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2025 Awards Banquet



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A letter from Coach Will Barker

Thanks to all of you who took the time today to celebrate the close of another unforgettable season. The year was filled with challenges, triumphs, growth, and grit. From early morning practices to late-night practices! From Dual meets to Nationals! What a year.

To our athletes: thank you for your hard work, and your commitment to swimming smarter, not just harder. I hope we have created an environment where every athlete can learn to be a great a teammate, a competitor, and a leader. Whether it was your first season or your final year, your impact on HEAT was felt, and your presence mattered. I'm incredibly proud of the way you all have represented this program.

To our seniors: you've left your mark in your leadership and the example you've set. Best of luck in the next phase of life!

To the families and supporters: thank you for being the backbone of this program. Your rides, cheers, snacks, laundry, and love made all the difference. Your support allowed these athletes to focus on being successful in the pool and I am grateful for that.

To the coaching staff: I'm honored to work alongside people so dedicated to helping our athletes grow not only in skill, but in character. Your effort behind the scenes does not go unnoticed. Thank you, Aby, Anica, Bruce, Chris, Emma, Erich, Erin, Evan, Hannah, Jack, Justin, Kira, Kyla, Logan, Luke, Meghan, Marin, Michelle, Nolan, Tina, and Kennedy! You are all the reason we are so successful!

As we look ahead, I'm excited to see what the future holds as HEAT grows and develops into a destination club. Let's honor the hard work, the improvement and memories that we've built this season.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's keep building, together.



Will Barker,
Head Coach



Thank you 2024-2025 HEAT coaches!

Head Coach Will Barker

Kira Barker

Kennedy Borden

Justin Chen

Luke Fahnestock

Chris Freeburg

Tina Johnson

Logan Kuhne

Meghan Mansfield

Marin McAndrew

Michelle McCord

Nolan Miller

Anica Miller

Erin Mitchell

Emma Newman

Hannah Newman

Aby Olsen

Erich O'Donnell

Evan Piercy

Bruce Tang

Jack Wiarda

Kyla Wolski

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CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS



2025 YMCA ILLINI DISTRICT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Davis Albers
Landon Alleman
Kenney Borden
Babette Bradley
Kaiden Bristow
Jonathon Cai
Lyndley Carlson
Elora Cork
Nalani Day

Emily Dossey
Josephine Elliot
Jack Golecki
Hannah Good
Alison Howard
Emry Jensen
Kelsa Jensen
Sarah Karthikeyan
Rissah Kumar

Seojin Lee
Seora Lee
Gordon Liu
Callie Lu
Evan Ma
Praachi Mudar
Talynn O'Donnell
Beatrix Paulson
Evan Piercy

Sophie Rank
Francis Steinbacher
Claire Waggoner
Samantha Wagner
Brynley Wilber
Phil Withers-Sickles
Chance Zhang
Edward Zhang



2025 SHORT COURSE AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Karsyn Johnson
AJ Williams

Catherine Dossey
Seojin Lee
Gordon Liu

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CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

2025 ILLINOIS YMCA SHORT COURSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

STATE CHAMPIONS!

Davis Albers
Landon Alleman
Jaxson Arnold
Stella Asse
Izzy Aviles
Mallory Borden
Babette Bradley
Virginia Bradley
Kaiden Bristow
Josh Caithamer
Lydia Caithamer
Maggie Caithamer
Macy Cappa
Tyler Cappa
Lyndley Carlson
Tanner Carlson
Isaac Carr
Samuel Davis
Olivia Dempsey
Catherine Dossey
Emily Dossey
Josephine Elliot
Erik Fahnestock
Madelyn Favot

- **Large team state champions**
- **Overall girls champions**
- **21 and under boys and girls champions**
- **2nd place boys champions**

Cooper Franz
Jonathan Freeburg
Patrick Gardoni
Sam Gentry
Hannah Good
Sam Grojean
Summer Guo
Xander Hopkins
Alison Howard
Elaine Howard
Mira Ivanova
Kelsa Jensen
Karsyn Johnson
Lilly Johnson
Sarah Karthikeyan

Emmet Kearns
Rissah Kumar
Rubye Landry
Joshua Lee
Seojin Lee
Seora Lee
Gordon Liu
Arya Malapaka
Bailey Malloch
Cecelia Marquez
Sofia Marquez
Ella Maxfield
Charles Medlin
Caroline Mills
Heidi Mills

