

## **2009 ELITE GROUP MOST INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER - NOMINEE**

### **Austin Acheson**

School: Olathe East High School - Graduate  
Seaton Hall University - Freshman  
Age: 18  
Stats: Sectional Champion  
State High School Champion and Record Holder  
Junior National Qualifier – 7 Events

Throughout his years as a member of the Elite group, Austin has grown immensely as a person, as a athlete and as a team member. Early on, he was inconsistent and had more excuses and reasons for why he did not or could not do things. This year has been such a major step forward towards him taking ownership, responsibility, and significant action to what his goals and his potential are.

Austin is a young man who asks more questions and likes to talk to me (Peter D) more than almost any swimmer I have ever worked with. He really has grown from talking to me for my thoughts on what he is going to do and not getting done. Austin is now matching his vision and creating a daily plan that he uses to follow through with, wow! He is one of my most improved graduating seniors. He is the only graduating senior who had reached the Junior National level by the end of junior year and chose to keep his focus on reaching the next step up the performance scale. He finished in top twenty at the Summer Junior Nationals, where other graduating seniors who were at this level did not even go to the meet. He lived by the Elite group values and motto “This is the final year to prepare for the next phase of my life”.

Congratulations on a great senior year! You and your Blazer coaches are ready for the next phase of your life and development.

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