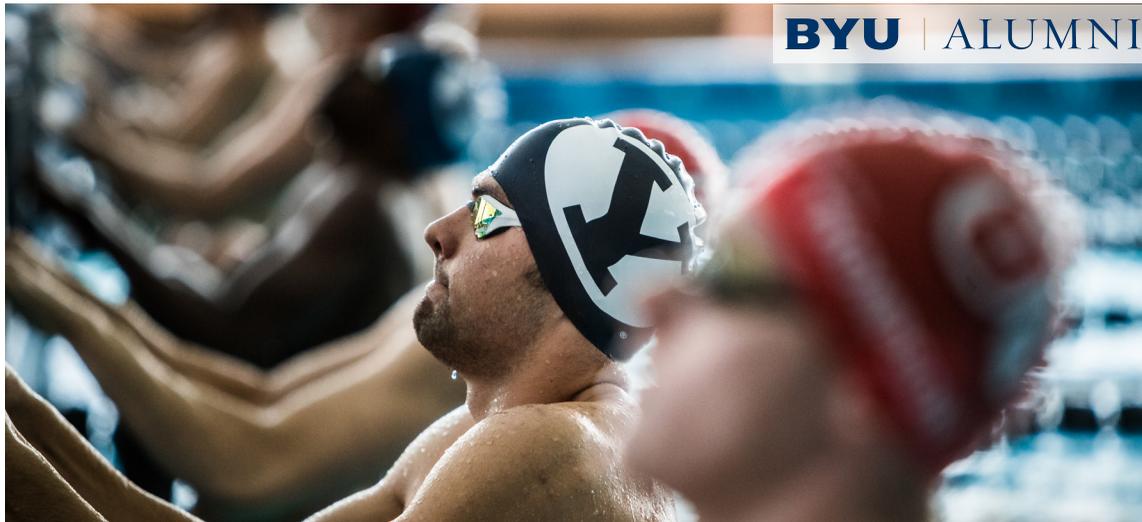




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## 2017 – 2018 SWIM & DIVE REVIEW



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PROVO, Utah – Despite not having a home pool to train in, the BYU men and women swim and dive teams ended the season with 21 athletes named MPSF All-Conference and six athletes recording 11 new top-5 all-time BYU records.

### MEN'S SWIM AND DIVE

The men's BYU swim and dive team ended the season with 98 top-three finishes and 55 new personal records. They finished third at the MPSF Championships as Preston Jenkins and Levi Jensen both broke school records.

Senior captain Jenkins led the team, becoming the 2017-18 MPSF Champion in the 200-yard freestyle, while breaking the school record with a time of 1:35.00. He recorded 17 top-three finishes, nine of which were first place, and posted four new personal best times. At the MPSF Championships, he also increased his own No. 3 all-time BYU record in the 200-yard IM (1:46.25) as well as his No. 5 all-time record in the 100-yard freestyle (43.41). After Jenkins' strong performance at the MPSF Championships, he was named First-Team All-MPSF in the 200-yard IM, 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle as well as Second Team in the 400-yard medley relay.

Freshman standout Brad Prolo was named MPSF Freshman Swimmer of the Year. He recorded nine top-three finishes and BYU's No. 2 all-time record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 54.30. At the MPSF Championships, Prolo placed second and recorded BYU's No. 4 all-time record in the 200-yard breaststroke. He was named First-Team All-MPSF in the 200-yard breaststroke and Second Team in the 200-yard IM and 100-yard breaststroke. Prolo will leave for two years to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ukraine.

In his first season back from his mission, diver Nathan Gonzales placed himself three times in BYU's all-time record book. The 2017-18 MPSF Champion on the 1-meter and 3-meter, Gonzales recorded BYU's No. 4 all-time record on the 1-meter (351.15), 3-meter (384.00) and platform (324.70). He was named the MPSF/TYR Male Athlete of the Week after finishing first in the 1-meter and 3-meter at his first meet back from his LDS mission. He finished the season with 12 top-three finishes, including five first-place wins. Gonzales qualified to compete at the Zone E Diving Championships on the 1-meter, 3-meter and platform where he placed sixth, 12th and 12th, respectively. At the end of the season, he was named First-Team All-MPSF in all three events.

Another 2017 LDS returned missionary, Levi Jensen ended the 2017-18 season breaking his own school record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 53.88 at the MPSF Championships. Throughout the season, he finished top-three five times and posted four new personal bests. Jensen was named First-Team All-MPSF in the 100-yard breaststroke as well as Second Team in the 200-yard breaststroke and 400-yard medley relay.

In his final season at BYU, Matt Denkers recorded nine top-three finishes and qualified to compete in all three events at the Zone E Diving Championships. Denkers placed second in the 1-meter at the MPSF Championships and was named First Team All-MPSF on the 1-meter and Second Team on the 3-meter and platform. He was awarded the BYU Kimball Memorial Award for the highest cumulative GPA (3.91) of all BYU student-athletes with at least 70 credit hours completed.

The men's team had nine athletes named Academic All-MPSF, including Jenkins, Jensen and Denkers.

