

MEET THE COACHES

Randy H Reese

- Director of Aquatics
- Head Coach – National Team

Randy Reese has been coaching swimming since 1969. He started his career in Clearwater then moved to the Bolles School, Episcopal High School / Randy Reese Swim Team, and then to University of Florida where he coached the Men's and Women's teams to two National Championships each (Men 1983 & 1984) (Women 1979 & 1982). He has over 14 National Championships for his age group teams. In 2004, he came back to Clearwater after successfully leading the Longhorn Aquatics team where he was head coach and had been ranked the number one club team in the country three years by USA Swimming Club of Excellence program.

Coach Reese has personally led over 41 Olympic swimmers to a combined total of 18 Gold medals, 8 Silver and 9 Bronze. He has coached 6 swimmers who achieved 16 world records and led 79 Women to achieve over 500 All-American honors and 60 men reach 200 All-American honors.

Coach Reese's personal accomplishments include:

- 1979 Pan American Games Assistant Coach
- 1980 (Moscow), 1984 (Los Angeles), 1988 (Seoul) USA Olympic Assistant Coach
- 1982 & 1988 NCAA Women's Coach of the Year
- 1984 & 1985 NCAA Men's Coach of the Year
- 1987 Pan Pacific Games Assistant Coach
- 1997 University of Florida Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2005 International Swimming Hall of Fame Inductee

Kevin Reese

- Assistant Coach
- Assistant National Coach
- Strength and Pulley Coach

Kevin Reese has been coaching age group and senior level swimmers with the C.A.T. program since 2009. His responsibilities include coordinating dry land and strength training, assisting with swim meet duties, including overseeing the set-up and operation of the electronic timing system. Kevin is a graduate of Florida State University, graduating in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. He has an extensive background in marketing and sales, having worked as a sales representative for Stryker and Depuy Orthopedics. He, currently, manufactures and sells pulley systems used with strength training in swimming.

As a youngster, Kevin began age group swimming at the age of four, and competed on the high school level at Bishop Kenny in Jacksonville, Florida. He enjoys staying in shape, working out as much as possible, and feels good nutrition is key to staying healthy and creating the needed edge to be successful in the sport of swimming.

Patrick Evans

- Assistant Coach
- National Development and Gold Groups

Patrick comes to CAT from Ellicott City, MD where he was the head coach of YCM. He has spent his life swimming and coaching in the Baltimore and surrounding area. During his time as head coach at YCM, he coached developmental swimmers, MD state champions, and YMCA National qualifiers. It's a dream come true for Patrick to coach next to legendary Coach Reese and the rest of CAT staff. Patrick managed to achieve the status of Junior National champion in the 200m backstroke, Senior National qualifier, and U.S. Open qualifier while setting Maryland state, Retriever Aquatic Club, and Severna Park YMCA records that are still standing. During that time Patrick was selected to attend the United States Select Training Camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO. for three consecutive years.

Patrick is the proud father of four beautiful daughters Leah, Riley, Adyson, and Poppy and when he is not on the deck, he enjoys spending time with them.

He is excited to bring years of experience to CAT and looks forward to continuing and building upon the success that this club and its swimmers have seen and achieved over the years.

Jennifer M Smith

- Assistant Coach
- Silver Group

Jennifer joined us in August of 2014 and is doing an outstanding job working with our Silver Group of swimmers.

Coach Jennifer comes to the C.A.T. program with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and, in addition to coaching, is currently teaching mathematics in Safety Harbor.

Jennifer has extensive experience working with age-group swimmers in a variety of settings. Her most recent coaching position was with the Longhorn Swim Camp in Austin, Texas where she coached with Olympic swimmers and Olympic coaches.

Lauren M Ellingham

- Assistant Coach
- Bronze Group

Lauren joined the CAT coaching team in January 2016 as our Bronze and Exposure group coach.

Lauren provides a fun and caring environment and shares her love for the sport with our novice swimmers.

She was an avid CAT swimmer herself for 10 years and later swam for the Osceola High School Swim Team. Lauren was a lifeguard for 4 years and is now in college working towards a degree in Biology with hopes to pursue a medical career.