

Hi, my name is David Gutin, and I am a current sophomore at NEST+M and a swimmer at AGUA. I have lived in NYC all my life and was raised in a Russian household, so I am fluent in English and Russian. Ever since a young age, I have played many sports, but at around 11 years old I decided to prioritize swimming. I also love to play music and have experience with the alto, tenor saxophone, and piano.

I want to be the Metropolitan Swimming Student-Athlete Representative because I am dedicated to promoting the sport of swimming and encouraging more young athletes to get involved. I believe that swimming is a great way to stay active, build strong relationships, and develop important life skills. Throughout my life, swimming has always been something that I look forward to doing every day, and never regret. I have met many great people throughout my years of swimming, who I have bonded with deeply. I have been really lucky to maintain these relationships and learn from my coaches, competitors, and teammates. As the Student-Athlete representative, I would work to get athletes and coaches heard and have every opinion involved in helping the future of this sport. I believe that every sport member, whether coach, teammate, or competitor, should have an opportunity to say what they believe is best for the sport.

On top of these great memories, I have learned many life lessons through swimming that I have used for much more out of the pool. Swimming is a sport that implants a deep dedication within you that is almost impossible to learn anywhere else. From the 5:30 am swims to the everyday practices, you learn how to balance a competitive sport with schoolwork and more. I am so happy to have chosen the sport of swimming, as so many great things have come to me as a result.

If nominated as the Student-Athlete Representative, I want to share my experiences in this sport with others, grow the popularity of swimming in the Metropolitan Lsc and make it an even better environment for others to thrive in.