



@What's new...

Welcome new and returning families – We are super excited to be back in the water and are looking forward to a great season.

New Parent Orientation Q&A – will be held on Monday Sept.15th at 6:45 pm, and Monday Sept. 22nd at 6:45 pm. Please join us on one of these nights to meet other swim parents, and to learn a little more about DASH. All questions can be answered.

DASH Garage Sale – DASH will be having their annual Garage Sale two nights this season. Monday September 15th and Monday September 22nd. Both nights will be 6:45-8:15 pm. We will have tables set up in the foyer. Cash and Checks will be accepted.

Swim Apparel – DASH apparel will be available for ordering between September 22nd – September 28th. Please be on the lookout for an email with the link to order.

Suit Try on – Not sure what size suit to get your swimmer? Monday September 22nd (watch email for times) we will have sample sizes for your swimmers to try on to help determine which size they will need. See you there.

Swim Caps - Need a DASH cap? During all swim meets, each swimmer who chooses to wear a cap must wear a DASH cap. We do have them for sale and will have them available for purchase at the DASH garage sale. Silicone caps are \$15, and Latex are \$5. Caps with names on them can be purchased through our Team Store when it becomes available. If you need a cap before the store orders, come in, please see Coach Doug to purchase.

Summer Season Recap

Congratulations Team DASH on an outstanding summer season and outstanding performances at our championship meets!

IASI Regional and 8 & Under Champs - hosted by DASH / July 19 & 20.

30 new IASI "Q"ualifying swims for LC Champs meet

32 first place swims

3rd place high point individual for 8 & Under Boys

1st place team title for 8 & Unders!!

IASI Long Course Championships - Waukee / July 24 - 27;

#6 overall in team score (3rd in Senior Division combined men / women)

2 relay wins for the 13 & 14 girls!

5 para event wins!

2 individual wins for SR women!

15 age group AAA, zone qualifying swims

One Summer Jr. National qualifying swim!!

Central Zone Age Group Championships - Rochester, MN / July 31 - Aug. 3

1 competitor in 4 events plus Team IOWA relays

Upcoming Events

Sept 8-21 Free Trial for NEW Swimmers

Sept 15 – New parent orientation and DASH garage sale

Sept 22 – Swimsuit try on (watch email for times)

Sept 22 – New parent orientation and DASH garage sale

Sept 22-28 – DASH apparel store is open

Fall/Winter 2025-2026 Work Sessions

Swimming is a volunteer intensive sport, and we appreciate your willingness to support our swim team! Team hosted meets are completely run by DASH parents. Each family is required to work a certain number of work sessions each season, depending on which swim group your most advanced swimmer is in. Please see the chart for the number of work sessions this fall/winter season, and you can find more information on our website

<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/iadash/page/teaminfo/work-sessions>

To keep track of what work sessions you worked or your balance, please head on over to your account. At the top of your account, you'll see different tabs. Click on "Service Hours" and that will give you a list of what you worked and the total you have worked for the season. One service hour is one work session, and one work session equals roughly 2 hours of volunteering. Any questions please see Christy.

Work Sessions	
Gold	4
HS Boys Pre & Post	2
HS Girls stay fit	2
HS Boys Post only	0
HS Boys Pre only	2
Silver	3
Bronze	3
Blue	3
Green	2
Jr Hurricanes	2

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram

Instagram and Facebook - Did you know DASH is on Instagram and Facebook? Don't forget to "like" DASH on

Facebook and Instagram. It's a great way to stay up to date for practice schedules, fun events, swim meets, and special posts!

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dash.swimming/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dubuqueswimming/>

Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents and swimmers who completed the Parent/Swimmer survey from last season. We appreciate all your feedback and suggestions. We take all of it into consideration to help make DASH successful. This season we will be focusing on all the suggestions that were brought to our attention to help make DASH the best it can be!



2025 Kids Expo

Come see our DASH booth this year at the Kids Expo. The Kids Expo, a premier family fun, and resource fair, will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grand River Convention Center in Dubuque. Admission to the event and activities are FREE, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors. DASH will be asking for volunteers. Please visit our job sign up area in “Team Events” to sign up

Families will visit over 50 booths to learn more about resources in the community and pick up information and giveaways. Exhibitors will include recreational opportunities, educational services, health care services, social service groups, family-friendly businesses, and many more. Hope to see you there.



