

## **Age Group/Senior Committee Report**

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The activities of the Age Group/Senior Committee (“joint committee”) for the time period from January to May focused primarily on getting the Senior Scholarship and Impact Award positioned for use. The Senior Scholarship was used to maintain a Scholarship for 2021 while the details with the Caras award are being finalized. The Senior Committee addressed the Caras award criteria during a February meeting and sent it to the Finance Committee for an assessment of feasibility. Since there was insufficient time to structure this for the 2021 season a decision was made to continue use of the Maine Swimming Senior Scholarship.

The Senior Scholarship had six applications this year. A selection committee composed of Jim Willis, Holly Hatch and AJ Rog reviewed the applications and selected Brim Peabody as the 2021 recipient.

The other award offered this year was new, the Maine Swimming Impact Award. This award is designed to honor the MESI swimmer having a distinguishable impact on their team, community and sport. The joint committee created the award, the criteria and the process for determining the winner. The Impact Award had four applications this year. A selection committee composed of Mike Schmidt, Matt Montgomery and Marcel Da Ponte reviewed the applications, interviewed the three finalists and selected McKayla Kendall as the 2021 recipient.

During this same time period the Athletes on the joint committee suggested and pursued setting up online games to connect Maine Swimmers across the state. They teamed up with the Athletes Committee and an outside contractor to create this opportunity. This coming weekend (May 8th) will be the third weekend in which Maine Swimming will host the online games.

Respectfully submitted,

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