

## **2018 Indiana Swimming Developmental Coach of the Year**

### **Steve Sanchez**

Steve Sanchez of the Fishers Area Swimming Tigers was voted by his peers as the Indiana Swimming Developmental Coach of the Year for 2019.

See his nomination Bio Below:

Coach Sanchez's primary group for FAST is the "Tiger Sharks", which is made up of 10 and under swimmers who have achieved an IMX score of 1500 or more and have completed the skill development steps of our program. Going into this Short Course season, this group had one swimmer who had achieved an individual state cut in any stroke and participated in the short course state championship meet. Following the Divisional weekend and after working with Steve, 78% of his swimmers achieved a state cut and all of them will be participating this coming weekend as an individual or relay qualifier!

The coaching style exemplified by Steve is one that brings these kids back day after day eager to learn more about the sport. As you all know, success in the pool takes a lot of time, hard work and effort and it takes a special person to motivate 10 & under swimmers to make this commitment. Not only does Coach Sanchez accomplish this, but I would suspect the attendance rate for practices for his athletes are among the highest in the state. He relates to kids and gets both boys and girls to laugh and have fun at the same time they are working extremely hard and developing a love for a sport that many may not have known that they have.

My wife and I have been blessed to have both of our children coached by Steve through the years. I am confident when I say that without his involvement, I highly doubt that either would have achieved the successes that they have nor would they have developed the love for the sport without having him as their coach and mentor. All of our Tigers are blessed to be able to work with him and we hope that you will recognize him as the 2019 Developmental Coach of the Year.