Swimmers of the Month

Congratulations to our July 2025 SWIMMERS of the MONTH!!

Jr. Hurricanes – Christian F

GREEN – Laurel C

BLUE – Natalie H

BRONZE – Addey K

SILVER – Madeleine F

GOLD – Molly S



From Coach’s Kitchen

- Ingredients:
- 1 cup rolled oats
 - ½ cup vanilla protein powder
 - ½ cup peanut butter (or almond butter)
 - ¼ cup mini chocolate chips
 - 2-3 tablespoons maple syrup or honey (optional, for binding)

- Instructions:
1. In a large mixing bowl, combine rolled oats and protein powder.
 2. Add peanut butter and maple syrup (if using). Mix until well combined.
 3. Fold in chocolate chips until evenly distributed.
 4. Using slightly damp hands, roll the mixture into 1-inch balls.
 5. Place it on a parchment-lined plate or baking sheet.
 6. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to firm up.
 7. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks or freeze for up to 3 months.

Pro Tip: If your mixture is too dry, add a tablespoon of milk or water. If it’s too wet, add a bit more oats or protein powder until you reach the perfect consistency.

Season Practice Schedule by Group

Known "NO PRACTICE DAYS":
Tuesday, September 9 - home HS meet

Tuesday, September 23 - home HS meet

Tuesday, September 30 - home HS meet

Tuesday, October 7 - home HS meet

Thursday, October 9 - home HS meet

Tuesday, October 14 - home HS meet

Friday 11/21 – Sunday 11/23 Home DASH meet

Jr. Hurricanes

Session 1 (Sept 8 – Nov 20)

Monday - Thursday / 6:45-7:45 pm (Sept 8 – Nov 16)
Monday – Thursday / 6:00-7:00 pm (Nov 17 – 20)

Sunday / 3:30-4:30 pm

Session 2 (Dec 1 – Feb 14)

Monday – Thursday / 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Sunday / 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Recommended Practice Attendance each week: 2 – 3

Green Group

(September 1 – November 16)

Monday - Thursday / 6:45 - 8:00 pm

Sunday / 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Recommended Practice Attendance each week: 2 – 3

Blue Group

(September 1 – November 16)

Monday - Thursday / 6:45 - 8:15 pm

Sunday / 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Recommended Practice Attendance each week: 3 – 4

Bronze Group

(September 1 – November 16)

Monday - Friday / 6:45 - 8:15 pm

Saturday / Dates TBD and email from Doug

Recommended Practice Attendance each week: 4 – 5

Silver Group

(August 25 – November 16)

Monday - Friday / 6:45 - 8:30 pm

Saturday / Dates TBD and email from Doug

Recommended Practice Attendance each week: ALL

Gold Group

(August 25 – November 16)

Monday - Thursday / 6:45 - 8:45 pm

Friday / 6:45 – 8:30 pm

Saturday / Dates TBD and email from Doug

Recommended Practice Attendance each week: ALL



The D.A.S.H. Scoop

September 2025

Meet the Coaches



Head Coach DOUG COLIN
Team Executive Director / Gold & Silver
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Coach Colin is one of the founding members of the DUBUQUE AREA SWIMMIN' HURRICANES. He and several parents formed the team in the Fall of 1991. Coach Colin is a Dubuque native. He graduated from the University of Iowa, with a B.B.A., Class of 1986. While at the University of Iowa, Doug was an assistant coach with the Iowa City Swim Club. Upon returning to Dubuque, he coached the Dubuque YMCA Swim Club for 4 years, prior to forming D.A.S.H., and is also the former Head Swimming & Diving Coach and Aquatics Director at Loras College. Doug is ASCA Level 4 certified and has headed a staff selected as the IASI Age Group Coaching Staff of the Year in '07 and IASI Senior Coaching Staff of the Year in '08, '09, & '22, and the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in '04 & '07.

Doug and his wife, Marie, have three sons, Benjamin, John, and William, all members of DASH at one time or another.



Coach TASIA GUITER
Asst. Coach / BLUE
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Tasia Guiter is a 2003 graduate of Ottumwa High School and a 2007 graduate of Loras College. As a Duhawk, she swam for coach Doug Colin, and is the former record holder in the 100 backstroke and three relays. Tasia graduated with a major in Exercise Science and a minor in math and is currently employed as the Wellness Coordinator at Luther Manor Communities. She has been coaching for DASH since 2006.



