

## Las Cruces Aquatic Team Graduating Class of 2021



**ELIZABETH** learned how to swim at age 2 in the pool right outside her kitchen door. She began competing at 6 years old and later joined LCAT in 2018. She also swam for the Las Cruces High School Bulldogs. Her favorite stroke is backstroke... or anything except breaststroke! The talented student-athlete was a member of the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society, received the Bi-Lingual Seal in French, was an Aggie Achiever, received Hadley Honors and Legislative Scholarships, was nominated for the U.S. Presidential Scholarship, was a finalist in the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and finished her high school studies with a 4.2 GPA. Elizabeth will

continue her academic and athletic career at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM where she will compete for the university's Division I women's swimming team. She is undecided on a major, but looks forward to exploring many options and having a successful career. When she has free time she enjoys baking, hanging out and playing with her dogs, swimming, and biking. Elizabeth is thankful to the team, parents, and coaching staff for their support. What she'll miss most about LCAT: "The team environment, travel meets, and competing together as a team."



**JULI** began swimming at age 10 and joined LCAT in 2013. Her favorite stroke is butterfly, which is no surprise since she holds the team record in the 15-16 girls 200 yard butterfly. The talented student-athlete was an honor student at Arrowhead Park Early College High School, earned her Associates Degree in Science, and was the recipient of the Lucille H. Pipkin Book Scholarship awarded by the New Mexico Geological Society. Juli will continue her academic studies at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology where she intends to major in geology and pursue a career in petroleum engineering. She also hopes to keep

busy while in college with caving, rock climbing, gem and mineral mining, and conducting geology research projects. When she has free time she enjoys rock hounding, rock climbing, cave exploration, and kayaking. What she'll miss most about LCAT: "The supportive competitive environment and the structured fitness goals."



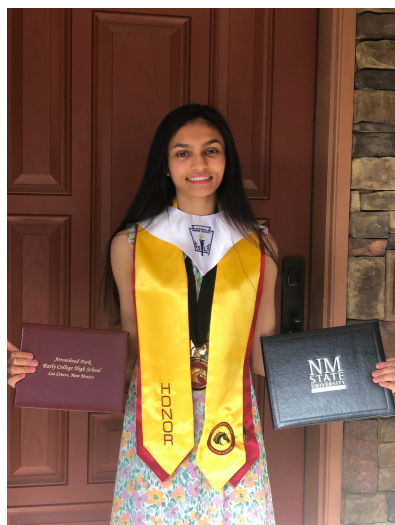
**SARAH** started swimming at just 8 months old and joined LCAT in 2006 at the age of 3, making her perhaps the longest team member of LCAT. She makes additional history by leaving her mark with an astounding 18 team records, ranging from 8 and under to all-time. Her favorite events are freestyle and breaststroke. She also swam for the Las Cruces High School Bulldogs, earning coveted State Champion titles in the 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle, and 200 yard freestyle relay. The well-rounded student lettered in swimming and academics, and was also a member of National Honor Society. Sarah will continue her academic and athletic career at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois where she will compete for the university's Division II women's swimming team. She plans to major in biology, with aspirations to become a pediatric dentist. In her free time she enjoys

painting, baking, hanging out with friends, and hiking. What she'll miss most about LCAT: "My teammates who supported me throughout the years and the families that made me feel like family. Also the amazing coaching staff I have had during the 15 years I have been on LCAT."



**STEPHEN** began swimming when he was 6 years old, competed for teams in other states growing up, and later joined LCAT in 2016 when he moved to Las Cruces. He also swam for the Las Cruces High School Bulldogs. His favorite stroke is freestyle. He was active in and out of the pool, serving as the Las Cruces High School National Honor Society Chapter president and becoming a 2-time Science Olympiad state champion. He also earned Health Occupations Students of America Cords, Math Engineering Science Achievement Stole, and the State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy in Spanish. Stephen, a National Merit Scholar and valedictorian of his high school class, will continue his academic and athletic career at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, with plans to participate in Lettuce Club and Reformed University Fellowship, as well as compete for the university's Division III men's swimming team. He

intends to major in biology/computer science, with aspirations of becoming a medical doctor and/or professor. In his free time he enjoys chess, memes, reading, and hiking. He is grateful for the many opportunities he had to swim with LCAT and also to coach the younger groups. What he'll miss most about LCAT: "The friendships."



**TULSI** began swimming at age 11 and joined LCAT two years later. Her favorite stroke is breaststroke. She was an honor student at Arrowhead Park Early College High School, earned her Associates Degree in Science, and was an Arrowhead Park Honor Graduate and New Mexico State University Crimson Scholar. Tulsi will continue her academic studies at New Mexico State University where she intends to double major in computer science and mathematics, with the aspirations of having a career in cyberspace or research. She also hopes to keep busy while in college with swimming and tennis. When she has free time she enjoys swimming, tennis, playing the piano, playing the violin, and playing video games. What she'll miss most about LCAT: "My friends, the coaches, practices, and the competitions."