

# The Tidal Wave

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### **Hello from the Coaches**

#### Coach Jim, President, Head Coach Report

Welcome to our new swim families and to our returning members.

It is great to see everyone back at the pool eager to learn and to be part of our swim community.

I would also like to welcome our new coach, Mohammad Mahdi. I have coached Mohammad as a swimmer and have watched him teach many swim lessons. Mohammad's passion for the sport and his excitement to teach swimming to our kids will be an asset to our program. Maria Fesik, is our Coaches Assistant, and she will be helping Coach Allen with the Silver squads. Maria has been volunteering for a while in this position and will be there to help give more personal attention to Silver swimmers.

The beginning of the season is a great time to set goals for the upcoming year. As a team I have set a few goals this year.

Goal 1: Be a great teammate. Not everyone can be the

fastest swimmer but we all can be great teammates. Strive every day to say positive comments to your lane mates. Listen as the coach is speaking to the group so others can focus and pay attention. Encourage your teammates to try

their best.

Goal 2: Be ALL in: We are all busy, however you have

committed to this team and your squad. Try to do





the practice schedule and meet schedule to the best of your ability.

I think if we focus on these goals, we will find DDAC a positive place to be. I look forward to a great season.

#### **Coach Bobby**

A life full of seasons.

# Since I can remember, my life has been a chain of seasons concluding about every six months with a Championship Meet and/or Tournament, and then beginning again with renewed excitement towards the next season goal. As a competitive swimmer and water polo player starting at age six and finishing in my college years, I always had an end of season date/event to push me to want to be my best every day leading up to the big day.

When I decided to hang up my suit and become a coach, I found that watching and motivating others to push themselves to be their best was so incredibly enjoyable that I knew the chain of seasons would forever continue. The Championship meets are quickly approaching this season and we need to make sure every day we are pushing ourselves to be our very best so we will have some amazing performances and reach our goals.

Be sure to take advantage of every day you are at the pool to master your craft. Get involved in as many meets and races you can this season. Get better every practice and shock yourself at how great you can become.

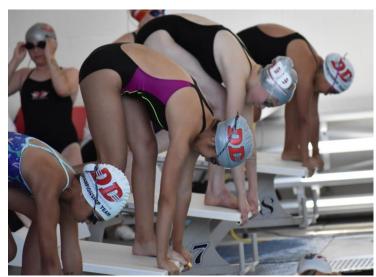


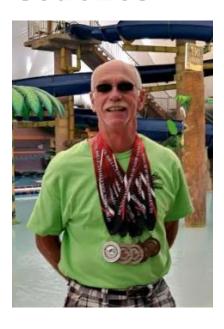
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#### Coach Allen

Welcome back swimmers. We had a very successful season last year and now we need to build off of that.

Patience is the best advice I can give you, as after a month off you will not be at the same level in your training and it will take a couple of weeks for the practices to become easier for you and your times to start getting faster again.

By the time you see this we will have a good start on your improvement and conditioning. Please plan on entering as many meets as you can, as each one goes a long way in your improvement.

Swim meets are the reward you give yourself for your hard work in practices. I like to say that meets are the best yardstick for how well your training is going.









Photos by Scott Green and Amanda Smith

#### Meet Your New Board Members



Hi, I'm Robin Young. I'm excited to be a part of the DDAC Board and helping Valerie with the Treasurer's duties as Co-Treasurer. Some of you I've met while volunteering at the front desk or around the pool during practices or meets. But for those of you I have not met, I am the proud mama of Zachary Young who is currently on the Gold Squad. This is our 4th season with DDAC and I can't wait to see what it has in store for us. Swimming is a family affair for us with Zach swimming, his dad, Darren, usually timing at meets and me officiating on deck. When I'm not at the pool, I am the accounts payable supervisor for Cook Security Group and am an avid runner, competing in the occasional race. If you see me around, make sure you stop by and say hello! Go DDAC!

I'd like to introduce myself and thank you for the warm welcome as the new member representative. My name is Erika Rasmussen and I am the proud mother of four. I currently have swimmers on the Bronze, Silver, and Gold squads. As a proud David Douglas parent, Volunteer, Employee, and Board member I thoroughly enjoy watching the success of our future. The kids from the tiniest swimmers to the high school instructors keep me coming back, they all make me proud. Swimming and water safety are important to me, I have always loved the water and was a lifeguard as a teen. Being on the swim club provides much more than can be measured by performance and this is why we love it so much for our children. Our coaches are instilling accountability, goals, focus, and much more. It's a place where our kids persevere and grow confidence, friends and families are formed. When I am not at work, working at the front desk assisting club or swim lessons, or cheering my kids on at the pool, I like to... sleep. Just kidding, I like to paint and sew and be creative, and best of all I love to be a Mom. If I



haven't had the pleasure of meeting you at the desk please don't hesitate to introduce yourself, I can't wait to learn the names of all the new faces, and welcome to the club!

## **Mandatory General Membership Meeting**

Where all your swim questions are answered!

## Wednesday, October 2, 2019

6:30-7:30

**Location TBA** 

Please plan on attending!



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## **Upcoming Meets**

Dual meet with Blue Crush at DD September 22, 2019

Hood River Meet October 11-13, 2019

Dual meet with PAC at DD October 19, 2019

Dual meet with OCST at DD October 26, 2019

Mike Popovich meet at MHCC November 1-3, 2019

Pumpkin Sprint Invite at Lincoln City November 23-24, 2019

CAT Senior Open at Corvallis, Senior December 6-8, 2019

**Squad Qualifiers** 

PASL Champs at Parkrose December 13-15, 2019

For more information on each meet, please see the Events tab on our website: https://www.teamunify.com/orddsc



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## **Upcoming Water Polo**

There is no water polo at this time.

# September & October Birthdays

#### Happy birthday to our swimmers!

September 9 **Christopher Correll Bronze** Victoria Cornejo-Lopez September 24 Scotsman **Lily Walker** September 26 Gold **September 28** Vu Lam Senior **Elizabeth Mindra September 30** Silver II **Moriyah Wolfgang** Gold October 5 October 8 Silver II Maya Lynch **John Riggs** October 10 Scotsman Julie Schwam October 12 Scotsman **Logan Pine** October 16 Silver II Gold October 17 **Austin Pham** Vasilii Malishchuk October 21 **Bronze Warren Nguyen** October 21 Silver I Gold Jason Bui October 25 **Trigyal Drongpa** October 25 Gold



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