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Dr. Bob Pearson

1989-2010 Macalester College - Head Coach Men & Women

2010-2012 University of Minnesota - Aquatics Director

2013-2016 Long Island University Post - Head Coach Women



Bob Pearson was at the helm of Macalester's Swimming and Diving program for 22 years. Under his leadership his teams demonstrated steady improvement and success. The Macalester teams recorded 168 school records while garnering 69 All-Conference and 21 All-America selections during Bob's tenure. He was a five-time MIAC Coach of the Year, and his teams achieved CSCAA All-Academic honors every year, including several top GPA recognitions within Division III.

Pearson has had a major impact on the future of college swimming. He served on the Board of Directors for the College Swimming Coaches Association of America for 25 years: 12 as the Division III Rep and 13 as the Sargent at Arms. He also served as a member of the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee (Chair from 2005-07), and is a long-time member of the Minnesota Swimming Board of Directors.

Bob hosted the NCAA Division III Swimming & Diving Championships for Men in 1999, the first combined Men's and Women's Championship in 2009 at the University of Minnesota and the Division I Men's in 2013. He has been a featured speaker at many local, regional and national coaches' clinics and swim camps.

In May 2006, Pearson was presented the Richard E. Steadman Award by the CSCAA.

Brian Bishop

1989-2018 The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) - Head Coach Men



Brian Bishop's tenure as head coach of the TCNJ Lions spans parts of four decades. Originally hired as the Aquatics Director in 1987, the Lions started a club team and asked Bishop to coach. The club turned into a Varsity program in the 1989-90 academic year with Brian at the helm and it quickly took off. Over his 29 years leading the program he amassed 232 career dual meet wins, a combined 24 MET or NJAC Team Titles and finished in the Top 20 at the NCAA Championships 23 times; seven times cracking the Top 10.

At the NCAA Championships, Bishop saw a Lion touch the wall ahead of the country six times, twice in individual events (Matt Stoll and Steve Swenson) and four times in freestyle relays, most recently the 400 Freestyle Relay that concluded the 2015 NCAA Championships. He also coached Aruba's Davy Bisslik to the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

Brian's accomplishments on the pool deck were recognized by TCNJ, where he twice earned the Roy Van Ness Award for his service and leadership to the College. Regionally, he was named the MET or NJAC Coach of the Year 21 times, and was also voted the Men's NCAA Division III Coach of the Year in 2015. Brian served as President of the MET Conference for six years and as Aruba's coach at their 2004 World Cup stop in Stockholm, as well as an advisor to their Olympic Committee.