Coach LISA DOLPHIN
Asst. Coach / Jr. Hurricanes & GREEN
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Lisa is one of the Jr. Hurricane group coaches. She grew up in Dubuque and competed for Wahlert HS and Loras College, then coached with DASH for several years prior to marriage and children. Lisa is currently a 4th grade teacher at Kennedy Elementary. She and her husband Wes have 3 children, Nick, Callie, & Jake, all three have been members of DASH, and they brought their mom back to coaching when they joined the team.



Coach Vanessa
Asst. Coach / Jr. Hurricane and Substitute for other groups.

Coach Vanessa is from the Dubuque area! She swam for Hempstead High School from 2012-2015, qualified for state as a relay team, and broke two relay records in her senior year. She is also the assistant coach of the girls' swimming and dive team at Hempstead, and she floats around between the different groups at Dash. She graduated from Iowa State University in 2020 and is currently teaching fourth grade at Irving elementary. She and her husband have two crazy pups, Goose and Arlo, who are bundles of energy, and are proud parents of baby girl born in August 2025.



Coach JACOB GANTENBEIN
Asst. Coach / Technique & Substitute

Jake is a Dubuque native, graduating from Wahlert HS in 2001. During HS he swam for Dubuque Senior (co-op program), qualifying for the Iowa HS State meet all four years. He then went on to swim for three years at Loras College prior to injuries cutting his career short. During his Duhawk career, Jake was a member of two record setting relays. Jake is the former Head Girls Swim Coach at Senior H.S. Outside of DASH, Jake is an instructor at Northeast Iowa Community College and University of Wisconsin Platteville. Jake and his wife Angie are proud parents of their daughter Finley, and their puppy Sully.



Coach Jim Sheehan
Asst. Coach / GOLD

Jim is a Dubuque native, graduating from Wahlert HS in 1996. Jim began his swimming career with DASH & Coach Colin, just prior to beginning HS. During HS he swam for Dubuque Senior 1992-1996 (co-op program), where he was coached by Dan Duclos and Coach Colin (1992-93 season). During his HS career, he broke Dubuque Senior school's records, earned All-State and All-American honors. Under Coach Colin's tutelage Jim progressed from a novice swimmer to become DASH's first male Junior National qualifier (100yd breaststroke-1996). He then went on to swim at Iowa State University (1996-2000) where he was a Big 12 Conference finalist in the 100yd & 200yd breaststroke, co-captain (1999-2000 season), Jack McGuire Memorial Award winner (1999-2000 season) and US Olympic Trials qualifier (2000).

As a coach Jim has worked with swimmers from a wide range of ages and ability levels, which have spanned age group swimmers to Olympians. Jim's international coaching experience includes head coaching duties for Puerto Rico at the 2021 South American Championships and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Jim and his wife, Carolyn, have three daughters, Miriam (2020 Olympian-100m Fly/100m FR), Alexandra, and Adonai, who are all members of DASH.



Coach KRISTI MARSHALL
Asst. Coach / GREEN
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Kristi is a native of Omaha, NE and was on the state winning team her junior and senior year. She then went on to a four-year career at the University of St. Thomas (MN), where she specialized in the 100 & 200 breaststroke and the 200 IM with the 200 fly and 400 IM when they needed points for a meet :)

Kristi has a BS degree in Health Promotion and has worked at the University and corporate levels as a Trainer and Wellness Coach. Her career has taken her to Montana, Missouri, and now back to Her husband's hometown of Dubuque where she works at Hirschbach Motor Lines.

She swims Masters with DASH and has a swimmer in both the Silver (Piper) and Gold (Cole) groups.



Coach CRAIG FREDERIKSEN
Asst. Coach / GREEN
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Craig is originally from Moline, IL. He started swimming for the Moline Blue Marlins and went on to compete for Moline High School. After high school he swam for Lincoln College for two seasons and then finished his college career at Western Illinois University. After college swimming ended, he began coaching the McDonough County Dolphins, followed by the Moline Blue Marlins as head coach, and then became the head coach for Moline High School boys' and girls' team. Craig continues to train and compete as a US Masters swimmer. He has earned 3 All-American titles in USMS: two for the 1650 and one for ultra-marathon open water swimming. Open water swimming has become a recent passion of his. He has traveled and competed across the country in open water marathon races. In 2017, he made an English Channel Crossing attempt and plans to make another attempt in the future.

