

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



## CSC Recognized as a Gold Medal Club of Excellence

On December 14th, Carmel Swim Club was again recognized as a USA Swimming Gold Medal Club of Excellence. CSC finished fourth in the overall standings behind Nations Capitol, Marlins of Raleigh, and Dynamo. Carmel has achieved Gold Medal status seven of the last

eight years and this year's result marks the program's highest placing to date. row. This is our highest ranking in club history. It takes an entire community pulling their oars in the same direction to achieve this level of excellence," said Chris Plumb, CEO/Head Coach.

In its 16th year, the Club Excellence program identifies clubs that execute strong, well-rounded programs to produce elite 18-and-under athletes. The top 20 clubs earn Gold level ranking and those rated 21-100 are designated as Silver honorees. The next 100 clubs are recognized at the Bronze level.

"Earning a Gold, Silver or Bronze ranking is a reflection of the hard work and time invested by athletes and coaches and has become a highly coveted honor for our teams. Each year, the competition to earn a Club Excellence ranking

continues to be more and more challenging," said Pat Hogan, USA Swimming's Club Development Managing Director. "On behalf of USA Swimming, I want to congratulate each of the 200 clubs that have earned a ranking in the 2017 program."

Each team's ranking score is based on the FINA Points Table, a power point rating system that assigns point values to swimming performances based on the Gold, Silver or Bronze time standard.

Top four clubs nationally:

- 1) Nations Capitol—90,635
- 2) Marlins of Raleigh—45,915
- 3) Dynamo—44,500
- 4) Carmel—43,768



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"We are proud to be named a Gold Medal Club for the third time in a

## Potential New Facility on the Horizon

Since 2006, Carmel Swim Club has nearly doubled in size. Our competitive program is consistently performing well at the State, Regional, and National levels. We are fortunate to have a great relationship with Carmel Clay Schools and call the Carmel Aquatic Center our home; however, it has become clear that we have out grown our primary facility.

In order to completely fulfill our mission of teaching excellence through swimming for life, the staff and Board of Directors are now taking real and exciting steps to build a new facility and home for CSC. This facility will allow us to better serve all of our communities aquatic needs and ensure all of our children are water safe.

The picture attached to this email is our first conceptual design of

this new aquatic center. We are excited for what the future holds and look forward to keeping you up to date on our progress.

In the meantime, we would like to say thank you for all of your continued support that has helped put our program in a place to do this.

### Who are we:

- > **MISSION:** teaching excellence through swimming, for life
- > **VISION:** a community club with a national presence
- > **CORE Values:** courage, perseverance, and team

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## Junior Nationals Recap

Fourteen CSC athletes traveled to Columbus, Ohio to compete against many of the nation's best 18 & under athletes in the Speedo Winter Junior Championships, December 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>.

Carmel made their presence known on Night 1, winning the Women's 800 free relay (Burchill, Pash, Nordin, Rothrock) in a club record time of 7:07.87, and taking second in the Men's 800 free relay (Kibler, Sherman Vaughan, Davis). Drew Kibler's lead off leg of 1:33.36 shattered the 15-16 Nation-

al Age Group and CSC club records. Kibler went on to break the 500 free National Age Group record the following night, in a time of 4:15.36.

New club records were also established in the men's 200 & 400 free relays and the men's 200 & 400 medley relays. Carmel placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the team competition. The following athletes finished in the top 24, with the top 16 scoring points FOR THE TEAM:

Stefano Batista- 17<sup>th</sup> 200 breast, Sammie Burchill- 2<sup>nd</sup> 400 IM\*, 6<sup>th</sup> 200 IM, 13<sup>th</sup> 200 back, Wyatt Davis- 9<sup>th</sup> 200 back, 21<sup>st</sup> 500 free, 23<sup>rd</sup> 200 free, Drew Kibler- 1<sup>st</sup> 50 free\*, 1<sup>st</sup> 100 free\*, 1<sup>st</sup> 200 free, 1<sup>st</sup> 500 free\* (National Age Group Record), 6<sup>th</sup> 100 back\*, Emma Nordin- 4<sup>th</sup> 200 free, 7<sup>th</sup> 1650 free\*, 8<sup>th</sup> 100 free, Kelly Pash- 3<sup>rd</sup> 400 IM, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 free, 4<sup>th</sup> 200 IM, 5<sup>th</sup> 200 free, 9<sup>th</sup> 200 back, Trude Rothrock- 6<sup>th</sup> 100 fly, 6<sup>th</sup> 100 free, Brett Sherman- 19<sup>th</sup> 400 IM

\*Denotes CSC club record



*Drew Kibler set two NAG Records at the Speedo Junior Championships East*

**32 Carmel Swim Club athletes have been named USA Swimming Scholastic All-Americans since 2014!**

## USA Swimming Scholastic All-Americans

Congratulations to our eight club athletes that have been named USA Swimming Scholastic All-Americans!

This year's honorees are: Drew Kibler, Troy Li, Brett Sherman, Charles Vaughan, Grace Estabrook, Trude Rothrock, Caroline Schultz, and Kendall Smith.

For recognition in the Scholastic All-American program, athletes must have completed their 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade year of high school, must maintain a 3.5 GPA, as well as have swum one of the time standards assigned.

We are very proud of our athletes who make it a priority to excel in the pool and the classroom.



## College Decisions

The following seniors have made their commitments for college:

Sammie Burchill—University of Georgia

Matt Baquero—Xavier University

Morgan Grout—University of Iowa

Ellie Kight—American University

Joseph Lecher—United States

Naval Academy

Morgan Miller—Brown University

Richard Moore—Purdue University

Emma Nordin—Arizona State University

Reagan Roob—Vanderbilt University

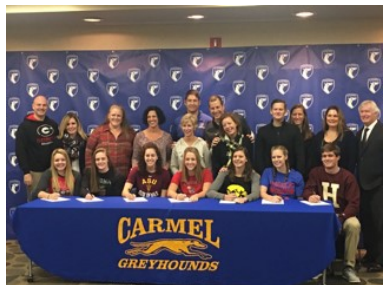
Caroline Schultz—Kansas Uni-

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Charles Vaughan—Harvard University

Kenzi Wilson—Arizona State University

Congratulations swimmers!



## Community Service

Although we strive for a national presence, we are a community based club, and taking care of our community is very important to our program.

This past October in cooperation with Circle City Relief, over 150 club members participated in a Trunk or Treat event in Indianapolis. Our families created a Halloween experience for those who normally would not have had the opportunity.

Throughout the month of Novem-

ber, the club partners with Woodland Country Club for an annual hat, sock, and mittens drive. The club collected nearly 2,000 items for Hamilton County families in need.

Finally, over the holiday season, the Carmel High School team sent care packages to our service personnel stationed overseas. We were able to provide a little bit of home for those who were unable to be with their family and friends.



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## Holmes O'Shea to Head Southern California Swimming

Article via SwimSwam:

Kim Holmes O'Shea has been selected by Southern California Swimming's Executive Committee to serve as their next Executive Director. Holmes O'Shea's appointment started on January 1st, 2017.

Holmes O'Shea has been involved with the swimming community through her time as a swimmer and coach. Additionally, she

spent some time working for USA Swimming.

As a swimmer, she was a captain of the Indiana University Women's Swimming & Diving Team. As a coach, she worked at Bloomington Swim Club, Carmel Swim Club, and the University of Tennessee. In her work with USA Swimming, O'Shea served as a Western Zone Sport Development Consultant for 7 years, and was also a Make A Splash Program

Manager for 4 years. Additional experience includes 2 and a half years as the Executive Secretary of Colorado Swimming.

Holmes O'Shea replaced Mary Jo Swalley, who is retiring after serving as SCS Executive Director for 32 years. Swalley has been involved in the swimming community for decades, and was once a candidate for President of USA Swimming.