## WOMEN'S SWIM AND DIVE

The women's swim and dive team placed fourth at the MPSF Championships. The team totalled 67 top-three finishes and 34 new personal records.

Haley Bertoldo ended her junior season with BYU earning a new personal best, BYU's No. 3 all-time record and second place in the 200-yard backstroke at the MPSF Championships. Throughout the season, she recorded eight top-three finishes and three personal bests. After her performance at the MPSF Championships, she was named First-Team All-MPSF in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke.

Freshman newcomer Elizabeth Holmes had an immediate impact on the team. At her first meet for BYU, she recorded first place on the 3-meter and second on the 1-meter. Throughout the season, she had nine top-three finishes as well as qualified for the Zone E Championships

on the 1-meter. She finished third on the 1-meter at the MPSF Championships and was named First-Team All-MPSF on the 1-meter and Second Team on the 3-meter.

Kelly Hatanaka, a junior from Colorado, was named the MPSF/TYR Female Athlete of the Week after she finished second in the 200-yard backstroke, 200-yard IM and 400-yard IM at the Intermountain Shootout. She was named Second-Team All-MPSF in the 200-yard IM, 400-yard IM and 200-yard while finishing the season with eight top-three finishes and three new personal bests.

Morgan Mellow finished her sophomore season with three top-three finishes and qualified to compete at the Zone E Diving Championships. At the MPSF Championships, she recorded a new personal best and claimed BYU's No. 3 all-time record on platform. She was named Second-Team All-MPSF on the 1-meter and platform.

Seven athletes on the women's team were named Academic All-MPSF including, Bertoldo, Hatanaka and Mellow.



*Junior, Ellie Brinton*

## TEAM ALUMNI FUNDRAISING EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

In the Fall 2017 issue of our BYU Swim & Dive Newsletter, we announced the construction of a new pool for the Richards building, a well overdue upgrade. While substantially all of the construction costs for the new pool would be borne by the University, a new video and records board would not be. Believing in the need for updated equipment, Coach Brooks asked us, the alumni, if we could help out... to the tune of \$55,000!

Accepting this invitation, a small group of team alumni emailed, phoned, cajoled, and perhaps pestered(!) many of their former teammates for their support. Many of our alumni rose to the occasion and contributed. From the smallest to the largest donations, each donation was equally appreciated.

Now, six months later, we should all be proud of the fact that we significantly overachieved! Our help **amounted to \$72,000!**

I want to personally thank that "small group of team alumni" for their help in driving these efforts, as well as every person that donated, no matter the amount. This new facility will benefit future teams, and our new video and records boards will add to the "ahh factor" that captures everyone's attention at a swim meet.

Come see for yourself at the reunion on Sep.7-8, 2018!

*David White*



With the new design, BYU gains a facility that is almost 50-percent larger in water capacity and allows for much greater flexibility.

## SAVE THE DATE

You and a guest are invited to the  
**Swim & Dive  
Alumni Reunion!**

**September 7-8, 2018**

The reunion will include the annual alumni meet (in the new pool) Friday afternoon, September 7th. That evening, a dinner banquet will be held on campus at the Conference Center, including keynote speaker, *Rowdy Gaines*. Saturday morning will include an activity, with the BYU vs. CAL football game later that evening.

Register by **August 24<sup>th</sup>** here:

[byuswim2018.eventbrite.com](http://byuswim2018.eventbrite.com)

or call **801-422-2164**

We hope you can join us!

## ROWDY GAINES

The voice of American swimming, Rowdy Gaines will be commentating for NBC at his eighth Olympic Games in 2020. He is an accomplished swimmer, having won the 1980 and 1981 NCAA Championship in the 100 and 200 Freestyle swimming events. Rowdy is also a two-time Olympian, earning three gold medals in 1984. He was inducted into the the US Olympic Hall of Fame in 2005. Now, Rowdy is one of the top ambassadors for the sport of swimming through his work with the YMCA and service as a spokesperson for the USA Swimming Foundation. Rowdy and his wife, Judy, have four daughters (one attended BYU) and three granddaughters.



## NEW RECRUITS

PROVO, Utah – BYU head swim and dive coach John Brooks today announced the scholarship recruits for the 2018-2019 season.

“Overall, I feel like it’s a good quality group of recruits we have coming in to help us with our brand new pool,” BYU head coach John Brooks said. “Our women’s team has had some ups and downs with people going on missions and now we have a solid incoming freshman class that will make an impact as soon as they get here. Also, having someone like Josue Domingues coming from the Dominican Republic, who was ranked before he left on his mission, is going to be a great addition to our team.”

The 2018-2019 scholarship athletes for the swim and dive team include six male swimmers and five female swimmer with one female diver. The 12 new recruits include four from Utah, two from Nevada and individuals from Arizona, Kansas, Washington, Wisconsin, the Dominican Republic and Spain. The team will also add six returning missionaries to the roster for the upcoming season.

