I joined Tony’s group at PASA after freshman year when I wanted to take my swimming to the next level. Little did I know how much this decision would change my life. Even though I didn’t realize it at the time PASA taught me so much more than just swimming. Time management, work ethic, and teamwork are just a few examples. These skills served me well in college and my current job. I currently work as a project engineer at Obrien Mechanical. I’m learning to design and build the mechanical side of commercial buildings, while getting experience for the master engineer test. I graduated from UCSB last June and landed my job at O’Brien a few months later. At work I’ve been pleasantly surprised how much things like planning your week, showing up on time (5 minutes early is 10 minutes late), and always working hard make you stand out. These things are just normal to me after years with Tony and have impressed my boss. In addition to all the things I learned, my time at PASA was some of the best years of my life. The team atmosphere is amazing. The camaraderie and support within each training group and between groups was amazing. It was awesome cheering on each other and stepping up to the blocks knowing your team was cheering you on. This was highlighted every year at Zones. I’ve been on a lot of teams in my life and only my experience at UCSB was comparable to my time at PASA. Tony is a master at getting the best out of you in the pool and out of it, while having fun. I have some great memories of trips to Junior Nationals, Zones, Texas Sectionals, and Olympic trials among other meets. I even have fond memories of Christmas training even though the sets were brutal. Tony was great at walking me through the college recruiting process and helped me choose UCSB for college. Four years later of college swimming and a degree in mechanical engineering and I haven’t regretted that choice once. Swimming for PASA was one of the best decisions I ever made.