USA Swimming National Championships. She has been a member of the Junior National Team, World Youth Team, Pan American Team and World Championship Team where she competed both in the pool and in open water races. Leah was a 2-time Olympic Trials finalist in 2008 in the 200 fly and 800 free where she finished eighth in both events. Leah has been featured in Swimming World Magazine, Swimswam, and Floswimming over the course of her career. As of this year she still holds 3 YMCA National Records as a member our team from 2008, some of the oldest records on the books at those Championships. As a member of her East Pennsboro High School team she was a 4-time NISCA All-American, 6-time Individual State Champion in Pennsylvania and 2-time Pennsylvania State MVP.

Leah is currently a Certified Elementary Teacher (Pre K-4) and Reading Specialist. She earned a BA in Education with a Minor in Corporate Communications, from the University of Texas.