

2026 SENIOR BIOS FOR ALL CLUBS

(Quick note: there are two swimmers, Jason Schuyler and Zoe Gardner, who did not register for Champs in time. Both indicated they wanted their bios read during breaststroke, events #35 and 36. As of Friday at 4pm, they still were not listed. If they show, figure out which heat, and read bio before that heat. Thanks)

BUTTERFLY

Chase Iken - Brookside (read during butterfly: event #11, heat 3 of 3)

Chase Iken attended Prospect High School, where he was captain of the swim and water polo teams. He has been on the Brookside Waves swim team for seven years and his favorite memory is when Cody fell onto their tent during the annual sleepover! This fall, Chase will be heading to Michigan State University to pursue a degree in business. Go Green!

Luke Sharp - Laurelwood (read during butterfly: event #11, heat 3 of 3)

Luke has been swimming for Laurelwood since he was 5 years old. Some of his favorite memories include ice cream pig-outs with the team, as well as winning Champs last year. In the fall, Luke will be studying Construction Management and Artificial Intelligence at the University of Washington. He will also be playing water polo for the school. Luke would like to thank the Laurelwood coaches and the Laurelwood community for 13 years of fun.

Megan O'Dell - Cupertino Hills (read during butterfly: event #12, heat 3 of 4)

Megan has been swimming for Cupertino Hills since she was five years old. Her favorite memories include battling for floaties at the starlight parties and feasting on champs award night desserts. She has also enjoyed coaching the new generation of sharks these past few years. In the fall she will be going to Lehigh University majoring in bioengineering.

Miya Sakurai - Cupertino Hills (read during butterfly: event #12, heat 3 of 4)

Miya has been swimming on Sharks for 6 years. Her favorite memories include playing poker at sharks team sleepovers, awards nights, and starlight parties. After high school she plans to attend Santa Clara University, double majoring in Public Health and Political Science on a Pre Law track. Outside of Sharks, she'd like to thank her family and friends for years of endless memories.

BACKSTROKE

Sam Baumert - Brookside (read during backstroke: event #23, heat 2 of 3)

Sam Baumert has been swimming for the Brookside Waves since he was five years old. His favorite memories include the legendary Brookside sleepovers and celebrating back-to-back Champs victories with his team. Outside of the pool, he enjoys playing lacrosse and hanging out with friends. This fall, Sam is heading to San Jose State University to major in Aviation Management.

Philina Stork - Fairbrae (Read during backstroke: event #24, heat 2 of 3)

Philina has been a Manta Rays swimmer since age 5 and treasures the friendships, swim meets, and coaching memories she's made. Watching her swimmers grow has been especially rewarding. Swimming also led her to play four years of high school water polo. A Fremont High graduate, she will attend UC Santa Barbara this fall to study Policy, Law, and Governance while continuing both sports.

BREASTSTROKE

Jason Schuyler - Brookside (possibly read during breaststroke: event #35: not listed in any heat, may/may-not show up, did not register in time)

Jason Schuyler has been swimming for the Brookside waves for 15 years. His favorite memories include meeting his best friends at Brookside and playing infection tag on the tennis courts. Jason graduated from Saint Francis and plans to attend UC Berkeley to study mechanical engineering. Jason is incredibly grateful for Brookside and he wishes the team luck in the coming years.

Matt Klinger - Brookside (read during breaststroke: event #35, heat 2 of 3)

Matt Klinger has been a Brookside Wave since he was four years old. His favorite memories include the swim team sleepover, Champs scavenger hunt and making his best friends. Matt graduated from Archbishop Mitty High school last year and returned to the Waves as an assistant coach for his final season. He is currently studying finance at the University of Tennessee. Go Vols!

Ryan Barnes - Brookside (read during breaststroke: event #35, heat 2 of 3)

Ryan Barnes joined Brookside Waves at 4 years old. He graduated from Archbishop Mitty High School with honors, where he played volleyball on the Varsity team for all 4 years. His favorite memories at Brookside are playing infection tag and the sleepover. Ryan would like to thank his coaches, friends and the Brookside family for all the great memories. In the fall, he will attend Stevens Institute of Technology, majoring in Business and playing volleyball. Go Waves!!

