ANNIE MYERS

High School: Severna Park High

Years on SPY: 7

College attending in fall 2016: Undecided,

but most likely, the University of Michigan (Go Blue!)

Hobbies when not swimming: I love eating pretty much anything, as well as baking, usually my oreo-cookie-brownies. I spend too much time on Buzzfeed and watching Netflix. I also participate in DECA, and promoting financial literacy education takes up lots of my free time. I absolutely love going to the gym (and I highly recommend Tuesday night Pilates at the Y), hanging out with friends and eating lots of Ben and Jerry's, and discussing (or arguing) about politics in the locker room. (Don't listen to Haley- there is no appropriate reason to vote for Trump). In what little free time might remain, I like to inspire my ever-growing sense of wanderlust and, of course, continuing the NCA dynasty.

Most memorable swim: For those of you who are unaware, I spent the first eight years of my life absolutely terrified of going underwater, which is why my first ever swim practice at NCA is pretty memorable. Because I was older than the average new swimmer, I practiced with the returning swimmers and it was butterfly day. I had never even attempted butterfly before and I inhaled so much water that I sat on the edge of the pool and cried and vowed to never swim again. Obviously, that didn't end up being true. Two years later, I swam a 25 butterfly for the first time and because it was mid-season and I didn't have a time, I was in the first heat. So when I won by half a lap, I decided that I no longer hated the stroke. My first ever meet at SPY was also pretty memorable, since in my 200 free, I managed to lose both my cap and goggles mid-race and later in the meet, I lost my goggles again mid-race. At Wilton my sophomore year, Jim was pressuring me to get a Raleigh cut, but I had no confidence or expectations in doing so. I ended up getting the 200 br cut which was unexpected, but it was the highlight of that weekend. However, I think my most memorable race will probably be my last race as a SPY, whenever that may be and hopefully, it'll be a good way to cap off my swimming career.

Most memorable/funny moment: Wow, there are a lot. In seventh grade, Sabrina loudly announced that she found Colin Heil attractive and he heard her through the glass. Once, I forgot to close Meghan's trunk all the way and Ian had to run to close it at a red light. The carpools with Kate for two years were always entertaining and there was always something to laugh or scream about. Our team trip to Daniel's Area and the jokes that followed. The yogurt incident. The time when Kate was reassured that nobody would see her in between spy and high school practices, so she didn't re-draw her eyebrows on and ended up being interviewed eyebrow-less. Allison, Kiera, and my songs such as "Eddie Albers is a babe" (sung to the tune of Old MacDonald) and the religious version of Tik Tok. The car rides with Kevin, Grant, and Sean that were half the reason I went to UMBC practices, even if Kiera, Sabrina, and I never spoke. Leaving a summer meet early to drive to UMBC just to swim a 400 free, getting lost on the way, and arriving just as my heat dove in. Reid and Caelan chasing each other through the hallway at Raleigh and fake fighting in front of the door. Jack, Kiera, and me wandering through party city to try and find some sort of costume for Raleigh and eventually deciding to make everyone dress up as superheroes with face masks and tablecloth capes.

Best events: 200 breast and 500 free

Favorite set(s): Obviously, Einstein's and SPYOPOLY. But I also love a good distance free set (either 500s, 1000s, or a T-30) because I manage to get in a zone and just keep swimming on autopilot. I also like sets with lots of rest, but fast swimming because I find it easier to get faster each time if I can rest.

Least favorite set(s): Any form of kicking. I just don't move when I can only use my legs. I also don't enjoy stroke sprint sets or fast sprint sets with no rest and 47297 repetitions.