Raegan O'Donnell
Talynn O'Donnell
Katarzyna Parera
Beatrix Paulson
Evan Piercy
Nolan Pyle
Wade Pyle
Sophie Rank
Hamzah Rauther
Ellen Reynolds
Nathanial Saldeen
Josephine Schmitz
Peter Schmitz
Gracie Slifer
Mollie Slifer
Kayden Tsai
Meagan Tsai
Adam Varga
Samantha Wagner
Brynley Wilber
AJ Williams
Elinor Woods
Chance Zhang
Edward Zhang

HEAT 2025 NATIONAL TEAM

2025 HEAT YMCA SHORT COURSE NATIONALS



YMCA NATIONAL
SHORT 2025 COURSE

- 10th place: Boys
- 15th place: Girls
- 13th place: Combined

Izzy Aviles
Babette Bradley
Macy Cappa
Isaac Carr
Erik Fahnestock
Cooper Franz
Sam Grojean
Lainey Howard
Lilly Johnson
Emmett Kearns
Joshua Lee
Sofia Marquez

Ella Maxfield
Charles Medlin
Caroline Mills
Raegan O'Donnell
Talynn O'Donnell
Katarzyna Parera
Evan Piercy
Nolan Pyle
Wade Pyle
Hamzah Rauther
Brynley Wilber

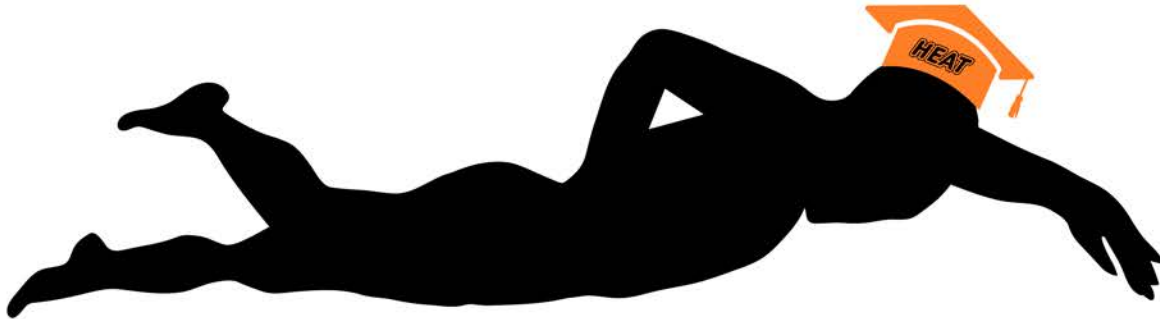
Additional National Team Qualifiers

Tyler Oatman | Jonathan Freeburg | Garren Barker

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS!

High School Graduating Class of 2025



Violet Bailey, *Monticello High School*

Kira Barker, *Champaign Central High School*

Babette Bradley, *Champaign Central High School*

Isaac Carr, *Mahomet-Seymour High School*

Olivia Dempsey, *Champaign Central High School*

Luke Fahnstock, *University High School*

Robert Gao, *University High School*

Isaak Kumar, *University High School*

Josh Lee, *Champaign Central High School*

Emily Loy, *Champaign Central High School*

Ella Maxfield, *Tuscola High School*

Miles Moomaw, *The High School of Saint Thomas More*

Tyler Oatman, *Centennial High School*

Evan Piercy, *Centennial High School*

Bruce Tang, *University High School*

Emory Wilson, *Central High School*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS!



Kira Barker

Champaign Central High School

Years on HEAT: 14 years

Events: 100 back, 100 free, 50 free

Favorite HEAT memory: Districts 2024

Words of wisdom for the younger HEAT swimmers: Take every practice for granted.

Plans after high school: I will go to Parkland and study to become a radiology technician.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS!



Babette Bradley

Champaign Central High School

Years on HEAT: 13 years

Events: 200 IM, 100 breast, 200 breast, 400 IM

Favorite HEAT memory: Playing cards at Nationals with the team my freshman year.

Words of wisdom for the younger HEAT swimmers: Push through the hard sets and the early mornings because in the end it will always pay off.

Plans after high school: Swimming at New York University and study bio chemistry.