Carrie Hefte

1981 Hamline University - Fergus Falls, MN

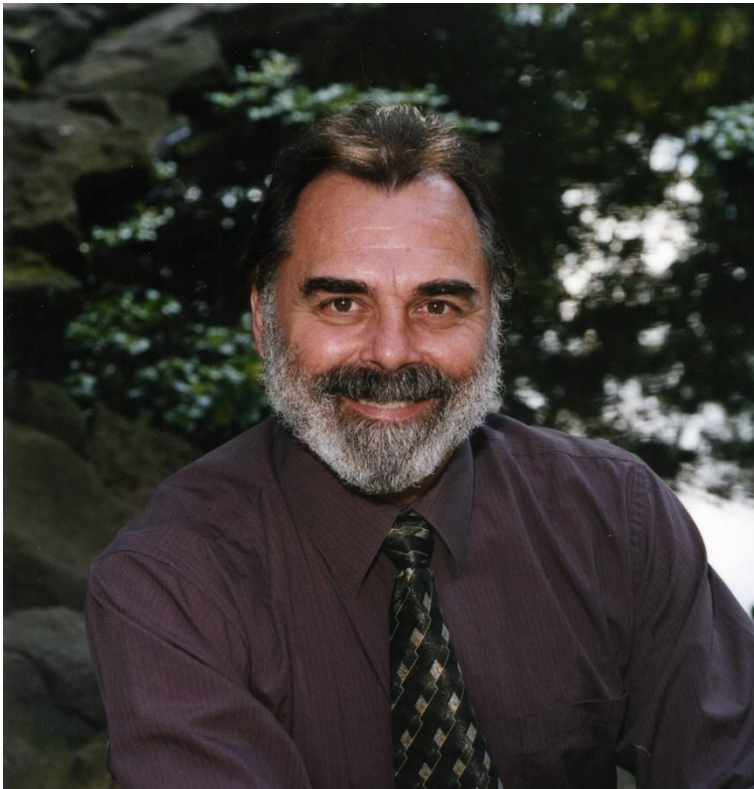


A talented Sprint and Individual Medley specialist, Carrie Hefte was an integral member of Hamline University's 1980 and 1981 AIAW National Championship teams. Winning the 50 Butterfly and 200 Individual Medley her junior year, she also captured the 50 Butterfly title as a senior in 1981. She earned 24 All-America honors in the 50 Freestyle, 50 Butterfly, 50 and 100 Backstroke and 200 Individual Medley events during her career. Carrie also anchored Hamline's 1979 AIAW National Champion 200 Freestyle Relay

- **National Titles:** 1980: 50 Butterfly 26.41 record; 200 individual medley 2:11.46 record, 1981: 50 butterfly 26.81
- **Other:** Hefte was inducted into her Fergus Falls (MN) High School Hall of Fame in 2004. In 1981, she was one of the first women to split under a 24.00 (23.79) when Hamline finished as runner up in the 200 Free Relay.

Dr. David Belowich

1996-2007 Carnegie Mellon University - Head Coach Men & Women



Dave Belowich's 24-year collegiate coaching career included 11 years at Carnegie Mellon University where he was named the 2004 NCAA Division III Men's Coach of the Year following the program's third-place finish at that Championship.

As leader of the Tartans, Belowich coached six National Champions and mentored the Men's program to five consecutive Top Eight finishes on the National stage: third in 2004, fourth in 2003 and 2002, sixth in 2005, and eighth in 2001. He coached 23 men to 53 individual All-America honors and 31 relay teams (which included his son, Sean) to All-America finishes. In 2005 his Women's team placed 25th at the National meet, and during his coaching tenure six women earned 17 All-America honors across six events. Additionally, Belowich and his staff were named the University Athletic Association (UAA) Men's Coaching Staff of the Year four times.

Doug Jones

1983 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College - Louisville, CO



Doug Jones entered Claremont McKenna College in the fall of 1981 and immediately had a major impact on the CMS swim team. He led the Division III Top Times list in several events throughout his first season, and then set three National Records at the 1982 NCAA Championship meet - while leading the Stags to a fourth place team finish. In 1983 he repeated as National Champion in three events and re-set his records in the 500 Freestyle, 100 and 200 Backstrokes as well as swimming on the record setting 400 Freestyle Relay.

Jones also won six individual SCIAC titles in Conference-record times, while contributing to the streak of 12 straight League Championships for the Stags. When Doug graduated, he held eight program records, including individual marks in the 100 and 200 Back, 100, 200, and 500 Free. He also held CMS and SCIAC records in the 400 and 800 Free relays & 400 Medley relay. He was the CMS MVP in 1983.

- **National Titles:** 1982: 500 Freestyle 4:33.68 record, 100 Backstroke 52.04 record, 200 Backstroke 1:52.00 record, 1983: 500 Freestyle 4:32.65 record, 100 Backstroke 51.43 record, 200 Backstroke 1:51.06 record.
- **Other:** 7x NCAA Individual and Relay Champion, 2x SCIAC Swimmer of the Year, NCAA Division III 2nd and 4th place Team finishes.

Beth Peterson

1983 Hamline University - Clear Lake, MN



Beth Peterson was a key member of Hamline University's two AIAW National Championship teams in 1981 and 1982 after making All-American in three events her 1980 Frosh year at UW-River Falls. Beth won three individual titles for Hamline at the 1982 meet, setting National Records in 50 and 100 Butterfly. She followed this up by setting two more records at the 1983 Women's NCAA Division III Championships. Peterson was key to Hamline's runner up team standing that year and finished her career with 17 All-America performances in the 50, 100, and 200 Freestyles and the 50 and 100 Butterfly events.

- **National Titles:** 1982: 50 Butterfly 26.63 record, 100 Butterfly 59.35 record, 200 Freestyle 1:56.79/1983: 200 Freestyle 1:55.25 record, 100 Butterfly 59.09 record.
- **Other:** In 1983 Peterson was named CSCAA Co-Swimmer of the year.

