

CONGRATULATIONS MSL GRADUATING SENIORS 2017 AND TEN YEAR SWIMMERS

Lucas Valley Lightning Graduating Seniors 2017

Lindsey Lowder: Lindsey started swimming at this pool in the winter swim program in 2008 with Coach Eric Whitten. Switching to the summer program in the spring of 2009 was a welcome relief – it was much warmer! Lindsey has swum 9 years with LVST. This year Lindsey has been working for LVST teaching swim school and coaching our new flashes. Lindsey will be attending Washington State University in the fall.

Tyler Bortel: Tyler learned to swim as an infant, he could swim before he could walk. He joined swim team when he was five. Coach Eric's wife, Chris Whitten, was his kindergarten teacher and an excellent recruiter. Tyler is a natural breaststroker, it's taken a few years but I think he finally got the frog kick out of his freestyle. Mostly by not kicking at all. This fall he is off to Reed College in Portland where he will double major in Physics and Philosophy

Lucas Valley Lightning 10 Year Swimmers Tyler Bortel

Marinwood Waterdevils Graduating Seniors 2017

Emma Jaime: Emma is a lifelong Waterdevil, as she joined our team when she was 4. She has swam for our team every year since then, but her importance to the team goes well beyond her practicing with the team and swimming at meets. Emma is a vocal leader who makes Waterdevils not just something you do, but something that becomes who you are. She has been a Tadpole Assistant coach for nine years, and she is the unofficial head cheerleader, and big sister to every swimmer on our team. Emma graduated from Redwood High in June, and she will attend Occidental College to pursue a degree in psychology. We are proud of and thankful for our special Marinwood Waterdevil, Emma Jaime.

Marinwood Waterdevils 10 Year Swimmers

Meredith Case
Gabby Lucchesi
Olivia Juarez
Lucy Knopf
Allison Madden

Novato Riptide Graduating Seniors 2017

Shannon Dugdale: We are so proud of our Shannon! She has had many obstacles in her life but the one constant that has kept her going is swimming. She started swimming when she was 7 years old and has never stopped! She has been on the Riptides for 11 years, swam for Novato high all four years, participated in two US Paralympic meets and plans to swim at Santa Rosa JC in the fall. Her hopes are to eventually move to Colorado Springs to train with then US Paralympic Team and compete at the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo Japan. We couldn't be more proud of her strength and determination and most of all her beautiful spirit and positive outlook no matter what is thrown her way!

Sydney Gibbs: Sydney swam 12 seasons with Riptide. At Novato High she swam, and played water polo for all 4 years. This year she was Co-Captain of both teams. Sydney also enjoys music, she plays the piano, spent 3 years in MSA's (Marin School of the Arts) Jazz 1 Choir, and 2 years playing trumpet in MSA's Jazz 1 band. Sydney is currently working as an Assistant Camp Director at the Marin Humane Society, and Lifeguard's at the Hamilton pool. She enjoys, traveling Disneyland, and sleeping (not necessarily in that order). Next fall Sydney is off to UC Irvine (10 minutes from Disneyland....yeah!), where she will study Computer Science.

Novato Riptide 10 Year Swimmers

Shannon Dugdale
Sydney Gibbs

Rolling Hills Stingrays Graduating Seniors 2017

Sawyer Ikeda : Sawyer is finishing his 13th season with Marin Swim League and has swam with the Rolling Hills Stingrays since the age of six. Sawyer recently graduated from STEM Marin at San Marin High, where he played in the jazz and rock bands, swam, and played water polo all four years. He has worked as a lifeguard at Rolling Hills since 2015. Sawyer looks forward to pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Popular Music/Guitar Performance at USC this fall.

Peyton Oga : Peyton began his swimming “career” back in the fall of 2000. He had no fear of water as a toddler so his family decided it best for him to learn how to actually swim for safety reasons. He started with swim clinics at Rolling Hills at age 5. After a few months Coach Lou put the idea of swim team into Peyton’s head. The rest is history. Peyton has been with the Rolling Hills Stingrays now for 11 years and has made lasting friendships and memories. His favorite stroke is Butterfly but that might be the case only because as an 8 & under his coach convinced him that Butterfly was the best! In addition to swimming, Peyton started water polo 4 summers ago

and has a strong passion for the sport. He is currently at SHAQ and finds that swimming and water polo compliments each other.