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Isaac Carr

Mahomet-Seymour High School

Years on HEAT: 10 years

Events: Jack of all trades

Favorite HEAT memory: The 800 Free Relay when I was 14 at YMCA Nationals, I swam with Andrew Lin, Jake Regenwetter, and Nolan Miller.

Words of wisdom for the younger HEAT swimmers: Take the time to enjoy the journey. Don't get so caught up in the outcome that you forget why you're doing the sport.

Plans after high school: Swimming at Texas Christian University (TCU).



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Isaak Kumar

University High School

Years on HEAT: 8 years

Events: 100 breast, 200 breast, 50 free

Favorite HEAT memory: Coach Chris playing jazz on his boombox at Saturday morning practice.

Words of wisdom for the younger HEAT swimmers: Focus on the things you can control. With practice, everything else will fall in place.

Plans after high school: Study biology, college TBD (likely the University of Illinois).



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Joshua Lee

Central High School

Years on HEAT: 9 years

Events: 200 IM, 100 and 200 fly

Favorite HEAT memory: Qualifying for Nationals during Washington Township.

Words of wisdom for the younger HEAT swimmers: Hard work is key but that doesn't mean you shouldn't have fun, no matter what it is.

Plans after high school: I plan to attend University of Illinois and study Biology.



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Ella Maxfield

Tuscola High School

Years on HEAT: 10 years

Events: 100 free, 200 free, 500 free, 1000 and mile
100 and 200 fly, 100 and 200 back, 200 IM

Favorite HEAT memory: YMCA national festival in Milwaukee. It was the first meet we could attend after Covid. The atmosphere was nothing like I have ever experienced before. The people that made nats that year were so fun to be with and it was just an amazing experience overall.

Words of wisdom for the younger HEAT swimmers: Find a balance between swimming and the rest of your life. Swimming is a part of who you are but it does not define you as a person. Having other hobbies does not make you less of a swimmer. Take the time to try new or different activities.

Plans after high school: I will swim next year at Xavier University



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Tyler Oatman

Centennial High School

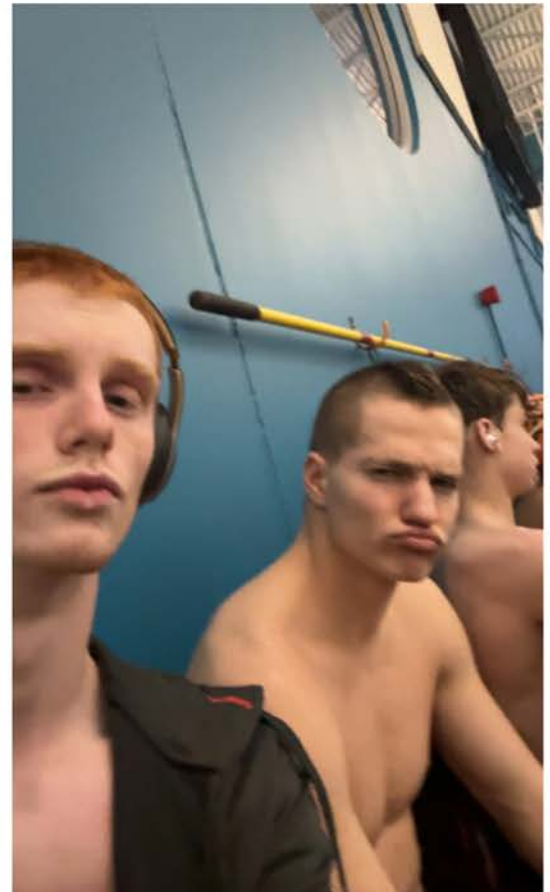
Years on HEAT: 10 years

Events: 50,100, 200 free, and 100 back

Favorite HEAT memory: Going out to eat after meets with the team.

Words of wisdom for the younger HEAT swimmers: Stick with it, even through low points you'll always have a lot of fun and get better in the long run.

Plans after high school: Swim in College at Quincy University.



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Evan Piercy

Centennial High School

Years on HEAT: 7 years

Events: 50 free

Favorite HEAT memory: Racing teammates in fake events to settle arguments that didn't exist until the race was proposed.

Words of wisdom for the younger HEAT swimmers: Stick with it, even through low points you'll always have a lot of fun and get better in the long run.

Plans after high school: I will swim at Depauw University.

