

2025 Spring MT Swim Reach Out Grant Thank You Letter

Hello Montana Swimming Board Members,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your generous contribution to fundraising for the Tokyo Deaflympics in the fall of this year. Your support means a lot to my family and me, as does your continuous contribution to my swimming career both in and out of the pool.

Just years ago, I wouldn't have believed that I would be going to Tokyo, Japan, or Argentina to compete in the Deaflympics or Deaf World Championships. The experiences I've had due to these newfound opportunities are what keep me still in the sport, along with the relationships I have formed within the Montana Swimming environment. I am very thankful for Montana Swimming as a whole because it brought a sense of family to what is a pretty big state.

The connections and moments every one of us experiences throughout life are what give our lives purpose and meaning. Attending the Tokyo Deaflympics is a dream come true and an experience I will never forget. I will be able to meet individuals from other countries and regions of the globe and establish relationships I never thought were possible.

Even though I head off to college, pursue other life goals, and become a contributing member of society, I will not forget the memories from these once-in-a-lifetime moments. But more importantly, I will never forget the memories club swimming has given me. It is an honor to have the support of Montana Swimming, and without you, I do not know where I would be today.

Thank You,

-Sy Pizzolato
April 3, 2025