Rolling Hills Stingrays 10 Year Swimmers

Sadie Ikeda
Sawyer Ikeda
Peyton Oga
Emilia Oblites

Scott Valley Sea Serpents Graduating Seniors 2017

Riley Stray: Riley joined the Sea Serpents in 2006 when he was 8 years old. His favorite memory is from his first season, when he didn't know how to swim before the season started, and then scored points at his first Champs in 8 & Under backstroke! Riley plans to attend UC Davis and will study biology.

Nate Gelbach: Nate joined Scott Valley as a 5 year old 'Junior Sea Serpent' in 2004. At that time, if your 5 year old could swim the length of pool, they could swim in home meets. It was precious! A memory of when he was about 6 years old. His turn to swim 25 yards breaststroke. He dove in and continued to swim freestyle all the way to the other side! The line judges did

NOT DQ him, so he wasn't able to get a 'best time' in breaststroke the rest of the year! Nate will be attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo this Fall as a Business Administration major.

Scott Valley Sea Serpents 10 Year Swimmers

Kate Freda

Sleepy Hollow Sea Lions Graduating Seniors 2017

Kate Christie: Kate swam twelve seasons with the SHST. This year she was voted Girls Water Polo Player of the Year by the Marin IJ and was First Team NCS. She currently plays for SHAQ and plans to play for the club team at Dartmouth College. She lifeguards and loves to babysit.

Francesco Cico: This is Francesco's 13th SHST season. He swam 4 years for Redwood H.S. and has played Water Polo for SHAQ (10 years) and 4 years Varsity for Redwood (MCAL & NCS Champions, 2 years Captain). Francesco was supposed to report on June 29th to the Air Force Academy, however due an injury he has been delayed one year. He will play water polo for Air Force. His goal & dream is to become a Combat Rescue Officer (Search & Rescue has been his great passion for many years). He is also an avid surfer, loves to fish, and very passionate about his 1962 Willys Wagon!

Caitlin Gregory: Caitlin graduated with Honors from Drake High School, where she was the Salutatorian with a 4.3 GPA. She will attend the Honors Program at UCSB, where she will most likely major in a science and is taking pre-med courses. This is her 11th season on SHST. She also played 3 years with SHAQ water polo, 4 years of soccer with Marin FC. At Drake she played 4 years of varsity soccer, 3 years varsity water polo, and a year on the swim team. Caitlin also loves to play guitar, hike with friends, surf, and go to the beach.

Sleepy Hollow Sea Lions 10 Year Swimmers

Logan Anderson

Mac Bihn

Claire Castrejon

Kate Christie

Ian Christie

Francesco Cico

Fiona Corr

Henry Cosentino

Abigail Dillon

Maegen Dillon

Gavin Dow

Anna Gregory
Caitlin Gregory
Julian Haggard
Spencer Hanson
Wyatt Hanson
Ray Holmberg
Mia Lacy
Lars Matthys
Kate McCarthy
Connor Moynihan
Bella Moynihan
Jack Reuter
Jack Richardson
Jesse Smith
Kirsty Star
Greta Stout
Tori Tarantino
Stefan Venne
Anna Wooster
Jack Wyatt

Strawberry Seals 10 Year Swimmers

Christine Watridge
Jada Andrews
Nora Riedinger
Kalia Firmage

Terra Linda Orcas Graduating Seniors 2017

Erin O'Rourke: Erin has been with the Orcas since she was 6 years old. She has always loved water activities and was awarded the Orcas Most Improved Swimmer in 2006. Erin swam her four years in high school at St. Ignatius College Prep and received the Wildcat award - a Coaches award for leadership her junior year. Although Erin pursues other interests like Jazz, Instrumental music, she loves rejoining Orcas each summer. Her confidence in swimming led to great summer jobs like lifeguarding and swim instructor at Marinwood Community pools, as well as volunteer lifeguard for Today's Youth Matter (TYM), a nonprofit organization helping at risk foster kids in the Bay Area to experience outdoor summer camping. Erin is interning in the Facilities Repair department for the City of San Rafael this summer and is looking forward to attending Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo in the Fall to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering. We are forever grateful to the Orcas team for instilling in Erin a love for swimming, the desire for team spirit, and

instilling a sense of community that has come from her involvement in the Orcas. The O'Rourke's congratulate all graduating seniors and thank the volunteers that make the Orcas and MSL possible.

