Brad Swendig

City of Midland Aquatics Executive Director/President and Midland Lee High School graduate Brad Swendig has distinguished himself as an award winning swimmer, coach and ambassador for the sport.

High School
His swimming career began at LHS where he was a 2-time state finals qualifier. He was named the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) West Texas Athlete of the Year in 1973. His senior year, Swendig was named team captain, earned a silver medal in the state finals, and was awarded a swimming scholarship to Texas A&M University.

College and Professional
After a year at A&M and a year at Midland College, Swendig finished his college career at Auburn University. During those years, he was named an AAU All American, swam for Team USA in the USA-USSR University Games, was a 3-time AAU National Finalist, and 3-time NCAA swimming championships qualifier.

While at Midland College, he won four national championships, received six All American designations, and set two national records. In his last year at Auburn, Swendig served as captain on a team that finished second at the NCAA championships.

In 1984, Swendig was hired as the COM swimming coach where he continued its successful traditions with over 200 competitive swimmers. He has been a club coach to many high school All Americans and notable swimmers including Doug Dickerson, Matt Seay and Monica Stroman.

COM has hosted the U.S. Swimming Junior National Championships, U.S. Diving National Championships and state championship. COM's growth continued with several expansions and currently serves over 2,500 members and 375 competitive swimmers and divers in a world class facility featuring an Olympic swimming and diving venue.

Swendig was honored with the Scott Seator Award for Community Involvement and Aquatics Director of the Year Award by the United States Water Fitness Association. In addition, he was inducted into the Western Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame, and his name is in the COM Aquatics Ring of Honor. Swendig and his wife, Julie, have two children, Ashley and Alex.

