

2020 Montana Swimming Scholastic All Americans

Montana Swimming would like to congratulate to **Catherine Russo (BMA), Parker Keller (HLST), Peter Thompson (BAC) and Liam Kerns (BAC)** for being named to the 2020 USA Swimming Scholastic All America team! In a competition year shortened by the COVID-19 pandemic, there were 1,087 swimmers whose efforts in the classroom and in the pool successfully earned them the title of Scholastic All American. The honor is given to 9-12th grade students who maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average and have swum an individual pool time equal to or faster than the 2019 Winter Junior qualifying time in any individual event from August 16, 2019-August 31, 2020.

Catherine Russo is a three time Scholastic All American. She earned a 4.0 gpa at Butte High School and is now attending Ohio State University.

Parker Keller is also a three time Scholastic All American from Helena High School and is now attending Providence College in Rhone Island.

Peter Thompson is a three time Scholastic All American earning a 4.0 gpa in his junior year from the International Virtual Learning Academy.

Liam Kerns is a two time Scholastic All American completing his junior year at Billings Senior High School.

Out of the 1,087 swimmers to be selected to the team, only U.S. National Team member Torri Huske (Arlington, Va./Arlington Aquatic Club) came away with a perfect score by earning a 4.0 GPA and finishing first in a 2019 Toyota U.S. Open event. Huske claimed her Toyota U.S. Open title in the 100-meter butterfly, going 57.48 to set a new 15-16 National Age Group (NAG) record and claim first ahead of a decorated field.

Leading all Local Swimming Committees (LSCs) in Scholastic All-America selections was North Carolina Swimming, which had 101 athletes receive the honor. Within North Carolina Swimming was SwimMAC Carolina, whose 29 Scholastic All Americans led all clubs across the country. A full breakdown of selections can be found below.

Scholastic All-America members will receive three certificates as well as a bag tag, while three-time recipients will receive an additional gift for their outstanding effort. USA Swimming is proud to recognize these scholar-athletes and congratulates the swimmers on their achievement, as well as their coaches and parents for their outstanding support.

Athlete Numbers:

Successful Applicants	1,087
Girls	562

Boys	525
Seniors with three years of selections	148
Para athletes	18
Central Zone athletes	246
Eastern Zone athletes	246
Southern Zone athletes	347
Western Zone athletes	248
9th Grade	102
10th Grade	259
11th Grade	431
12th Grade	295

Top LSCs

Top Clubs

North Carolina Swimming	101	SwimMAC Carolina-NC	29
Florida Swimming	67	Nation's Capital Swim Club-PV	26

Southern California Swimming	61	Dynamo Swim Club-GA	23
Georgia Swimming	48	TAC Titans-NC	19
Potomac Valley Swimming	44	Bellevue Club Swim Team-PN	14

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