Jules Nagayama - Greenmeadow (read during breast: event #35, heat 3 of 3)

Jules became a Greenmeadow Marlin at seven years old. His favorite memories are breaking the 18U Medley relay record, inner tube water polo, and his Dad winning the Big Splash Contest on 4th of July. He's deeply grateful to all the Coaches, Parents and Friends who made the team such a big part of his childhood every summer. This fall, he's off to play Water Polo and study Psychology at Augustana College in Illinois.

Scott Weaver - Cupertino Hills (read during breast: event #35, heat 3 of 3)

Scott has been swimming on the Sharks swim team for 7 years. His fondest memory is playing tag and hide & seek during Sharks sleepovers. He just graduated from Monta Vista High School and plans to study business in the fall. He is thankful for his super supportive friends and family and wishes everyone the best! Go Sharks!

Zoe Gardner - Fairbrae (possibly read during breaststroke: event #36: not listed in any heat, may/may-not show up, did not register in time)

Zoe has been a Fairbrae Manta Rays swimmer since age 5 and treasures the friendships, Overnight, Psyche Week, late-night practices, and summers spent at the pool. A Homestead High graduate, she will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall to study biochemistry, with plans to pursue medical school or a PhD. Manta Rays shaped her both as a swimmer and a person.

Ila Ruggles - Cupertino Hills (read during breaststroke: event #36, heat 1 of 3)

Ila has been a Shark since she was 4 years old. She didn't want to be left behind when her brother joined the team, and jumped right in. She remembers best hanging out on the play structure, winning "most personal bests" when she was 8, and having Ring-Pops during meets. Ila will attend the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia this fall.

Leah Desai - Cupertino Hills (read during breaststroke: event #36, heat 2 of 3)

Leah has been a Shark for 10 years and an assistant coach for 4. Her favorite memories include playing infection at the sleepover, getting stuck in the inflatables at the starlight party, and being teammates with her best friends. In the fall, Leah will attend the University of Illinois to study human development. She thanks her parents and teammates for countless memories and the best summers.

Tove Kaleba - Greenmeadow (read during breaststroke: event #36, heat 3 of 3)

Tove has been a Greenmeadow Marlin since she was 12 years old, and has just returned from a 4-year hiatus to pursue lacrosse. Her favorite memories of being on the team are her first Fourth of July and meeting her best friends. She plans to study astrophysics at UC Berkeley in the fall, and thanks her Marlin coaches and swimming friends for creating a welcoming community.

Liliana Levin - Saratoga Woods (read during breast: event #36, heat 3 of 3).

Lily has been on the Saratoga Woods swim team since she was 3 years old. She loved growing as a swimmer, making lifelong friends, breaking records, and participating in Fun Week. This fall, Lily will attend Chapman University to study Film and Television Production. She thanks everyone who made her time on the team unforgettable. Go Dolphins!

FREESTYLE

Parker Ballew - Greenmeadow (read during free: event #47, heat 4 of 4)

Parker has been a Marlin since he was 11 and this is his eighth summer on the team. His favorite memories include morning practices in the offseason, innertube water polo, and breaking the relay records. Parker will be studying bioengineering at Northeastern University. He is grateful to Greenmeadow for all of the friendships and experiences, especially through covid.

Zach Lo - Cupertino Hills (read during freestyle: event #47, heat 4 of 4)

Zach has been swimming for Sharks since 2019 when he was 10 years old! He swam and played water polo for Monta Vista for three years during his high school years. His favorite memories include hot dog Tuesdays and playing hide and seek at the sleepovers. Go Sharks!

Sadie Thompson - Saratoga Woods (Read during free: event #48, heat 1 of 3).

Sadie has been on the Saratoga Woods swim team since she was 6 years old. She has enjoyed Friday practice relays, "couches", and swimming everything but breaststroke. Some of her favorite memories are buddies, Dolphin olympics, any potluck with pasta salad, and teaching future Dolphins how to swim. In the fall, Sadie is headed to Occidental College to study film. Sadie would like to thank her coaches, her fellow Dolphins, and her family for all of their love and support along the way.

Emily Lin - Cupertino Hills (read during freestyle: event #48, heat 2 of 3)

Emily has been a Shark since age 10 and an assistant coach for 3 years. Her favorite memories include staying up late during the sleepover, cheering on her teammates, and swimming with her 2 best friends. In the fall, Emily will attend Chapman University, majoring in Health Sciences. She thanks her family, coaches, and teammates for their endless support, the best summers, and being like a second family.

