



Marin Swim League Graduating Seniors 2013



LUCAS VALLEY LIGHTNING

Amy Higgins

Amy Higgins started on LVST as a Tadpole when she was 3 and joined the team in 2000 when she was 4. She will be attending Chapman University in Southern California this Fall studying Graphic Design. She has been invited to be on the swim team and the water polo team.

Auggie Apodaca

Auggie Apodaca started on LVST when he was 6 years old after a year in the Tadpoles. He will be attending Cal Poly Pomona and has been accepted to Cal Poly's Kellogg Honors College where he will study Hotel and Restaurant Management at the Collins College of Hospitality.

Alex Henry

Alex Henry started on LVST when he was 11 years old and his family has been a part of the LVST community for 8 years. He will be attending UC Santa Cruz in the fall.

Schyler Ruhland

Schyler Ruhland started on LVST when he was six years old, following in his mother's footsteps who swam for Lucas Valley when they were called the "Waterlogs". He will be attending Cal Poly Pomona in the fall.

MARINWOOD WATERDEVILS

Steven Gavney

Steven has been swimming with the Waterdevils for twelve years. He recently graduated from Marin Catholic High School where he competed in varsity swimming and water polo. He will continue to play club water polo this coming year as a freshman at Gonzaga University in Washington. Steven has been a tremendous role model and team leader during his years with Marinwood.



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NOVATO RIPTIDE

Olivia Alvarez

Olivia Alvarez has been a member of Novato Riptide for 10 years. Her strongest strokes are Free, Back and Fly. She will start her college education at College of Marin with an emphasis on medicine

ROLLING HILLS STINGRAYS

Michael Stompe

Michael began swimming with the Stingrays November 2008, just three months after his heart valve replacement surgery, having been unable to participate in any sports prior to that. He swam with the San Marin Mustangs all four years of high school and was elected one of the team captains in his Senior year. Michael swam year round the last two years by adding the Tritons to his schedule. He is now headed to Sonoma State University with the plan to become a grade school teacher. He will continue swimming competitively.

Rachel Cantor

Rachel Cantor has enjoyed swimming with the Stingrays since she was 7 years old (11 years). She loves the team and enjoys helping coach the younger swimmers. Rachel currently works at Rolling Hills as a life guard and swim instructor. She was on San Marin High School swim team during her Freshman and Sophomore years. Rachel played varsity tennis all four years of high school. This fall Rachel will be starting Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo majoring in Bio-Medical Engineering. Rachel hopes to be back with the Stingrays next year.

SCOTT VALLEY SEA SERPEANTS

Scott Valley did not have any graduating Seniors. They will be welcoming back their entire 15-18 age group swimmers!



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SLEEPY HOLLOW SEA LIONS

Meghan Christie - attending Dartmouth College

Lorenzo Cico - attending John Hopkins University

Lauren Emge - attending UC Davis

Spencer Galli - attending UC Davis

STRAWBERRY SEALS

Taylor Bontz

Taylor Bontz - This is my 12th and final season for the strawberry seals and I have learned so much from the team. Starting as a 6 year old, I looked up to the 15-18s on the team and now have the honor of being the oldest swimmer on the team. I know how the 6-year-olds feel and how they look up to the older kids and that helps me be a better role model to the rest of the team. The seals have such a great sense of community and sportsmanship that have made me into a much more respectful competitor in my other sports that most people don't have. I love everything about swimming from the practices to the meets to the sharpie tattoos. Come next March, I will miss returning to the pool but I look forward to cheering on the team next summer. It is extremely fitting that my first coach from 1st grade, Mehrad, returned for my last year so see how far I have come.

Sam Osburn

Seals has given several things over the years that can't be ignored- close friends, years of experience swimming with a great team, a lot of great meets, among other things. I can't think of my earlier 10 year old self without thinking of the seals. And even though I have graduated, I won't be turning 18 for



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another few months, which technically means I can swim next year...but anyway, thanks for the memories!

SWIMARIN

Carly Jackson Clarke

Going on a waterpolo scholarship to college next year Carly has been an outstanding contributor to Swimarin for 10 years. She was a finalist in NorCal Breaststroke and MCAL All Conference as a Goalie for San Rafael High School Waterpolo. We appreciate all Carly has done for Swimarin as a swimmer and Junior Coach!

Natasha Sharpe

Natasha has contributed 10 + years to Swimarin as a swimmer and Junior Coach. She has been a leader and role model for younger swimmers on the team and a reliable member of our coaching staff. Natasha will be attending The College of Arts in Rhode Island next year.

TERRA LINDA ORCAS

Katie Charton

Katie Charton has always loved being in and around the water, and once she found the sport of swimming she never stopped. She began swimming with the Terra Linda Orcas at age 7 and holds the team record for 9-10 Girls 50 fly. In her early teens Katie swam with a year-round club team but is delighted now to be back on the Orcas. She also swam and played water polo at Terra Linda High School where she earned a 4.5 weighted GPA and varsity letters all four years. She was honored this year as the TL Female Scholar Athlete. Katie was also a leader in the TL Nicaragua Service Club, a counselor at Walker Creek and gave countless volunteer hours to other community organizations. Next year, Katie will attend UC Berkeley and hopes to swim with a local masters team. At Cal she



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will pursue biology and environmental sciences, continuing to fuel her love for water by studying the oceans and other marine ecosystems.