Howard Seidman

1984 Alfred University - Alfred, NY

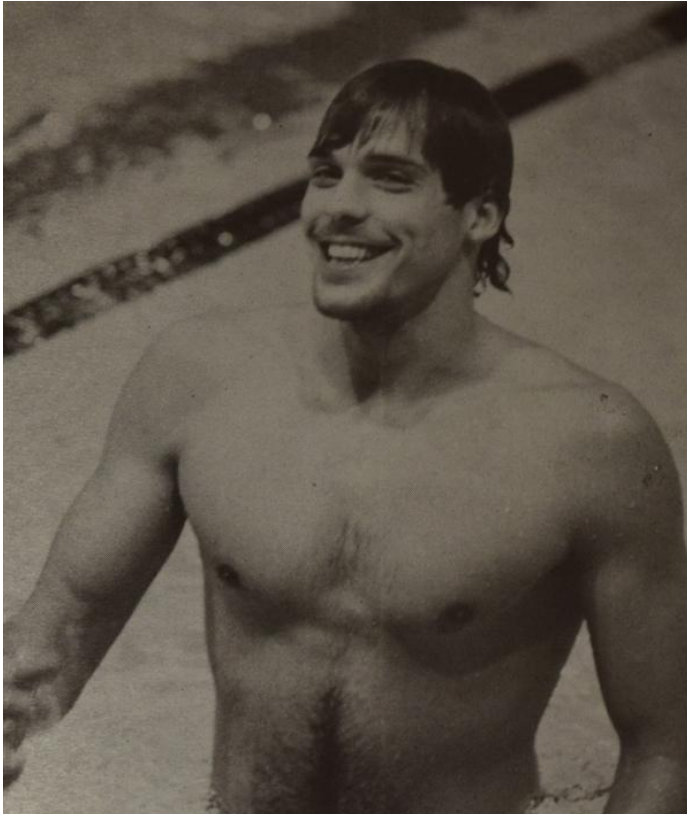


With six NCAA Division III National Titles and 4 National Records in the Breaststroke events, Howard Seidman established himself as the premier breaststroker of his era. Howard graduated from Alfred University as the most decorated student-athlete in Saxon sport history as an 8 time All American.. Seidman was undefeated in the breaststroke races in his sophomore, junior and senior season! He still holds the Alfred University breaststroke records that were set in 1984, the same year he qualified for the USA Olympic Trials.

- **National Titles:** 1982: 100 Breaststroke, 57.88; 200 Breaststroke, 2:05.33/1983: 100 Breaststroke, 56.97 record; 200 Breaststroke, 2:03.48 record/1984: 100 Breaststroke, 56.12 record; 200 Breaststroke, 2:01.33 record

Joseph Gentile

1986 William Paterson University - Plainfield, NJ



Joe Gentile is the most decorated swimmer ever on the William Patterson Men's team. He won five NCAA Division III Titles, was a thirteen-time All-American, and set one Division III record during his career. Among his many accomplishments, Gentile was the first and only Division III swimmer to win the 50, 100 and 200 Freestyle events at a single NCAA Championships. Because of his outstanding Conference performances, he was named the New Jersey Athletic Conference Male Student-Athlete of the Decade for the 1980s.

- **National Titles:** 1982: 50 Free, 20.88, 100 Free, 45.57 record, 200 Free, 1:41.60/1983: 50 Free, 20.78/1985: 200 Freestyle 1:40.05.

Kate Lundsten

1982 Hamline University - Minnetonka, MN



As a member of powerhouse Hamline University, Kate Lundsten helped lead her team to three AIAW National Championships in 1980, 1981 and 1982. Kate was a three time National Champion and earned All-American honors 24 times in the 100, 200 and 500 Freestyle events as well as the 50, 100, and 200 Backstrokes during her four year career.

- **National Titles:** 1981: 200 Backstroke 2:07.83 record/1982: 100 Backstroke 1:01.15, 200 Backstroke 2:12.03
- **Other:** Anchored Hamline's Championship record setting relays: the 400 Freestyle Relay in 1979 and 800 Freestyle Relay in 1982. Since completing her competitive career, Lundsten has become one of the most successful Club swimming coaches in the country. She has served as a member of the USA Swimming Junior National, and National coaching staffs, including serving as the head coach of the 2017 World Junior Championships Team. In addition to coaching a gold medalist, she is a sought-after swim clinician and speaker.

