

Addendum to Outreach Report:

Congratulations to SE Coach, Robin Heller, who was one of seven coaches nationally to be named as a member of the 2007 ASCA Fellows Class. Focus: Working with and development of swimmers from low socio-economic backgrounds. Here is her submitted report:

Fellows Class of 2007 Report

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I was one of seven swim coaches selected for the ASCA (American Swimming Coaches Association) Fellows Class of 2007. The Coaches who were selected were: Robin Heller *Seastars Aquatics, Florida*; Kevin Rytel *Brophy East Swim Team, Arizona*; Adam Kennedy *U.S. Naval Academy, Maryland*; Ben Sheppard *Oakland Undercurrent, California*; Horst Mieke *Howick Pakuranga Swimming, New Zealand*; Joe Zemaitis *Swim Neptune, Arizona*; and Dustin Perry *Walla Walla Swim Club, Washington*.

I traveled to San Diego, CA in September 3rd -9th for the ASCA World Clinic and took place in the Fellows Training. There were three focus areas for the Fellows Class of 2007, these areas are: (1) retention of boys in the sport, both on a national and a world wide level; (2) working with/developing swimmers from low socioeconomic backgrounds; and (3) developing a business model for USA Swimming Clubs.

The area I was selected to become a part of will focus on working with/developing swimmers from low socioeconomic backgrounds. Through out the week, with leadership from Tim Welsh (Notre Dame), the fellows had the opportunity to learn from, brainstorm, and interact with some of the most influential coaches in the sport. The contacts and friendships that were made will be invaluable to the development of SEASTARS Aquatics, Inc.

I can't begin to describe the knowledge gained through the personal interaction with; John Leonard, Guy Edson, George Block, Chuck Warner, Bill Wadley, Phil Whitten, George Kennedy, Randy Julian, Scott Volkers, and many more. We were able to sit in during the CSCAA Planning Meeting, College Division 1 Program Meeting, The ASCA Board Meeting, and ASCA Business Meeting. I learned so much about the history, the present and, the future goals and concerns of ASCA, CSCAA, FINA, and USA Swimming. The opportunity was truly amazing. Since SEASTARS is the only team of its kind in the United States, ASCA and USA Swimming are very interested and excited to see how this program continues to grow, and develop outstanding students and athletes who wouldn't have had such and opportunity.

