

Antonio Nunez, Originally from Spain, graduated this past May from Florida Southern College with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science and is the new gold group coach at Gulliver Swim Club. As a coach, he was a volunteer assistant coach for Lakeland Area Swimming (LAS) during the 2017-2018 season.

Prior his time at LAS as a volunteer, he was an intern at Club Nacion Santa Olaya (CNSO) back home in the summer of 2017 with the women's gold group. As an intern, he was in charge of assisting and running practices and drylands when the head coach could not be present. During his time at CNSO, most of his swimmers got personal bests throughout the summer and they finished within the top 10 at Age Group Summer Nationals having various swimmers qualifying for finals.

While being at CNSO, Coach Antonio was under the supervision of 2012 Olympic Spanish Coach Jose Rivera. As a swimmer he swam for him during the summers of 2015, 2016 and 2017, where he learned a lot about elite performance in sports.

As a swimmer, Coach Antonio was a national medalist every year during his age group swimming career including a national championship in the 400 IM when he was 18. During his college career, he swam at University of Bridgeport his freshman and sophomore year, where he was the runner up in the 200 fly at the 2014 NCAA Division II Championships his freshman year, and a 2 time all American( 400 and 200 free relay) and 3 time honorable mention (200 IM, 400 IM, 200 Fly) his sophomore year. He transferred to Florida Southern his Junior year, where he had a big impact, helping FSC to achieve the 4th SSC championship in a row for the men's team, and being named for the SSC First Team at the end of the meet (award given to the 8 swimmers with highest individual scores). His senior year, he was a 3 Time All American (200 Fly, 200 IM and 400 free relay), 1 time Honorable mention (400 IM) at the 2017 NCAA Division II Championship, including a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the 400 free relay and a 4th place finish on the men's side, concluding the season with lifetime bests in all his main events.