Craig and his family have relocated to the Dubuque area for his primary occupation as Safety Manager for John Deere. Craig and his wife, Christina, have two children, Calvin and Corinne.



Coach Katrina Wilson
Asst. Coach / Blue and other groups Substitute

Katrina Wilson graduated from Burnsville High School in Minnesota in 2002. She started her collegiate swimming career at the University of Nebraska before moving to Minnesota State Mankato. While at Mankato, Katrina earned All American for her 200 Breaststroke, the 200 Free Relay, and 200 Medley Relay. In the 2005 Division II Championship, she placed in the top 8 in the 200 breaststroke, and the top 16 for the 100 breast and 200 IM. She graduated with a BA in Biochemistry. She is currently the Niche Merchandising Director of Steve's Ace. She and her husband, Jake, have two daughters, four parakeets, and a cockatiel. Their eldest daughter is a DASH member.



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Coach JANET WARREN

Asst. Coach / Technique & Substitute

Coach Janet is a 5-time Iowa HS State Champion at Des Moines Roosevelt and a member of the Iowa HS Swim Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Following her HS career, Janet continued swimming at the University of Kansas. At KU, she was a three-year letter winner, team captain, and named female athlete of the year for the Jayhawks during the 1978-79 school year. While competing for the Jayhawks she was a two-time All-American in 1979 & 1980 and qualified for the 1980 Olympic Trials.

Janet and her late husband Don had all five of their children, Louise, Donny, Jack, Charlie and Olivia, swimming for Team DASH at one time or another.



Coach Callie Dolphin

Asst. Coach / Substitute Jr Hurricanes

Callie is a 2024 graduate of Hempstead High School. Callie began competitive swimming with the DASH team when she was 8 years old. She enjoyed her high school swimming career with several trips to the State Meet and being a part of 2 Relay Records for the Mustangs. She has shared her love of water through many years of teaching Dash swim lessons and now helps coach the Junior Hurricanes. She is currently a Sophomore at Loras College pursuing a degree in Elementary Education.

USA Swim Officials

Did you know all our DASH meets are run by parents? Did you know that all of us are volunteers? All including the Officials. We want you to become an official. It's easy, it's fun, you get free food, and drinks, AND you get the best seat in the house, right in front of your swimmer! Please watch your email from Christy on dates for training. All training and background checks are paid for by DASH (reimbursement after everything is completed. Thank you for being a part of DASH and helping us succeed, it's all for the swimmers!



Coach Rick Loeffelholz

Asst. Coach / Gold, HS Camp, Bronze

Rick is a Dubuque native, graduating from Hempstead HS in 1994, where he was a four-year Iowa HS State qualifier. He then went on to a four-year career at St. Mary's University (MN), where he still holds five school records (200, 500, 1000 Free, 200 Fly, & 400 IM). He is a former swimmer under Coach Colin, beginning at the YMCA and moving to DASH when the team started. He also coached with Coach Colin at Loras College for two years. Rick is a Wellness & Recreation teacher in the Dubuque Community School system and the Head Boys Swim Coach at Hempstead HS, where he has been selected as State Coach of the Year in 2014, 4x District Coach of the year, and 2x MVC Divisional Coach of the year. In 2006, he was inducted into the Saint Mary's University (MN) Athletic Hall of Fame and in the spring of 2017 was elected to the Presidency of the Iowa High School Swim Coaches Association. For DASH, Rick coaches the Gold and HS Camp groups during the summer and is currently helping with Bronze. He and his wife, Kylie, have a son, Ty, and daughter, Emmy.



Coach Anna Kottakis

Asst. Coach / Jr, Green, Blue, and Bronze

Anna is from Buffalo, New York and graduated from Emory University in 2022. Before moving to Dubuque, Anna was a division III collegiate swimmer who specialized in backstroke and sprint freestyle. Outside of DASH, Anna is the digital editor for Madison Magazine and

Channel3000.com, a lifestyle magazine and local news website based in Madison, WI.



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