Carly Ohmart

Carly Ohmart has been swimming for 10 years with a variety of local teams. She also swam and played water polo for Terra Linda high school. Community service is very important to Carly and her work has been centered on children in a variety of settings. This service work, and in particular the Nicaragua Service Club at TLHS, has framed Carly's future career interest in helping children in need. She will be studying Public Health and Pre-Med from the University of Washington next year. Carly is thrilled to be swimming on the Orcas this season and enjoying the company of her best friends.

Tai Hallstein

This is Tai's 13th year swimming for the Orcas. She joined the team the same year this pool was being built and has been a competitor since the beginning. She currently holds two pool records and four Orca Team records. She has been swimming for Marin Academy for the last four years and qualified for NISCA All American in the Freestyle Relay in the last two years. She was also just voted MVP by her teammates at MA. Chlorine is in her blood. She is working this summer as a lifeguard at the Marin Tennis Club and in the fall she will be attending Whitman College in Washington State, where she will be contributing to the swim team there. The effort she puts into her swimming shows up in all aspects of her life. We know she will be successful at whatever she puts her mind and spirit to. She and her family greatly appreciate the friendship and sense of community that the Orcas have given us over all these years. We will miss you all.



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Morgan Saling

Morgan Saling joined the pod in the year 2000 at the age of five. Her parent's only desire was to make her water safe. But Morgan enjoyed being an Orca from the very beginning. Her earliest goal was to make it across the pool. Then was the desire to get every ribbon color by the end of the season. This was followed by the goal to make two laps without holding on to the lane line. Once that was accomplished, it was the continuing pursuit of personal bests, all stars and finishing high at champs, particularly in her favorite stroke, the breast stroke. But in the end, the current that kept her coming back was the Orca friendships. Friendships that have supported her and fostered her growth outside the pool. Morgan is now leaving the Orcas for either Syracuse University or University of Washington to pursue a medical career.

Dakota Chamberlin

Dakota Chamberlin has been swimming on the Orcas for 10yrs. She additionally swam all 4 years during high school at Convent of the Sacred Heart, qualifying for scholar athlete all 4 years as well as team captain and MVP her senior year. Last fall she attended University of Washington in Seattle however decided to take a more sunny route and transfer to Santa Barbara City College. She will return to SBCC in August and continue to swim on the Masters swim team while pursuing a degree in molecular biology.

Haley Jacobson

Haley Jacobson started swimming for the Orcas at 8 years old. Each year she practiced to improve her best time, collect more blue ribbons and hang out with her friends. At Terra Linda high school she participated in several sports including swimming, soccer, and her favorite sport, volleyball. During her junior and senior years, she was a varsity cheerleader and an active member in school leadership. Her other interests are creative writing and photography. After graduation, she plans to begin a career in nursing.



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Madalyn Kenney

Madalyn Kenney has swum 11 consecutive years with the Terra Linda Orcas. She graduated from Novato High and will attend Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz in the fall. She is an amazing singer and has sung the national anthem not only at the Orca swim meets since she was young but to pro baseball games now as well as musical on stage. She leaves all of her Orca knowledge to her younger sister Mikaila to carry on her tradition.

Thomas Carroll

Thank you Orca parents for giving Thomas Carroll his first job. He has learned a great deal of responsibility in a short time! Thomas loves swimming and playing water polo. He came home the first night after teaching and said " Mom, my 4 year olds will be the fastest in the world!" He brings a competitive nature to everything he does. He is a recent graduate of Marin Catholic and MVP of the Swim Team for all 4 years. In the fall, he will be attending CAL as a scholarship water polo player. Go Bears!!!

Kaitlin Mc Keogh

Kaitlin Mc Keogh is back with the Orca's after trying her athletic skills on land, playing soccer and running throughout her high school years. She started swimming with the Orca's in first grade and swan into middle school. Her favorite and best stroke is breaststroke. She is happy to be swimming again with her friends. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin—Madison in the Fall majoring in Biology, in addition to being a member of the track and field team at Wisconsin. Kaitlin, work hard, have fun and stay warm and Go Badgers!

Daniel Castagnola



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Daniel Castagnola began his MSL swimming career at the age of 5 with the Marinwood Waterdevils, where he received multiple high point awards. He started playing water polo at the age of eight alongside tadpole co-coach Thomas Carroll. Daniel attended Marin Catholic earning 9 varsity letters, four for swimming, four for water polo and one for basketball. He had 2nd day swims for MCALS in each of his four years of high school. His water polo teams won two MCAL championships and one NCS championship. He received multiple awards while at Marin Catholic including two coach's awards, three St. Sebastian sportsmanship awards and all-league recognition in water polo. Daniel also completed over 200 hours of community service. He ends his MSL career this summer with the Orcas and joins his sister as part of the Orca coaching staff. Daniel will be attending Whittier College in the fall where he will continue playing water polo and swimming. Daniel's family is not only proud of his accomplishments but is elated on what a fine and caring young man he has become. Go D-box!

TIDALWAVES

Maxime Montoya

Maxime started swimming with Tidalwaves in 2003 at the end of second grade. She is going to Sonoma State University in the fall without a declared major as of yet. She will be working this summer and frolicking around California with old and new friends. May curiosity and sound judgment join her on her new adventures.