Kim Eckrich Oster

1985 Williams College - Ross, CA



From 1982 to 1985, Kim Eckrich was the swimmer to beat! In 1982 at the inaugural NCAA Division III National Championships, she became the first woman to win 5 individual events, setting five individual National Records and two Relay National records. A 17 time All-American, Eckrich accumulated 10 individual National titles and 7 relay titles: still the most ever by any Williams College swimmer or diver. Kim won 14 New England titles and set almost as many Meet Records. She was the Championship Meet High Point winner in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985, where she was also awarded the prestigious Kay Frommer Award awarded to the senior who accumulated the most points in her four year career. She was featured in Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd in 1982.

- **National Titles:** 1982: 50 Breast 31.09, 100 Breast 106.90, 200 Breast 2:26.05, 100 IM 1:01.00, 200 IM 2:11.12 all National Records/1983: 50 Breast 31.14, 100 Breast 1:08.70 and 200 Breast 2:27.36/1984: 100 Breast 1:06.92 and 200 Breast 2:26.44
- **Other:** Four time event Champion in the 100 and 200 Breaststroke. Four time 200 Medley Relay Champion and Record each year. Three time 400 Medley Relay Champion and Record each year.

Lissa McGrath Millett

1983 Bowdoin College - Marblehead, MA



Lissa McGrath quickly established herself as one of the premier New England swimmers when she entered Bowdoin College in 1979, quickly showing her talents in the NEWISDA Championship Meet. In 1980 she won the High Point Award her freshman season, repeated this feat in 1982 and 1983 alongside fellow inductee Kim Eckrich. In 1983 Lissa was awarded the Kay Frommer Award presented to the senior who scored the most points in her collegiate career. At the 1980 AIAW National Championships, she won the title in the 400 Individual Medley while also earning All-American recognition in the 100 and 500 Freestyles and the 100 Individual Medley. In 1982 and 1983 she captured titles in the 400 and 200 Individual Medleys while setting the 200 National record in 1983. All told, she earned All-American recognition 15 times.

- **National Titles:** 1980: 400 IM 4:39.40 record/1982: 400 IM 4:42.69/1983: 200 IM 2:10.95 record
- **Other:** Lissa won 11 NEWISDA titles. In her career she set 20 Bowdoin College records and was awarded the College's Lucien Howe Prize given to the senior demonstrating the 'highest qualities of conduct and character'.

Mark C. Horning

1975 Johns Hopkins University - Natrona Heights, PA



As a Johns Hopkins University senior, Mark became the first triple winner in NCAA Division III history, winning the 100 Butterfly, 200 Butterfly and 200 Individual Medley at the Inaugural 1975 Championships held at Allegheny College. No stranger to NCAA titles, Mark won the 100 Backstroke at the 1973 NCAA College Division Championships and finished as runner-up in that same event in 1972 and 1974 Championships. Mark's senior year performance was one of an outstanding level of improvement. A Championship Finalist in the 200 Individual Medley in his previous National meets, he dropped a full three seconds in that event in his senior year to win his first of the three NCAA Division III titles.

During his four years at JHU he led the Blue Jays to four Top Ten team finishes at the National Championships, culminating with a runner-up team finish in 1975. Additionally, Mark was a nine time Mid Atlantic Conference Champion, and he led his team to four straight MAC Team Championships. In 1997 he was inducted into the Johns Hopkins University Athletic Hall of Fame

- **National Titles:** 1973: 100 yard Backstroke 54.63, 1975: 100 yard Butterfly 51.23 record, 200 yard Butterfly 1:57.59 record, 200 yard Individual Medley 1:58.61 record.
- **Other:** First NCAA Division III Triple Winner and first CSCAA Division III Men's Swimmer of the Year.

