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High School: Severna Park High School

Years on SPY: 10

College attending in Fall 2019: Undecided, but hopefully somewhere on the West Coast



Hobbies when not swimming: Making smoothie bowls, watching Netflix (specifically *New Girl*, *That 70s Show*, or *One Tree Hill* but currently I'm watching *Grey's Anatomy*), hanging out with my friends, and of course going to Federal House with the senior girls every chance we get

Most memorable swim: I don't remember the vast majority of my swims because they were all fairly average I think but there are two that stand out to me. My first time making Districts I was 13 years old and all of my friends were still 12 and under so we were in different sessions and it stressed me out because I had no friends and I like doing things with other people because I have ~anxiety~. Anyway, I made it one event: the 100 back. So I got to the pool at like 7:30 or whatever time and then proceeded to sit in the locker room and cry because I was terrified and miss my *only event*, that I had been working all year for. So that was great. I think its pretty safe to say that I have come a long way since then. My other memorable swim I actually made it to the pool!! So it was Wilton 2018 (my last one and also my last chance to make Raleigh). I was swimming 200 back and had dropped 2 seconds in prelims and I was still .6 off of the cut but luckily I finaled. So at finals everyone was really excited for me and I actually felt nothing, like I wasn't nervous or anything which was kinda weird because usually I do get nervous but it was good because I knew that I was ready and I couldn't get in my own head. So I swam the race with everything I had, and then my finish was absolutely terrible so it was very close to tell if I made it or not.

After like 5 seconds, I just heard this giant like yell from everyone on SPY that was there and in that moment I knew that I had made it. It was probably the happiest swim moment of my entire career and when I got out of the pool everyone came running to hug me and we had a really cheesy group hug and I loved it. And then I got to go to Raleigh and yeah that was definitely one of the best swims I've ever had, not for the time or anything, but because of the support I felt from my team.

Most memorable/funny moment: There have been soo many fun moments over the past few years that I've loved so here are just a few.

Driving to Wilton or Raleigh with Elena or Lucy or Izzy or Allison, or multiple people have been some of the most fun car rides of my whole life. I honestly don't think that I've ever driven to a travel meet without at least one of them. And of course holding our noses through the entire state of New Jersey because it smells terrible.

My carpool this year has been so so fun and I'm so happy about it and sad to leave it. Driving Kate, Lauren, Tyler, and Kylee to school or practice is always an interesting ride, to say the least. With Kate constantly showing me good songs and us always keeping the aux from Tyler, I've had a lot of memorable moments.

Sophomore year the Spies wanted to go cliff-jumping at Conowingo, so we researched where to go and how to get there and everything and actually drove the multiple hours to get there, just to be kicked out by these weird farmer people who said we weren't allowed. And then they almost ran us over with their car. So that was fun.

But actually it was a really fun memory I have, we still laugh about it today. Sophomore year was most definitely my favorite year on SPY.

At swim meets, there isn't much to do, so of course me and my friends spend our time scoping out hot guys. And then proceed to stalk them for the rest of the meet. Its actually really funny I recommend trying it sometime.

This year, the senior girls have gotten into the habit of decorating the locker rooms for big meets, like Wilton and Raleigh, before morning practice.

Even though we have to wake up at 4 in the morning it is so funny to see everyone's reactions and dance around in an empty community center. Lucy dressing up as Santa for Raleigh was definitely one of the highlights of this year.

Lastly, I'm going to talk about my favorite meet: Wilton. And no, it is not for the swimming, its for the food. For some reason Wilton Connecticut has some of the best restaurants in the whole entire world, including Planet Pizza, Wilton Deli, and of course, Orem's Diner. Running across the highway with the Spies to get pizza will always be some of my favorite memories, along with going to Orem's and the Christmas Barn with the senior girls. The only thing that's bad is the Panera, they are always out of bread.

Best Event: 500 free

Favorite Set: Basically any distance set, the opposite of literally everyone else on SPY haha

Least Favorite Set: Anything butterfly or kicking but also any version of race pace

Pre-swim rituals: I listen to music (classic) and this is going to sound kinda weird but I like shake out my whole body and keep my legs moving at all times behind the blocks because I know that they will die during my race. Also looking for hot guys with my friends.

Favorite meal before a meet: Pasta of course, its my favorite meal all the time (usually fusilli with butter and pink Himalayan salt because I'm weird and like pink salt). I also enjoy a good strawberry mango smoothie.

Advice for next years graduating class: Appreciate the people around you, being good at the sport is not the only thing that matters. You're not

going to get anywhere without the support system this team provides, so be grateful for it!! Also, it is not the end of the world if you miss practice :)