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High School: Severna Park High School

Years on SPY: 10

College attending in Fall 2019: UofSC, UMD, or Virginia Tech (undecided)



Hobbies when not swimming: When I'm not swimming, I'm usually at home taking a nap, doing homework, going to the gym, or hanging out with friends/family. I also love going to Federal House in Annapolis to get some good french fries with the other senior girls. I'm really into watching shows on Netflix and then trying to get everyone else to watch them, but no one ever really does, except occasionally Lucy.

Most memorable swim: It was 2 years ago at Cap Classic. I honestly don't know if I went a best time. I think I may have. But I was having such a good time with everyone on the team, that was by far my favorite year. We were running around stalking hot guys and being weird as per usual. After I swam my 200 back, I was feeling good about the race and was happy with my time. I was worried that I would final in the race, I know, you may be confused since people are usually happy to final, but I had not brought any of my homework that was due the day we got back and I had A LOT. It turned out that I had finaled and Crystee and Richard wanted me to stay, but I wanted the opposite. If you don't know me, I am naturally a sensitive person and cry sometimes (not as much anymore, thankfully). Long story short, I ended up crying and did not have to stay :) But, now you know why Crystee always says to bring your homework to Cap Classic, because from that year on, you're staying for finals on Sunday if you make it, no matter what.

Most memorable/funny moment: There are honestly too many funny moments to pick just one, so I will list them all. First there is our adventure to Conowingo to attempt cliff jumping with the Spies from 2017. We were stopped short of our fun adventure by the locals, who threatened us to leave and almost hit us with their car. That was a really weird day. Then, there's always the memory of sandwich boy from Raleigh (only a select few still remember). Also, stalking hot boys at meets— some to remember are Sashby, Milk, Trent Groff, and Patrick. Another would have to be when Allison and I were assigned lanes with John and Max. They ALWAYS lapped us after a 100 in warm ups, and they probably thought we were so weird, especially when Allison and I made up a song with their names to the tune of the "Max and Ruby" theme song. Or stealing the boy's cars as a prank back in 2017 and moving them around Severna Park. But to top it all off, the senior girls won Spyopoly this year.

Best Event: 200 Backstroke

Favorite Set: Power Thursday, only when we get out at 6:15 though :)

Least Favorite Set: Cool down, or anything that includes more than a 200.

Pre-swim rituals: I have never been in to pre-swim rituals, but if I had to choose some, I would say that I stretch a little and talk with my friends. For a short time, I would always listen to "Lose Yourself" by Eminem, but that was just a phase (though I still love to sing to any Eminem song if it comes on and will not hesitate at the chance to rap the entirety of "Lose Yourself" and "The Real Slim Shady").

Favorite meal before a meet: Noodles (preferably tri-color rotini or shell) with an entire container of parmesan cheese and an ice cold coke (I'm kidding, but I do use a lot of parmesan cheese).

Advice for next years graduating class: Enjoy your year of lasts and make the best out of everything because next year, you're gonna miss it. Also, be sure to continue our tradition of stalking hot guys. Lastly, Izzy and I have passed on the torch of Bernie (hobo living in the vents at Districts) to the underclassmen, take good care of him and let his spiritual energy power you to go fast.