Marty Knight

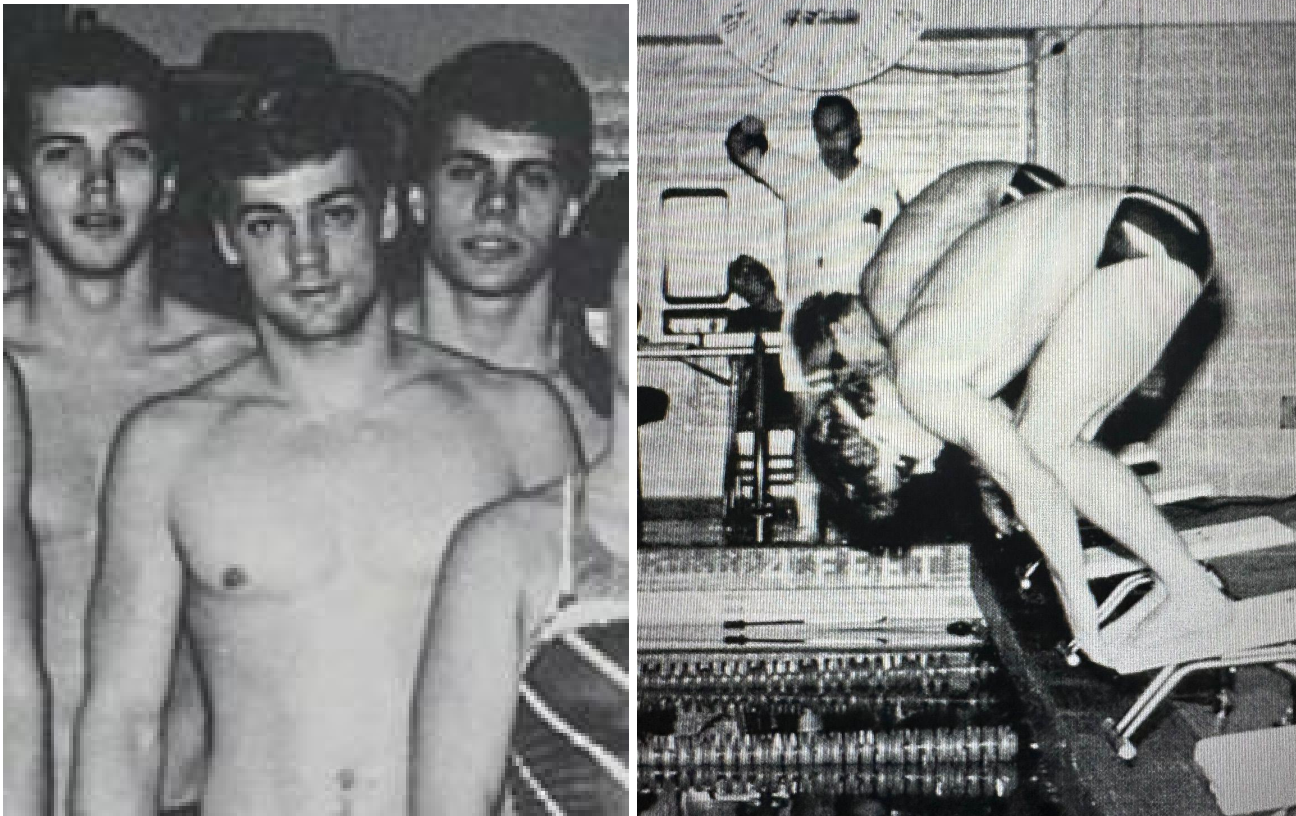
1973-1990 Hamline University - Head Coach Men & Women



Marty Knight led Hamline University to three consecutive Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Team Championship Titles in 1980, 1981 and 1982. Hamline then moved to the NCAA Division III Championship Meet, and his Women's team finished as National runners-up in 1983, and Marty was named the CSCAA Women's Division III Coach of the Year. The Pipers repeated their second-place finish in 1984. Over Knight's career, his Women's team finished in the Top Ten 10 times, including 9 in the top 4, and his Men's team finished seventh in 1979. At the Conference level, the men were MIAC Champions 5 times and the women 4 times. Knight mentored countless All-Americans, 5 to AIAW National Titles, including 6 National Records, and 4 to NCAA Titles, 1 in National Record time.

