

2015 ASCA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

COACH STEVE BULTMAN

One of the nation's most respected and innovative swim coaches, two-time US Olympic Team coach Steve Bultman has overseen one of the most dramatic rises to power in college swimming history since taking over the reins of the women's swimming and diving program at Texas A&M in 1999.

When Bultman was hired at Texas A&M on June 2, 1999, the Aggies had never finished higher than third at the conference championships or in the top 10 at the national meet. Under Bultman, the Aggies have never finished lower than second at a conference meet and own an eight-year streak of top 10 finishes at the NCAA Championships. Texas A&M has matched its highest national finish fourth-place finishes at the NCAA meet the past two seasons.

Before his arrival, Texas A&M had never won a conference team title, but now owns four Big 12 Conference team championship trophies from 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2012. He was also a 13-time Big 12 Coach of the Meet or Year. Under his direction, Texas A&M produced its first NCAA individual titles with a pair of wins from Julia Wilkinson and Alia Atkinson at the 2010 NCAA Championships. Since Wilkinson and Atkinson's breakthrough wins, the Aggies have logged four more individual crowns – three by swimmers Cammille Adams and Breeja Larson and one by diver Jaele Patrick.

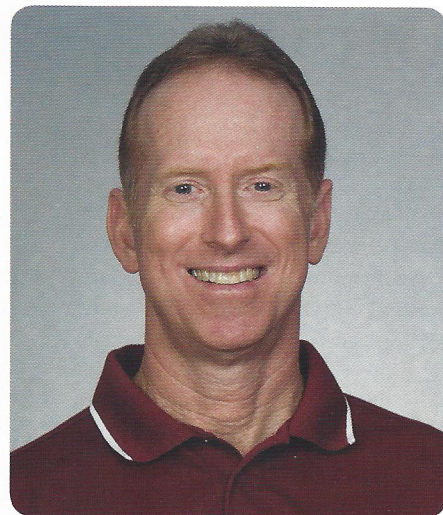
Not surprisingly, every school record has been broken during the Bultman era. The oldest school standard on the A&M record board is from 2008. The Aggies left the Big 12 Conference after the 2012 season holding or sharing 12

conference marks, and set five SEC meet records in A&M's first season in 2012-13. Larson's development as one of the U.S.'s top entries in the breaststroke has yielded the NCAA, US Open and American record in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke.

Bultman's influence isn't confined to the collegiate ranks. He has been named to the US Olympic Team coaching staff twice and to a variety of other Team USA coaching staffs. Bultman was named to the 2012 US Olympic coaching staff after Larson and Adams earned their trips to the London Olympics with the program's first-ever wins at the US Olympic Trials (Larson in the 100 breaststroke and Adams in the 200 butterfly). Larson went on to place sixth in the 100 breast and earn a gold medal with Team USA's 400 medley relay, while Adams placed fifth in 200 fly for the highest Olympic finish ever by a current Aggie swimmer. In total, nine current or former A&M swimmers under Bultman competed in London - Adams, Triin Aljand (Estonia), Alia Atkinson (Jamaica), Erica Dittmer (Mexico), Liliana Ibanez (Mexico), Larson, Rita Medrano (Mexico), Kim Pavlin (Croatia) and Julia Wilkinson (Canada).

He was named to the 1988 US Olympic Team coaching staff after three of his swimmers from the Greater Pensacola (Fla.) Aquatic Club (GPAC) advanced to Seoul, South Korea.

In 2008, Bultman served on the coaching staff for the Estonia Olympic Team. Four of members of his 2008 Texas A&M squad joined him at the Beijing Olympic Games - Aljand,



Atkinson, Christine Marshall (USA) and Wilkinson. Marshall was the first-ever Aggie to earn a spot on the US Olympic Team and she earned the first-ever Olympic medal (bronze with the 800 free relay) in program history.

Prior to Texas A&M, served as an assistant swimming coach at the University of Georgia (1995-99) and LSU (1990-91 and 1969-70) and was a successful club coach in Atlanta, Ga. (Dynamo Swim Club, 1991-95), Boca Raton, Fla. (Mission Bay Makos, 1989-90), Pensacola, Fla. (GPAC, 1980-89, 1975-79), Nashville, Tenn. (Nashville Aquatic Club, 1979-80), and New Orleans, La. (Lynn Park Piranhas, 1970-75). In 2011, Bultman was a member of the inaugural GPAC Hall of Fame class.

Bultman is a 1970 graduate of LSU where he earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology. He earned his certification in Physical Education from Tulane in 1975, and he received his master's in Physical Education from the University of West Florida in 1979. An accomplished swimmer himself, Bultman was a LSU swimming letterman (1969, 1970) and won the Louisiana state title in the 50 freestyle while at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, LA.