**MT Swimming Male and Female Sportsperson of the Year Award**

This annual award is presented to an outstanding Montana Swimming male and female athlete selected by the HOD at the annual spring meeting. Athletes must be a junior or senior in high school to receive the award. Award considerations include leadership, community service, scholarship, work experience, swimming, sportsmanship and other considerations. The award has been presented since 2009. Congratulations to the following award recipients.

2021 – O’Shay Birdinground (Billings YMCA Seahawks);

Avery Maxwell (Missoula Aquatic Club)

2020 - Bennett Apostol (Billings YMCA Seahawks);

Aja Simshaw (LAKE Monsters)

2019 - Jack Leuthold (Billings Aquatic Club) and Jack Wolgamot (Missoula YMCA Swim Team;

Claire Becker (Missoula YMCA Swim Team)

2018 - Matthew Fritz (Missoula Aquatic Club);

Mari Aoki (Missoula Aquatic Club)

2017 - Colton Babcock (Wave Ryder Swim Club);

Hailey Hamlin (Bozeman Multisport Aquatics)

2016 - Jacob Butler (Missoula YMCA Swim Team);

Alyssa Boese (Billings Aquatic Club)

2015 - Patrick Brennan (Peak Waves Swim Team);

Andrea Schmidt (Missoula Aquatic Club)

2014 - Brendan Campbell (Missoula YMCA Swim Team);

Jenna Marsh (Billings Aquatic Club)

2013 - Sam Couch (Missoula Aquatic Club);

Shelby Sechena (Falls Aquatic Swim Team) and Abigail Wheeler (Butte Tarpon Swim Team)

2012 - Brandon Smith (Bozeman Barracudas);

Emma Foster (Helena Lions Swim Team)

2011 - Jordan Loyda (Wave Ryder Swim Club);

Maddie Walters (Kalispell Aquatic Team)

2010 - Keegan Kampschroer (Billings Aquatic Club);

Kasey Robinson (Missoula YMCA Swim Team)

2009 - Kenton Smith and Derek Yampradit (both from Billings Aquatic Club);

Hannel Kochel (Missoula YMCA Swim Team)