

Disability Coordinator Report  
September 22, 2020

Central Zone LSC disability contacts have collaborated across the zone since March 2020 through zoom calls and emails to stay connected and supportive of our athletes, coaches, and parents during Covid.

**Athlete Highlights**

**CONGRATULATIONS to those CZ SWADS that made the 2020 USA Swimming Scholastic All America Team over consecutive year**

**Tyler Austin**- Michigan- Motor City Aquatics - 3 years  
**Abigail Gase**- Ohio- Bowling Green Swim Club -3 years  
**Marshall Hodge** - Illinois- Fox Velley YMCA Aqua Force-2 years  
**Magnolia Peters** - Indiana- Summit City Aquatics-2 years  
**Adeline Schiemann** – Midwestern – Fremont Area Swim Team -2 years  
**Summer Schmit**- Minnesota - St. Croix Swim Club -3 years  
**Liam Smith**- Michigan- Rockford Riptide Swim Team -3 years  
**Thomas Watry**- Minnesota- Mako Aquatics -2 years

**WELCOME new teammates to the 2020 USA Swimming Scholastic All America Team**

**Carson Bruner**- Ohio- WTRC Sharks Swim Team  
**Mikaela Jenkins** -Indiana- Newburgh Sea Creatures  
**Keegan Knott** -Wisconsin- Pleasant Prairie Patriots Swim Team  
**Cali Prochaska** -Indiana- Summit City Aquatics

**Accomplishments**

- Established regular conference calls to discuss and share information about disability swimming across the zone.
- Updated Central Zone Disability page
- Organized and distributed fluid list of LSC disability contact information and social media links
- Melissa Wymer, Caroline Grevers, Susan Mechler, with input from others, created The Entry Procedure For Swimmers with a Disability into Championship Level Meets and submitted to the CZ leadership for consideration on June 14, 2020 [Entry Procedure](#)
- LSC chairs identified swimmers to possibly manage social media. These athletes are cc'd on correspondence regarding CZ information when necessary and are invited to join in on conference calls.
- 14 of the 15 CZ LSC have a Disability contact \* 10 of the LSCs have a combined DEI/ Disability Contact
- Several coaches and athletes across the zone took part in 2 virtual clinics presented by US. Paralympics Swimming which took place in August 2020
  - ❖ Introduction to para swimming
  - ❖ Coaching the para swimmer

## Looking Forward

- Continue education across the zone to providing competitive competition for SWADS.
- Continue education across the zone on SWAD Championship Qualifying Times (motivational time standards)
- Continue collaboratively working with DEI contacts to make sure ALL swimmers are welcomed and included in USA- Swimming and are provided the tools and supports for what each individual swimmer needs to be successful.
- Investigate opportunities to provide USA- S focused clinics for coaches, athletes, parents of SWADS within the Central Zone.

Respectfully submitted,  
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