Michael Leonhardt

1984 Johns Hopkins University - Glen View, IL



As a freshman at the 1981 NCAA Division III Championships, Mike Leonhardt established his legacy on the National level winning the 500 and 1650 Freestyles. Overall, Leonhardt won three individual NCAA Titles while earning All-America Individual and Relay honors 22 times. He led the Blue Jays to four straight Top-Five finishes at the NCAA Division III Championships. As a junior he repeated as the 1650 champion, and Mike counts 11 individual event top six finishes among his accomplishments at the National Championships. He was a Six-time Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Champion (200 Free-1983, 1984; 500 Free-1983, 1984; 1650 Free-1984; 400 Free Relay-1984) for Johns Hopkins University.

- **National Titles:** 1981: 500 yard Freestyle 4:35.66, 1650 yard Freestyle 16:00.68/1983: 1650 yard Freestyle 16:04.32.
- **Other:** Set the Johns Hopkins record in the 200 Free (1:41.49) with a third-place finish at the 1984 NCAA Championship. That record stood for nearly two decades. Inducted into the Johns Hopkins University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

Michael Rawleigh

1985-2019 Gettysburg College - Head Coach Men & Women



Mike Rawleigh is the winningest coach in Gettysburg Swimming and Diving history. During his 34 year tenure, the Bullets amassed 42 Team Titles across the Centennial and Mid Atlantic Conferences, this is 25% of Gettysburg Athletics total team titles among all sports.

Gettysburg Men and Women earned 118 All-America honors, highlighted by 2 National Championship Titles by Lynne Cassidy in the 500 Freestyle in 1990 and 1991. The Gettysburg men earned Top 15 NCAA finishes four times.

Rawleigh's athletes won 334 Centennial Conference Championship Titles, and these titles and his team finishes earned Mike six Conference Coach of Year awards.

In 2020, he was inducted into the Gettysburg Hall of Athletic Honor, and he was also honored as the CSCAA Dick Steadman award recipient.

Nick Nichols

1982 St. Lawrence University - Pittsford, NY



Nick Nichols was a dominant force on an incredibly successful St. Lawrence Team in the early 1980s. Over the course of three years, Nick won five individual NCAA Titles in Backstroke and Individual Medley, four in record time, earning individual and relay All-American honors each year. In 1980 and 1982, with Nichols leading the way, the St. Lawrence Saints finished third at the Men's NCAA Division III Championships. Over the course of his collegiate career, Nichols set three individual event school records and was a part of four school relay records.

- **National Titles:** 1980: 100 Backstroke 52.15 record: 200 Backstroke 1:55.12 record, 200 Individual Medley 1:55.63 record/1981: 100 Backstroke 52.67/1982: 200 Individual Medley 1:55.31 record
- **Other:** In 1980 Nick swam a leg of their winning 400 free relay and led off the 3rd place 400 Medley Relay. In 1980 he won the 100 backstroke by over a second and a half.

Peggy Carl

1983-1990 Carleton College - Head Coach Women

1990-2008 Occidental College - Head Coach Men & Women

2008 - Present Beloit College, Salem State University, Earlham College & Mansfield University, Athletic Administrator



During her twenty-five-year tenure as a collegiate swimming coach, Peggy Carl enjoyed considerable success. She began her career in 1983 as the Head Women's Swimming Coach at Carleton College. In 1990 she assumed the role of Head Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Coach at Occidental College and remains the winningest swimming coach in Oxy's history. Her teams were represented at the NCAA Division III Championships 20 of her 25 years, and collected 24 All-American honors including two NCAA individual Championship Titles. Carl's teams earned CSCAA All-Academic honors every year she coached. In 2008 Carl stepped down as Head's Men's and Women's Head Coach at Occidental and assumed the role of Director of Athletics at Beloit College. Since leaving the pool deck, she has held athletic administrator roles at Beloit College, Salem State University, Earlham College and Mansfield University.

Peggy has served the NCAA well over the years, including three terms of service on the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships Committee between 2001-2018 (Chair in 2003-2005). Additionally, she Co-Hosted NCAA Division III Swimming & Diving Championships in 2010 and 2011 and has served as the Co-Meet Coordinator for the past 15 years.

She was the recipient of the CSCAA Certificate of Excellence multiple times as well as receiving the CSCAA Distinguished Service Award (20 years).

