



YMCA SWIMMING COACH OF THE YEAR

Dr. James (Jamie) Krull
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Jamie Krull grew up swimming at the Upper Main Line YMCA and for the last 30 years, he has been a volunteer coach with the program. Over the course of his time at UMLY, he has coached every level of the program and has led the 13/14 training group for several years. In 2013, one of his swimmers, Emily Cornell, won a YMCA National title.

This year he stepped in to lead the 11/12s as well, coaching seven days a week plus every UMLY meet. He is also a fundraiser and former YMCA board member.

What is more impressive about his commitment to YMCA Swimming and the UMLY program is that he does all of this as a volunteer, while working full time as a family physician.

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Former UMLY head coach, Glenn Neufeld, calls Jamie the “rock upon which the UMLY program is built. He has been instrumental in developing the program design at UMLY and gives countless hours off the deck.”

Current head coach, Lou Petto, refers to Jamie as “the center of UMLY culture.” He has been a role model for UMLY’s culture of service to others and has been a mentor to countless swimmers and coaches over the years.

Jamie’s holistic approach toward each swimmer has been a cornerstone for the developmental progression of UMLY athletes. He truly values the whole person and not just the athlete. He is passionate about helping each UMLY swimmer to reach his or her full potential, both in and out of the pool.

Jamie Krull has been, and continues to be, a shining example of the YMCA’s core values in action. His commitment to engagement and empowerment through YMCA Swimming sets the standard for other coaches.