

GOLDFIN GRADS 2020

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High School: Walter Murray Collegiate

College: University of British Columbia

Varsity: UBC Thunderbirds



What is the best piece of advice you have been given?

Well, it is more of a quote - *'The higher the mountain, the better the view.'*

How has swimming helped you so far and how has it prepared you for the future?

It has helped me a lot. It has taught me discipline, effort, work ethic, communication skills.

What are your future plans?

I was accepted into the School of Engineering at UBC. I would like to major in Biomedical Engineering, but that might be a heavy schedule with swimming varsity.

What are you most excited about as you enter this new chapter in life?

Getting away from home and living on my own! Meeting new people, swimming at the next level, and learning what I want to learn.

What are you most nervous or scared about as you enter this new chapter in life?

As excited as I am to be living on my own, it will be a bit scary.

What or who has been your biggest inspiration and why?

I would say my parents & grandparents. They have been so supportive and taught me so much. Academically - Math teacher & chemistry teacher; Swimming - Steve Hitchings & Caeleb Dressel.

What is your favorite academic memory to date?

My transition from Ontario to Saskatchewan. I found a great peer group and that helped me become more engaged in school.

What has been your biggest achievement to date?

Academically - getting accepted into Engineering into UBC. Swimming - qualifying for Olympic Trials.

If you could say thank you to someone who has made a difference in your life, who would you say it to and what would you say?

My parents. I'd tell them how grateful I am to them for their support and all they do for me.

What piece of advice would you like to share with your fellow Goldfins?

Continue to push yourselves so you can represent the Goldfins reputation on the national stage.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

My ultimate goal is to become a Dentist or Physician, so I want to have achieved that (or be close) in 10 years. I would love to study abroad in Australia. And I would love to represent Canada at the Olympics.