### MEN

**Josue Domingues** is from Santiago, Dominican Republic, and specializes in the breaststroke. Domingues currently holds the Dominican Republic records in the 50-yard breaststroke, 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard breaststroke. He recently returned from a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Mexico, where he served in the Pueblo South Mission.

**Tamaalelagi Tuitama** attends Legacy High School in Las Vegas and swims for Team Rebel Aquatics. Tuitama, a versatile athlete, swims mainly breaststroke, IM and backstroke. In the 2017 Nevada D1 State Championships, he placed second in the 200-yard IM and 100-yard breaststroke. In December, he took first in the 200-yard IM at the Speedo Winter Junior Championships-West. He recently competed in the TYR Pro Swim Series-Mesa against Olympians Chase Kalisz and Josh Prenot in the 400-meter IM and took seventh. He also has qualified for the 2018 Junior Nationals.

**Josh Ries**, from Highland, Utah, attends Lone Peak High School and swims for the Hilltop Aquatic Swim Team. He is the 2018 Utah 5A State Champion in the 100-yard freestyle, 50-yard backstroke and 100-yard backstroke. He recently competed at the TYR Pro Swim Series-Mesa against Olympian Matt Greves in the 50-yard back and placed eighth. He has also qualified for the 2018 Junior Nationals.

**Javier Nicolas Matta** is from Madrid, Spain, and competes for Club Deportivo Gredos San Diego. He specializes in

the butterfly and IM and currently has times that qualify as Spain Olympic trial cuts.

**Tarrin Fisher** attends Washburn Rural High School in Topeka, Kansas. He swims for Topeka Swim Association and specializes in the breaststroke and IM. Fisher is the 2018 Kansas Boys 6A State Champion in the 100-yard breaststroke. He also took second in the 200-yard IM.

**Jared Shaw** is a transfer from Sahuarita, Arizona. He attended Saint Augustine High School and currently swims for the Sahuartia Stingrays. He placed first in the 100-yard freestyle at the 2017 AZ Short Course Senior Open Championships and placed fourth at the 2018 Speedo Four Corners Sectional Championships in the 50-yard freestyle.

### WOMEN

**Gwen Gustagson** is from Brookfield, Wisconsin, and attends Brookfield Central High School. She swims for Elmbrook Swim Club and is a sprint freestyler and breaststroker. She took second in the 50-yard freestyle at the Wisconsin Swimming 13 & Over State SCY Championships and the WIAA Girls D1 State Championships. She recently competed at the NCSA Spring Junior National Championships and has qualified for the 2018 Junior Nationals.

**Fanetupou Wolfgramm** is from West Valley, Utah, and attends West High School. She swims for the Salt Lake Swim Legends and mainly swims backstroke, freestyle and butterfly. She competed at the Utah Swimming Senior State Championships and took second in the 50-yard freestyle. She is the 2017 Utah 5A state champion in the 50-yard freestyle and took second in the 100-yard backstroke.

**Megan Brimhall** swims for the Cache Valley Marlins and attends Skyview High School. Brimhall from Hyde Park, Utah, recently took second in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle at the 2018 Utah 4A State Championships.

**Makayla Cazier** is from Spanish Fork, Utah, and attends Maple Mountain High School. She swims for the Utah Valley Rays and committed to BYU when she was a junior in high school. She is the 2018 Utah 4A State Champion in the 500-yard freestyle and placed second in the 200-yard IM. She also has qualified for the 2018 Junior Nationals.

**Brynn Sproul** attends Del Sol High School in Las Vegas and swims for Team Rebel Aquatics. She specializes in the backstroke and took first in the 200-yard backstroke and second in the 100-yard backstroke at the Nevada State Short Course meet. She also qualified for 2018 Junior Nationals.

**Kennedy Cribbs** is a diver from Sammamish, Washington, and attends Eastlake High School. At the 2017 WIAA 4A Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships she placed first on the 1-meter. At the Utah Diving Club Winter Invite, Cribbs placed first on both the 1-meter and 3-meter for the 16-18 age group. She will compete at the 2018 USA Diving Junior Region 10 Championships at the end of April.

### Returning Missionaries

BYU will also add six returning LDS missionaries to its 2018-2019 roster. Kaela Call (Korea Seoul Mission) and Brenna Dickson (Texas San Antonio Mission) have already returned. This summer Ryan Sorensen (Liberia Monrovia Mission), Connor Stirling (Mexico Puebla North Mission), Brayden Murphy (Paraguay Asuncion North Mission) and Connor Anderson (Florida Ft. Lauderdale Mission) will all return and join the team.

### Departing Missionaries

Five swimmers on the current roster have been called on LDS missions, including Brad Prolo (Ukraine Kyiv Mission), Josh Skabelund (Samoa Apia Mission), Christopher Pierce (Ukraine Dnepropetrovsk Mission), Carter Flint (Oklahoma Oklahoma City Mission) and Brigham Harrison (Brazil Recife mission).



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Congratulations to Tamber McAllister, who has accepted the position of women's swim coach at *Dixie State University* in St. George, UT.

Thanks, Tamber, for your help with our newsletters!

Chris