

Women's Swimming & Diving

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COACH'S CORNER

With renovations on Blodgett Pool this summer, it has been quiet since the underclassmen finished final exams. Recruiting trips will bring us west as both US Nationals and Junior Nationals will be located in Irvine, CA in August.

At the Senior Letterwinners Dinner on June 8th, **Emily Stapleton won the Francis J. Tolland Service Award** for outstanding contribution to Harvard and its neighboring communities. Emily organized athletes to visit nursing homes and participated in tutoring programs in Allston/Brighton. The award was well deserved and Fran, who worked at Harvard for 41 years, was in attendance and proud of Emily's accomplishments. For more info, visit

<http://gocrimson.collegesports.com/genrel/060805aab.html>

The HRFWA PARTICIPATION CHALLENGE 2005 is still underway and donations for this fiscal year will be accepted through June 30th---but it does take a few days to process so if you do plan on donating, please do so by June 25th. www.gocrimson.com
Click on MAKE A GIFT.

****HRFWA Challenge 2006:** Begins on July 1. The first 20 women alum to donate \$1000 to their team will have the *money matched* by HRFWA (5 per team). Last year we received 4 out of 5 matches. If you are interested in helping us receive all 5 this year, please contact me at morawski@fas.harvard.edu

While support for our programs comes in many forms, we want to recognize those alumni and friends who financially contributed to Harvard Swimming and Diving! (gifts processed through June 8th):

Class of 1936: Thayer, Philip H., **Class of 1940:** Cutler, Eric, **Class of 1943:** Drucker, William R., **Class of 1945:** Pastel, Harvey; Smith, David W, **Class of 1949:** Johnson, Rogers Bruce **Class of 1950:** Weatherhead, Albert; Vera, Joseph Sequeira; Watkins, H. Norman; Briggs, Winslow; Brown, Shepard; Maegli, Juan; Woods, Thomas, **Class of 1951:** Bierrrie, Eric; Tobias, Paul **Class of 1954:** Egan, Charles; Jewell, Pliny, **Class of 1955:** Whatley, John; Edwards, John; Rapperport, Alan, **Class of 1956:** Kastin, Abba , **Class of 1957:** Clifton, Roger, **Class of 1958:** Buffington, Peter, **Class of 1959:** Gorman, Francis; Hammond, John Smith; Fox, John, **Class of 1960:** McCartney, Douglas, Reardon, John, **Class of 1962:** McJennett, John; Kaufmann, Robert, **Class of 1965:** Abramson, David; Seaton, Edward L. , **Class of 1967:** Corris, Robert B.; Scott, Wayne, **Class of 1973:** Roebuck, Richard Ramsay; Lawton, Robert, **Class of 1974:** Costin, RoAnn; Mitchell, Frederick, **Class of 1975:** Geronemus, Roy; Smith, Tom, **Class of 1977:** Wolf, Thomas; Wartel, Scott, **Class of 1978:** McCarron, Brian, **Class of 1980:** Scalise, Maura Costin; Wittenberg, Molly Munch; Schramm, Steve, **Class of 1981:** Elkins, Lorren R., **Class of 1982:** Ryan,

Pamela Stone; Royal, Thomas, **Class of 1983:** Phillips, Cynthia; Lockman, Andrew, **Class of 1984:** Josman, Catherine; Downs, Jeanne; Downs, Ben; Roberts, T. Courtney; Putterman, Dean; Meier, Anthony, **Class of 1985:** Milch Malamut, Catherine; Rival-Rosenberg, Anita, **Class of 1986:** McAllister, Kathryn Pfaltzgraff; Gilbert, Anne Wilson; Terrell, Kathleen; Reiersen, Lars Andreas; O'Rourke, James, **Class of 1987:** Murray, Nancy Covello ; Simkowitz, Daniel; Postel, Eric; Kornish, James, **Class of 1988:** Taber, Kelley Morgan; Barry-Smith, Lori; Peltier, Jeffrey; Bird, William, **Class of 1989:** Linaugh, Janice Sweetser; Cleveland, Linda Suhs; Healy, Patrick; Kaufman, Joseph, **Class of 1990:** Reiersen, Kaari; Ruperto, Stephanie Faro; Anderson, Nina; Colman, Jenny Meyer; Lin, Michael, **Class of 1991:** Ruppe, Mary D.; Tull, Greg, **Class of 1992:** Moyer, Jenny; Friedman, Ruth Tanenbaum; Morawski, Stephanie Wriede; Peterson, Thomas; Kovacs, Christopher; Bae, Don, **Class of 1993:** Wilson, Eva Romas; Kelley, Lynn; Root, Stephen; Hersh, Craig; Wagner, Ed, **Class of 1994:** Brough, Kelly; Corlette, Sabrina; Cregan, Christina; Ou, Richard, **Class of 1995:** Gilson, Valerie; Whitworth White, Elizabeth Kelty; Livingston, Brian; Carver, Tim, **Class of 1996:** Osterberg, Richard B. **Class of 1997:** Cruz-Abrams, Hilary; Cruz-Abrams, Carlos; Makunas, Jennifer Swarsen; DeRoberts, Susan; Baldino, Emily Colinari; Dryden, Sarah; Miller, Kara; Scheer, Karl, **Class of 1998:** Cornue, Matt; Marquardt, Jen; Mone, Greg, **Class of 1999:** Swain, Courtney; Deveney, Christen; Ludwick, Jocelyn; Biegluk, Marek; Sirringhaus, Denis, **Class of 2000:** Machorek, Susan B.; Leight, Adrienne S.; Olmos, Lisa C., **Class of 2001:** Chock, Pia; Shipley, Allison; Leehive, Kara; Peluse, Angela; Brown, Lillian; Backes, Danielle; Groves, Michael William; Shaw, Adam C. **Class of 2002:** Fabian, Lauren M.; McDougall, Janna; Iannacone Sarah; Lee, Catherine; Lorenz, Rebekah; Egan, Ryan, **Class of 2003:** Fraser, Anna; Humphries, Jane; McConnell, Christin; Walter, Jessica; Brunka, Susan; Hammond, Mary Ellen; Gustafsson, Lovisa; O'Beirne, Rachael; Cieslikiewicz, Jan; Persinger, John; Casey, Meaghan, **Class of 2004:** De Benedetto; Erica, Davies, Abigail, **Class of 2005:** Bates, Alli; Greco, Steph; Osmun, Anne; Stapleton, Emily; Ward, Molly

