

2025 AR Swimming  
**HALL OF FAME**

# Inductee



## MICHAEL HAEFNER

**Michael Haefner's** swimming career is a testament to sustained discipline and a commitment to excellence.

Michael's journey began with multiple Arkansas clubs, including Wal-mart Swim Club, NWAA Sharks, and the Aquahawgs. At Bentonville High School, he was a pivotal force, leading the team to back-to-back state championships in 2006, 2007, and 2009. He claimed individual state titles and shattered long-standing state records in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke. His high school career culminated in him being named the 2007 Arkansas State High School "Male Swimmer of the Year".

His talent propelled him to the national stage at the University of Louisville, where he earned conference accolades and, most notably, qualified for the 2012 Olympic Trials. In his post competitive life, Michael has continued his commitment to the sport of swimming by founding Hughston Swim Ranch, a swim school in Plano, TX dedicated to water safety and stroke development for the next generation.