

Women's Swimming & Diving

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COACH'S CORNER

Congratulations to **Linda Suhs Cleveland '89 who will be inducted into the Harvard Varsity Club Hall of Fame on Saturday, May 21. Linda was an All-American in 1987 and 1988 and until just recently, held the school record in both the 50 and 100 freestyles. Her name is still on the record board along with Janice Sweetser, Ann Hardy and Jill Hutchinson for the 400 Free Relay set at NCAAs in 1988.

****HWSD welcomes our Class of 2009**

Paola Duguet, Briarcliff Manor, New York

Courtney Francik, Cockeysville, Maryland

Kirsten Harper, Walnut Creek, California

Emiley Jellie, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Kelly Mooney, Lafayette, California

Linnea Sundberg, Taby, Sweden

Freshman **Beth Kolbe qualified for the US National Paralympic Team at a meet in Michigan in April. She then competed in a World Cup meet in England on May 14th and set three American Records: 50 Free, 100 Free and 50 Back. While the freestyle events were multi-disability, the 50 Back consisted of all swimmers in her S 3 classification and Beth earned a bronze medal in the event. **Jane Humphries** was instrumental in assisting with Beth's training this past year. Next goal: Beijing 2008.

****Summer competition:**

July 24-31—World Championships in Montreal, Canada: **Jackie Pangilinan (Philippines) and Paola Duguet (Colombia)**

August 3-7—US Nationals, Irvine, CA. Qualifiers: **Noelle Bassi, Michelle Bright, LeeAnn Chang, Jane Evans, Lindsay Hart, Bridget O'Connor, Jackie Pangilinan and Molly Ward**

August 11-17—World University Games in Istanbul, Turkey: **Emiley Jellie representing Canada and Harvard University.**

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In the Class Challenge, 2003 leads the way with 67% while 2001 and 1997 are almost at 50%. **Your \$25 or more could turn into \$10,000+ !!! Please help us win the HRFWA participation challenge.**

TEAM UPDATE

Dear Harvard Women's Swimming Alums,

We would like to start by introducing ourselves as the Co-Captain elects for the 2005-2006 season: Joanna Lee ('06) from Mississauga, Ontario and Jessica Davidson ('07) from Beverly, MA.

We are honored and extremely excited to be leading this phenomenal team next year! We hope to carry the momentum from an undefeated championship season and work toward achieving even higher goals. We strive to be one of the only nationally ranked, non-scholarship schools in the country by continuing to race top programs and qualifying even more swimmers for NCAA's. We also plan to continue branching out from the Ivy League in other ways. For example, we sent almost half our team to the ECAC Championships this year, placing third out of 30 teams. We plan on returning to ECAC's and aim to improve our finish next year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support! Winning an Ivy Championship means so much more when you represent such a distinguished group of women. We encourage you to come to our meets next year as we have many home contests. Furthermore, we would love to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact either one of us for any reason. We look forward to getting to know you.

Sincerely,
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ALUMNI UPDATE

The first Friends of Harvard Swimming and Diving Board Meeting convened on Saturday, May 14th. In attendance were Co-Chair Hilary Cruz-Abrams, RoAnn Costin, Pam Stone, Keith Miller, Steph Morawski, Tim Murphy and Connie Cervilla. Joining by

phone were Charlie Egan, Lars Reiersen and Dan Simkowitz. Many great ideas were shared as we plan to strengthen our Friends Group and re-connect alumni with their teammates and team experience. Other board members include Jeanne Downs, Dan Watson, Jeff Peltier and Co-Chair Steve Root. If you would like to offer your services in any way to the board, please contact Hilary at HSABRAMS@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on Friday, November 18th, 2005. HWSD takes on Columbia in New York at 3:00 PM (Men's meet at 7:00 PM). Following the meet, our team will be joining alumni, parents and friends for dinner.