FRIENDS OF HARVARD SWIMMING AND DIVING: Beilman, Stephanie Walsh; McCabe, Alice; Corlette, Jane; Crowley, James; Humphries, Catherine; Mitchell, Pomona; O'Reilly, Kevin; Hastrup, William; Miller, Gail; Bowen, Bradley; Cromwell, Terry; Cutter, Bruce; Evans, John; Goettke, Richard; Hastrup, William; Koslosky, Cindy; Lawler, Jacqueline; Quinn, Kevin; Rathgeber, Susan; Riel-Loch, Brenda; Tannenbaum, William; Wollner, Maura; Pipitone, Patricia.

TEAM UPDATE

Congratulations to our Class of 2005!



Parting shot below. From left to right: Emily Stapleton, Steph Greco, Anne Osmun, Molly Ward and Alli Bates.

Alli Bates-MBI marketing firm in Connecticut

Steph Greco-attending Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway, NJ -hoping to specialize in a field of surgical oncology

Anne Osmun-Merrill Lynch (IBD Analyst) in NYC

Emily Stapleton-Looking for a position in government consulting in Washington, DC. If you have suggestions for Emily, please contact her at staplet@fas.harvard.edu

Molly Ward-Summer internship at the Rowland Institute in physical chemistry. Beginning in October, she will be in Strasbourg, France performing experimental research at ISIS within the field of Nanochemistry.

Senior Letterwinners Dinner Essays—Perspective by Emily Stapleton

4, 3, 2, 1: the ascendancy of our team to the top of the Ivy League as 2005 Champions was picture-perfect . . . almost. After Harvard Women's Swimming and Diving finished in 4th place in 2001, my team battled Brown for 3rd place my freshman year in 2002 and battled Yale for 2nd place my sophomore year in 2003. A powerful 2004 squad chased the completion of the 4-3-2-1, yet suffered a heartbreaking 1,361 – 1,344.5 loss to a long-standing Princeton dynasty my junior year in 2004. Having offered every ounce of energy and every bit of heart in that campaign, “disappointment” was an understatement. That experience, however heartbreaking, was a crucible that shaped our character and provided the contrast when Harvard finally prevailed this year with a flawless 10-0 dual meet record and dominant Championship performance.

As a senior captain, I am proud to have led my team to its victory along with my co-captains Anne Osmun and Molly Brethauer and fellow seniors Alli Bates, Steph Greco, and Molly Ward. However, I realize our success was made possible by the classes before us who taught us how to train together and laugh together; how to stay physically strong and mentally tough; how to lead in the pool and out of the pool. Most of all, they instilled in us passion and pride for Harvard Swimming and Diving and set for us the example of holding one another accountable and always believing in the team's capacity to be the best. Our will to fight, our persistence, and our acute sense of the importance of every single race or dive made the actualization of our team goal this year all the sweeter. Our perfect record was the first since 1989, and our Conference Championship win was the first since our coach, Stephanie Wriede Morawski, captained the team as a senior in 1992. Being able to give Steph her first Championship as coach of the team she once swam for—and pulling her into Princeton's pool with us after the meet—was especially rewarding.