Peter T.C. Smith

1985-1998 Emory University - Head Coach Men & Women

1998-2002 Wesleyan College - Director of Athletics

2002-2017 Kenyon College - Director of Athletics, Fitness and Recreation

2018-Present - US Council for Athletes Health, Associate



Peter Smith served as the Emory Eagles head coach for both the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams for 13 years. During his tenure, the Eagles sustained a very high level of success. Smith coached the Emory Women's team to six UAA Championship titles and the Men were runners-up in the UAA seven times. He coached a total of 143 All-American performances including 13 National Champion events. The Emory Women's team collected nine NCAA Division III Top Ten finishes and the Men finished ninth in 1991. Peter was named CSCAA Women's Division III Coach of the Year in 1992, and three of his student-athletes were the recipients of the prestigious NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship during his tenure.

Following his departure from coaching in 1998 he served as the Director of Athletics at Wesleyan College for four years and as the Director of Athletics, Fitness and Recreation at Kenyon College for 15 years. Smith retired from Kenyon in 2017 and assumed a position with the U.S. Council for Athletes Health. He was inducted into the Emory Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

Peter Solomon

1993-1997 Amherst College - Head Coach Men & Women

1997-2011 Middlebury College - Head Coach Men & Women

2012-2023 Wesleyan University - Head Coach Men & Women



Coaching in the NESCAC Conference at three different schools-Amherst College (1993-1997), Middlebury College (1997-2011), and Wesleyan University (2012-2023), Peter Solomon garnered an amazing coaching legacy in his 34 year career. He was selected as the Conference Coach of the Year nine times while coaching at all three institutions: twice at Amherst, five times at Middlebury and twice while at Wesleyan.

Peter coached 64 NESCAC Champions, 60 NCAA Division III All-Americans, and five NCAA Division III National Champions while at Middlebury. In 2010, John Dillon was selected as the 2010 Men's Swimmer-of-the-Year after setting the NCAA Division III National record in the 200 Butterfly, while also capturing top honors in the 100 Butterfly. Overall, his Women's team placed in the Top Ten six times and his Men four times. Both Men and Women were the NESCAC runner-up many seasons, and his Men finally dethroned perennial NESCAC Champion Williams College and won the title in 2002. Solomon served on the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Rules Committee from 2015-2020.

On a personal note, Solomon hiked the Appalachian Trail in 1995 and in 2011 he biked across the country to celebrate his 50th birthday.

Susan Brings

1985 Hamline University - Roseville, MN



At a time when the Hamline Women were a force to be reckoned with, Susan Brings earned a total of three National Titles and All-America honors 20 times. In 1982 she set a National Record in the 200 Breaststroke and the 400 Individual Medley, and in 1983 she finished at the top of the field in the 400 Individual Medley, again setting a National Record. Her top 8 placements also earned her honors in the 100 Breaststroke as well as the 100, 200, and 400 Individual Medleys during her career.

- **National Titles:** 1982: 200 breaststroke 2:27.58 record, 400 Individual Medley 4:38.30 record/
1983: 400 Individual Medley 4:37.13 Record
- **Other:** The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honored Brings as a Title IX Trailblazer in 2022.

Tom Harrison

1986 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College - Tustin, CA



Tom Harrison was a six-time NCAA Division III National Champion, and a four-year All-American in 23 individual and relay events during his career for the Stags. At the 1983 NCAA Meet he won both the 200 and 400 Individual Medleys and the 200 Butterfly all in record times, bettering the existing National records by a combined 13 seconds. Tom was a 1984 NCAA Division I qualifier and Olympic Trials qualifier in the 400 Individual Medley.

The CMS team during Harrison's career finished with four second place NCAA team finishes and four SCIAC Team Championships.

- **National Titles:** 1983: 200 yard Butterfly 1:51.42 record, 200 yard Individual Medley 1:51.39 record, 400 Individual Medley 3:56.68 record/1984: 400 Individual Medley 3:57.78/1985: 200 Individual Medley 1:51.00 record, 400 Individual Medley 3:59.96.
- **Other:** Twelve time SCIAC individual champion with five SCIAC Meet records. Harrison held CMS & SCIAC records in the 200 and 400 Individual Medleys, 200 Butterfly, 500 Freestyle, 400 and 800 Freestyle Relays & 400 Medley Relays. He swam a leg of the CMS 400 Freestyle Relay which set the NCAA record in 1983.