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## Eight to Join Rockets Swimming & Diving Program in 2010

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Lars Jorgensen, the 2007 MAC Coach of the Year, has a 42-18-1 career record in dual meets.

**TOLEDO, OH** - Lars Jorgensen, in his sixth-year as the head swimming and diving coach at the University of Toledo, announced the signing of eight members of the Rockets' 2010-11 recruiting class.

The class features three swimmers from Ohio, two from Indiana and Michigan, and one from Pennsylvania.

"Overall, it's probably the best class we have signed," said Jorgensen, who also credited assistant coach Liz Hinkleman for her efforts. "We're excited about their future and continuing to elevate our program to a higher level. The class addressed all of our needs, which is good."

With four seniors on the current roster - all of who play key roles for Toledo, which has started the season with an 8-1 record - Jorgensen said he was looking for impact swimmers who could contribute right away and fill the holes on the team.

"Normally we bring in about four or five recruits, so it's a little bit of a bigger class," he said. "We're graduating some pretty good seniors so they have some big shoes to fill."

*Below is a breakdown of the future Rockets.*



**Meredith Gibbon (Harrison City, PA - Penn Trafford):** Gibbon placed in the top-16 at the 2009 Pennsylvania High School State Meet and is her high school's record-holder in the 100 breaststroke.

"She's a really good athlete," Jorgensen said. "She competes in the sprint free and has some potential to help us in the breaststroke."

**Rachel Johnson (Milford, MI - Milford):** Johnson is the defending state champion in the 500 free. She also swims in the backstroke and IM.

"Rachel is really versatile and can help us out on our relays, freestyle, backstroke and IM," Jorgensen said. "She's a great all-around swimmer and adds to our middle distance group."

**Maegan Krugler (West Chester, OH - Lakota West):** Krugler placed in the top-16 in both the 100 and 200 free at the 2009 Ohio High School State Championships.

"She is a good middle distance freestyler and has the potential to improve during her freshman year and help us out," Jorgensen said.

**Christina Noens (Indianapolis, IN - Lawrence North):** Noens finished in the top-16 at the 2009 Indiana High School State Meet, and also swims in the IM.

"We're graduating our top backstrokers, so it was a definite area of need," Jorgensen said. "Christina can come in and have an immediate impact."

**Beth Rogers (Canton, OH - McKinley):** Rogers is a two-time state finalist in the 200 free and 100 butterfly.

"She's versatile like Rachel and can develop into a good 200 flyer, as well as in the sprint and middle distance free," Jorgensen said. "We've had good kids from Canton before and Beth continues to help us establish a good base from the area."

**Megan Schwartzkopf (Fishers, IN - Hamilton Southeastern):** Schwartzkopf finished in the top-16 in both the 200 and 500 free at the 2009 Indiana High School State Meet.

"Megan comes from a good program which finished second in the state," Jorgensen said. "She has a chance to help us in the relays and middle distance."

**Kirstin Stark (Lambertville, MI - Bedford Senior):** Stark finished third in the 100 free and fourth in the 50 free at the 2008 Michigan High School State Meet. She also competes in the butterfly.

"Kirstin's a sprinter who has a lot of natural speed," Jorgensen said. "If she comes in and works hard, she has a chance to be pretty good."

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**Kayla Wiemers (Mason, OH - Mason):** Wiemers has qualified twice for the state meet in the 100 breaststroke and 500 free.

"Kayla is another versatile swimmer who is still young in her development," Jorgensen said. "We're excited about her because she can become a really good swimmer."

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