Morgan McDaniel (13 years) started with the Junior Orcas at the age of five and has never looked back. Swimming, playing water polo, at the beach or wakeboarding, Morgan always wants to be in the water. This year, she coached the Junior Orca kids! This is her thirteenth year on the Orcas. Morgan swam and played water polo for Terra Linda High School and was a captain of the water polo team both her junior and senior year with Emma Roggencamp. Through her hard work, she achieved many successes. She will be attending St. Mary's College in Moraga in the fall and will be playing on their club water polo team. In addition, she's already started to organize some incoming freshman who are swimmers to begin some informal swim conditioning in the fall. We love you Morgan and look forward to watching you follow your dreams! Love Mom, Dad and Erin

Zeta Jackson-Mays had a different start in life than many other Orcas. While other kids were laughing at Oscar the Grouch living in a garbage can, he lived with real grouches going through garbage cans, shouting, and fighting for the same shelter beds as he and his mom. Later, he passed through several foster placements before starting at Terra Linda in his freshman year. In spite of everything, Zeta has never given up, and he set out to make

friends and began participating in aquatics. When Coach Tim came into his life, he found the mentor and friend he had always hoped for, and his participation in swimming became an important part of his life. Swimming with Orcas has allowed him to spend more time in the water, learning skills about focus, commitment, and goal setting that he will carry with him always. A talented sculptor, Zeta is leaving tomorrow for a summer art program at The California College of the Arts, and will start at College of Marin in the fall.

Aidan Pelle loved the water for as long as I can remember. Going to the pool during the long rainy winters in British Columbia, Canada was one of Aidan's favorite things to do. The one constant sport for Aidan was swimming, whether it be lessons or at the lake or in a pool. Swimming earned Aidan his NLS and is now a lifeguarding at the JCC. The only time he took a break from swimming was when he broke his hand last summer. We are so proud of Aidan for his determination that went into the four years of Waterpolo at Terra Linda and TL swim team and his most recent swim adventures with the ORCA's. May you enjoy swimming in your future while you are at UC Davis. We are super proud of all that you have accomplished. Love Mom and Dad.

Terra Linda Orcas 10 Year Swimmers

Morgan McDaniel
Julia Boro
Kylie Bradley
Erin O'Rourke
Emma Roggenkamp
Erin McDaniel
Samantha Wilson
Jonah Albers
Maya Carter
Angela Cox-Parra
Devon Lyons
Jordan Loftin

Tidalwaves Graduating Seniors 2017

Ryan Schoenlein began swimming with Tidalwaves when he was seven years old! Tidalwaves gave Ryan the foundation to swim as part of the Redwood High varsity water polo and swim teams. This spring, Ryan competed at the 2017 North Coast Section (NCS) championship meet, and was a finalist in

two events. Ryan also had the opportunity to help the Tidalwaves tadpoles (mostly 7 and unders) learn how to swim this spring. Working with Coach Marie - either on his own performance or helping the next generation of Tidalwaves swimmers - has been a highlight. Ryan will start at Gonzaga University in the fall.

Emily Johnson enjoyed the community atmosphere and making life long friends. The helpful encouragement of all the coaches and Marie's amazing dedication to all the swimmers. The atmosphere that rewarded hard work without too much pressure. Fun Fridays were always a bright spot. Pool party, bingo and bowling were favorites. Creating a positive, safe, fun environment to learn and grow. Emily will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall.

Kellie Lawler started with Tidalwaves when she was 9 years old. She loved Marie and the coaches. Her fondest memory was when Coach Dan gave her the "Coaches Award" when she was 14. She always enjoyed Champs: Getting there early, cheering on her friends, and the excitement at the meet. It's always a fun event where everyone gets together for the end of the season. She'd like to thank her Coaches for their dedication, and instilling an eagerness to do your best while having fun! Kellie is attending The University Of Oregon in the fall, and hopes to swim on the club team.

Courtney Morris
Christina Meylan
Jonathan Chase

Tidalwaves 10 Year Swimmers

Ryan Schoenlein