Celebrating Harvard Men's Swimming & Diving's Eastern Conference Championship made February doubly exciting for both of our teams, and better still, our wins complemented phenomenal seasons by all of the 2004 - 2005 Harvard Athletics teams. I have had the privilege of watching nearly every member of the Class of 2005 compete in at least one of their athletic competitions over the past four years, and I never cease to be amazed by the talent, courage, intuition, skill, and teamwork I see in action from the people with whom I have also come to be friends across the river. Along with the memories I have created with my team, some of my best memories at Harvard will be those when I was a spectator cheering in the stands and believing with all my might that the Crimson would *win*. As Harvard Athletes, all of us have had the opportunity to achieve our potential and succeed with our teams while doing what we love. I doubt that

I speak only for myself when I say that I would not trade my experience as a Harvard Athlete for anything.

The six seniors always joke about our meeting with Steph in the fall of 2001 when she first told us about “the four-year process,” something we would hear again and again during our time here. Throughout the ups and downs, the 6 am practices, training trips, road trips, Eliot breakfasts and team dinners, we have forged bonds that can never be broken. The last two years before Ivies, we have read a short piece that asks us who we would choose to pull us to safety if we were clinging to a rope that was hanging from a 20,000 foot cliff. It asks us, “Who is going to let that rope burn in their hands and not let go? If you can name two people,” it says, “that’s not good enough.” It takes a team to win a championship, and that means every single woman must hold the rope. I know that I can say my 33 teammates on this year’s squad would hold the rope for me, just as I would for them. As long as future generations of HWSD swimmers vow to uphold the tradition and do the same, the spirit of this team and all those that have come before will remain a very real part of its legacy.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Hall of Fame Speech by Linda Suhs Cleveland ‘89

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I would like to thank the Harvard Varsity Club for this wonderful honor this evening. It is such a privilege to be inducted into the Hall of Fame with these other great athletes and all those who have preceded us. Swimming was such an important part of my life at Harvard and it continues to affect my life even today. I can honestly say without swimming at Harvard I would not be the person I am today. I am truly grateful that I had the opportunity to swim at Harvard.

Most importantly, I would like to thank my parents. They have both been so wonderful and supportive to me through all my swimming years. My dad, though very busy with work, came to many of my swim meets even traveling to Boston at least once a year to watch me swim. My dad kept a file of every time of every race I swam in. I loved going through that file because I knew he really cared about my swimming. My mom not only came to my meets but supplied the Harvard swim team with matching shorts or cookies on many occasions just to get us psyched for the “big meet”. She sent flowers or balloons for good luck. She always knew just what to say even when I didn’t swim the race I wanted to swim. She drove car pool for many years (I’m sure too many in her book!). It might not have seemed like she was a “swimming mom” because she didn’t write down all my times and splits but I discovered she didn’t need to. She knew them all by heart. I feel so blessed to have such amazing and encouraging parents.

I was a typical younger sibling. I wanted to do everything my brother and sister did. Rich and Amy swam on a swim team so I couldn’t wait until the fall I turned seven and my mom finally let me join the team. I looked up to both of them so much and wanted to be as good as them. My sister Amy, always was encouraging. I remember my first 200 meter IM when I was eight years old. Amy walked right along side me, on the deck, cheering me on as I took every stroke. I wanted to stop but didn’t because she was right there. Rich’s encouragement during my younger years came just by his continued winning and my desire to do whatever he did. In high school, Rich was the one that

convinced me I actually should apply to Harvard. Amy continued to be there for me at all hours of the night while I was at Harvard. She was always available for a midnight pep talk if I needed one. I owe so much of my swimming success to both Amy and Rich, for without them I am sure I wouldn't have stuck with it.

I would like to thank my two age group coaches, Irv Smith and especially Mike Schwartz. Irv had the patience to coach a wild bunch of ten and unders and Mike took over from there. Mike helped refine my strokes but also gave me the confidence to race, always telling me I could beat whomever it was that I was racing.

I certainly would not have been as successful without the wonderful guidance of Maura Costin Scalise. Maura believed in my abilities enough to recruit me as a senior in high school and I feel so lucky she did. While at Harvard, Maura not only was a wonderful coach but also a fine teacher. She pushed me as a swimmer. I can still so vividly hear her yelling, "Go NOW!" She took a bunch of girls that might not have seemed like much and developed us into Ivy League Champions. During my four years at I was part of a team that never lost an Ivy League dual meet. I was part of two teams that went to NCAA's with a top twenty finish. None of that would have been possible without Maura. She brought out the best swimming in all of us. I would like to thank Carole Landry, the assistant coach also. She was an inspiration to me. She was always quick with a joke and a smile when things got too intense for me.

I must also thank my fellow teammates. Wow! What a great group of swimmers. I feel like we came together so well each year as a team. It was an amazing time to be part of Harvard swimming.

Finally, I would like to thank Harvard and Harvard swimming for giving me three extremely important things in my life – my husband Bill Cleveland, and our two daughters, Alex and Hannah. It was at Blodgett pool that I met Bill. My life would not be complete without the three of them. Again, thank you for this wonderful honor and thank you Harvard for so many wonderful memories and opportunities. I will always be grateful.