

VIRGINIA SWIMMING

JUNIOR ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

CANDIDATE: Radomyr Couture

TEAM: CVAC

AWARDS & HONORS:

- Qualified to represent the State of Virginia as part of the Virginia Swim Team in the East Coast Zone Championship (five-time finalist; placed 2nd in 100 Butterfly) (2017)
- Qualified to represent the State of Virginia as part of the Virginia Swim Team in the East Coast Zone Championship (five-time finalist; placed 3rd in 100 Butterfly) (2019)
- Freshman record holder in the 100 fly for the Princess Anne Swim and Dive Team.
- Placed 5th in the 100 yard fly at the 2021 VSI Senior Championships with a 50.48 as a sophomore.
- Placed 4th in the 100 yard fly at the 5A High School State Championships with a 51.67 as a sophomore.
- Swimmer for the Pembroke Meadows Marlins Summer Swim Team (PMMSST) in the Virginia Beach Swim League (VBSL), where I broke the league record in the 50 meter Butterfly for 13-14 year olds in addition to the 50 meter freestyle league record. I also have 5 team records for this team ranging from 10 and under to 18 and under.
- Academics:
- Consistently received Principal's List throughout high school, with my current GPA at a 4.1464 as a sophomore.
- Selected as a member of the National Math Honor Society, PAHS Chapter as a freshman.
- Co-Founder and Vice President of the PAHS Four Square Club (held every Tuesday in the gym). The club has now over 40 participants.
- Selected as a member of the National Spanish Honor Society, PAHS as a sophomore.
- Presidential Volunteer Service Award, Gold (100+ hours of service) in 8th grade.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

Swimming is my life-long passion. I started swim lessons at the age of 1, and at 6 I joined my Recreation Center's Winter Swim League Team and the Virginia Beach Summer Swim League Team, and started swimming competitively year-round at age 10. I set my goals and work hard to achieve them, in both swimming and academics. I am a pretty strong swimmer, with my signature strokes being butterfly and sprint freestyle. I am currently one of the fastest butterfly swimmers in the state for my age, most recently placing 5th place at the VSI Senior Championships. I have been pushing myself to train harder in the pool, in addition to my rigorous school curriculum at the International Baccalaureate program at my Princess Anne High School. Whenever I get a chance, I try to share my passion of swimming and water with my community. I volunteer as assistant coach with my Summer Swim League (Pembroke Meadows Marlins Swim Team in Virginia Beach), I lifeguard year-round, and conduct Water Safety workshops.

I want to be a VSI Athlete Representative because I want to ensure that my fellow swimmers' voices are heard, and interests and needs are taken into account. In this last year, for me, and as I am sure, for so many of my swimming friends, swimming has become not only an athletic commitment, but also a necessary outlet that helps us all stay focused and destress during these unprecedented pandemic times. I am grateful to my swim team, CVAC, and my Coaches, that went out of their way to ensure that we, swimmers, could continue training. I strongly believe that for me and my fellow athletes, swimming is not just a pass-time, but an inalienable part of our identity. I know I have what it takes to get any job done. By becoming an Athlete Representative, I will advocate for the essential interests and needs of our young Virginia athletes, and it will be an honor to have this opportunity.