

## Where to begin? SA "Jumping Off Grid"!

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Dear Streamliner Aquatics members,

I am very excited to offer this tool as a compliment to our College Planning section of the SA website. Our **"Starting Off"** tool provides a list of approximately one hundred colleges and universities to be used as a "Starting Off point" for researching schools and collegiate swim programs. We recognize that getting started may be daunting for many and we hope that you will use this to initiate your efforts. Finding a "fit" does not necessarily mean that you will be recruited, but it is a place to start. It is to be used in tandem with the website as finding your "academic fit" should be the first priority.

The **"Starting Off"** list is comprised of many different colleges throughout the country with the aim of providing a cross section of schools based on region, size, academics, division and swimming ability. By no means is the list complete but it does include a range of colleges from large to small, east coast to west coast, national times to senior sectional times along with a wide range of academic achievements. As the list was initially based on season-to-date results, it will be reviewed at the end of the Championship season. For recruiting purposes, it is recommended that you look at the team's top 3-4 times in your best events. However, depending on the school, there may be an opportunity to walk onto a team.

Note: The list does not include Junior Colleges throughout the country of which many have very competitive swim teams. Many of those teams' results are listed on [collegeswimming.com](http://collegeswimming.com) (NJCAA and CCCAA).

One side note, while the information in the website has been made public, this list will not be as it is specifically tailored for Streamliner Aquatics. If you need a copy and/or more thorough instructions as to how to use this tool, please contact Coach York.