



Brad Gillilan

Coach Brad started swimming for Excel Aquatics in Nashville, TN at the age of five. He went on to be a senior national level athlete and earned a scholarship to swim at Michigan State University. His coaching career started at Excel Aquatics as the lead 13/14 yr old coach. In this role he coached a junior national qualifier, had 100% group participation at Southeasterns two seasons in a row, won the 13/14 age group at Southeasterns, and coached three members of a Southeastern record setting relay. Four years into his career he became the Site Coordinator of the Gallatin, TN site of Excel. In this role he was able to grow the program from 35 to 82 participants. He also coached an Olympic trial qualifier, two junior national qualifiers, and multiple Southeastern qualifiers. Coach Brad came to the Barracudas in May of 2018 and became the head coach in February of 2019. At the Barracudas, Coach Brad has worked with one of the top 10-year olds in the Southeastern LSC and many other point scorers at the Southeastern meet.

Leah Holtam

Leah has been on staff at the East YMCA since she was 16 years old. She has been the head coach of the East Sea Dragons for the last three years. Leah has been assisting with the Gold/ and Platinum groups since she joined the Barracudas staff in January of 2019. She assists Coach Brad with calling out times and helping the athletes with technique during practice.

Coke Ellington

Coke is new to the Barracudas coaching staff. He joined in August of 2019 to be the lead coach of the Silver group. Coke has been around the sport all of his life. He was the volunteer coach for the Clemson University women's swim team for the 1975 and 1976 seasons. He has worked in the YMCA's summer swim league for five seasons. He is currently a master's swimmer and has also coached master level swimmers in the past.

Rachel Arnold

Rachel swam for 13 years with the Barracudas. After developing a love for the sport at a young age she wanted to continue her passion by coaching new athletes. She has coached summer league for four years including being the head coach for Wynlakes Country Club this past summer. She has been on the Barracudas staff for the last two years. She is the lead Bronze coach and assistant Silver coach.

Kalen Alexander

Coach Kalen swam for the Grandview Gators for four years and swam for the Prattville YMCA on their year-round swim team. She was an assistant coach with Grandview for three years and was their head coach for two. While she was head coach the Grandview team won the small team division both years. Coach Kalen has been with the Barracudas for three years. She is the current Pre-Team lead coach and has assisted with every group on the team.