

# COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS

*(Educational Session for Parents, Swimmers, Coaches)*

The Championship Meet Committee will again be hosting an educational session at this year's YMCA Short Course Nationals on the college admission process. Our 2011 YMCA National Coach-of-the-Year, Glenn Neufeld of the Mercersburg Academy, will be moderating a discussion forum with four college coaches as they talk about the admissions process from their varying perspectives as the coaches of successful swimming programs at four very different institutions of higher education.

The event will be held at the Special Events Center - Plaza located on the complex grounds just east of the pool on Monday from 2:45PM until 4:15PM. **Everyone is invited!**

## Glenn Neufeld, Mercersburg Academy- Moderator



Glenn is Mercersburg Academy Director of Aquatics and head boys' and girls' swimming coach.

Prior to joining Mercersburg Academy in April 2014, Glenn was at the Upper Main Line YMCA for 14 years where he has guided his team to many Top 5 finishes at YMCA Nationals and coached many individual and relay national champions. He was the 2011 YMCA national coach of the year and won coach of the meet honors at YMCA Nationals in 2009 and 2012. He has also served as an assistant at the University of Alabama and worked in college counseling while coaching at the Peddie School in the 1990's. He did his graduate work in Higher Education and Counseling at Virginia Tech and in Organizational Dynamics at the University of Pennsylvania. He has a unique blend of experience in coaching and education and will moderate the discussion.

## Tyler Fenwick, University of Tennessee, Knoxville



Tyler Fenwick is in his fourth year as associate coach for the Tennessee NCAA Division 1 men's and women's swimming and diving programs.

Fenwick is one of the most recognizable distance coaches in the world, having served as primary coach for multiple US national champions, US national finalists, junior world champions, Olympians and world champions. He served as a head coach for Team USA at the 2015 World University Games. During his three years at Tennessee, the Vols have dominated the US distance swimming scene. Tennessee has had multiple national finalists, national team members, All-Americans, international medalists, while taken down almost every Tennessee distance record in the books.

Prior to arriving in Knoxville, Fenwick served as the Head Men's National Team Coach for the Mission Viejo Nadadores, a premier gold medal club team in California.

## Janelle Atkinson-Wignall, Fairfield University, Connecticut



Janelle Atkinson-Wignall is the 6th head coach of men's and women's swimming & diving program in the history of Fairfield University, and their first-ever female coach.

Fairfield is an NCAA Division I University located in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Previously, Atkinson-Wignall was the men's and women's recruiting coordinator at UConn, where she worked for four seasons. She developed a penchant as an excellent recruiter during that time.

A native of Kingston, Jamaica, Atkinson-Wignall is a two-time Olympian who competed in the 2000 Sydney Games and the 2004 Athens Games. She finished fourth in the 400-meter freestyle and ninth in the 800-meter freestyle in Sydney. For the 2012 London Olympic Games, she returned home and served as a swimming broadcast analyst which was aired throughout the entire Caribbean. She medaled at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England, the 2001 Goodwill Games in Brisbane, Australia, and the 1999 Pan-American Games in Winnipeg, Canada. In addition, she is a seven-time recipient of the Jamaican Swimmer of the Year award and a six-time nominee for the Jamaican Sportswoman of the Year.

## Jeff Dugdale – Queens University of Charlotte



Jeff Dugdale is the Head coach of Queens NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving program.

Nationals brought a string of accolades to the program as Queens swept the awards with Coach Dugdale claiming both the men's and the women's NCAA Division II Coach of the Meet award in addition to the teams landing the Men's and Women's NCAA Division II Swimmer of the Meet awards. Under Dugdale's leadership, six female and six male student athletes claimed a NCAA title 17 different events, 12 of which would qualify for a national record.

A native of Kenosha, Wis., Dugdale joined the Queens in the summer of 2010 from the SwimMAC Carolina, where he assists Head Coach David Marsh in all aspects of running Team Elite whose members include Olympian Cullen Jones and record holders Nick Brunelli, Nick Thoman and Josh Schneider.

In addition to working at Queens, the summer of 2012 Dugdale started as the Director of High Performance for SwimMAC Team Elite. He assisted in placing five athletes on the U.S. Olympic Team that returned to Charlotte with three gold medals and three silver.

Prior to joining SwimMAC Carolina, Dugdale was an assistant coach at Duke University, where he helped lead recruiting and leadership development. While at Duke, Dugdale had a hand in seeing

both the men and women break all but three school records while moving up the ACC and NCAA ranks. In 2008, he spearheaded the merger of two club programs, Tar Heel Aquatic Team and Blue Devil Aquatic into Duke Aquatics, currently a Silver Medal program.

Dugdale was a member of the men's swim team at Auburn University becoming a three year letter-winner, 1989-1991, before getting his start in collegiate coaching at his alma mater in 1992.

## **Bob Rueppel – Middlebury College, Vermont**



Bob Rueppel is now in his fifth season at the helm of the Middlebury's NCAA Division III men's and women's swimming programs as well as the director of the college's natatorium.

In his first four seasons at Middlebury, Rueppel saw his athletes break 24 school records. A multitude of student-athletes earned All-American status, as he guided the women's team to its highest finish since 2008 at the NESCAC Championship, placing third overall in 2013-14.

He came to Middlebury from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he has served as the men's and women's coach since 2001.

During his 10-year run at F&M, Rueppel's teams won 10 conference titles (seven men, three women) and broke nearly 90 school records. He coached three NCAA Champions, 37 All-Americans as well as five Academic All-Americans, while his teams earned Team Academic All-American honors for nine-straight years. His student-athletes won Centennial Conference individual titles 139 times, setting 55 Conference marks. Rueppel's men's team compiled a 44-10 mark in dual conference meets during his tenure, while the women were 53-10. He was named the Centennial Conference's inaugural Coach of the Year in 2010.

Rueppel is a 1983 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, where he received a degree in business administration and management. He began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1983, taking over the reins of the women's program until 1989.

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