



SOUTHCOAST REGIONAL SWIMMING AWARDS NIGHT

SCA created this dinner and award ceremony in 2002 to increase the communities' awareness of competitive swimming and reward the dedication of our local athletes. After its huge success in 2002 the SCA Board of Directors decided to dedicate itself to making this an annual event. It is the opinion of SCA that we should preserve the history created by five individuals who were the local pioneers of our sport. Sally Smith, Jim Fillipo, Jerry Jennings, Trix Whalen and Jim Medeiros were and in some case still are the backbone behind the base of the swimming & diving community we have today. Their impact has been felt both in & out of the pool, and continues to be felt (whether they realize it or not) by local athletes, coaches & families.

It is our hope that we can carry the torch and somehow pass on the generous gifts that we were lucky to receive from these coaching legends for so many years. In order to preserve their legacy as coaches, SCA created The SouthCoast Regional All-Star Awards and two Swimmer of the Year scholarship awards. In addition to honoring these legendary coaches, the awards have been designed to promote competitive swimming & diving and raise community awareness while specifically inspiring:

- a. Loyalty to SouthCoast Area Teams
- b. Year round dedication to training & competing
- c. Swimming Achievement & Academic Excellence
- d. Leadership & Community Service

From a very humble beginning in 2002 SCA honored over 50 of the top swimmers in the area and presented two \$300 dollar college scholarships. In 2003, 2004 & 2005 SCA again honored over 50 of the top swimmers in the area and presented six \$1000 college scholarships! What made the 2003 event even more memorable was the fact that the greatest female distance swimmer of all time, Janet Evans, made the presentations and addressed all present that evening. In 2004 3 time Olympic Gold Medalist Rowdy Gaines made the presentations and addressed all in attendance and in 2005 3-Time Olympic Gold Medalist in the 1996 Atlanta Games and 2-Time Olympic Silver Medalist in the 2000 Sydney Games, Josh Davis did the honors. We hope to continue the tradition of excellence at SouthCoast Aquatics by striving to offer more to the local competitive swimmers. Continue to look for Olympic athletes at our events and don't be surprised if the scholarship list grows in the future.

Team SCA