

College Admission Process

(Educational Session for Parents, Swimmers, Coaches)

The Championship Meet Committee is 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 Field House located on the complex grounds across from 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.

Jess Book – Kenyon College

Christy Garth - University of North Carolina

Jamie Holder - Dartmouth College

Dan Shinnerer - Bucknell University

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Jess Book – Kenyon College

In his first season of coaching both the Kenyon Lords and Ladies programs, Jess Book was voted the 2013 NCAA Men's Coach of the Year and the 2013 NCAA Women's Coach of the Year. In doing so, he became the first Division III coach to earn both awards in the same season since the NCAA combined the men's and women's championship meets.

At the end of the 2012-13 season, Book had three swimmers earn NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships and two named to the Capital One Academic All-America Team. A total of 28 Kenyon male and female swimmers were named to CSCAA All-America teams.

During his own swimming days, Book, a 2001 Kenyon graduate, was a four-year member of championship-winning swim teams and was an All-America award-winner in the 1999-00 season. He captained the 2000-01 Lords squad and closed out his senior season with an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and his third-straight spot on the CSCAA's All-Academic Team.

After graduation, Book returned to campus and served as Jim Steen's assistant coach four times in a six-year span. As an assistant, he helped guide the Ladies to three national titles and the Lords to four. He also played a key role in the development of 20 NCAA individual-event champions and seven NCAA Division III record-setters.



Christy Garth - University of North Carolina

Christy Garth is now in her seventh season as an assistant coach for the Carolina men's and women's swimming teams.

During the successful 2012-13 campaign, Garth coached the middle-distance group. She directly coached three of the four members of the women's unit that broke the ACC record in the 400-yard freestyle relay

Garth, a 1996 alumna of Carolina and a four-year letter winner on the Carolina women's swimming team, brings excitement, experience and depth to the coaching staff.

Garth was an All-ACC Selection four successive years from 1993-96 and was part of four ACC championship teams while a collegian.

Christy swam for the Summit Hills YMCA in Basking Ridge NJ beginning at the age of 7. She was a medalist in both individual and relay events.



Jamie Holder - Dartmouth College

James Holder is the head coach of the Dartmouth men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

Prior to joining Dartmouth in 2016, Holder has been at the helm of the men's and women's swimming and diving program at Georgetown University. Over the last six seasons he improved the Hoyas' standings in the Big East significantly; both the men and the women were runners-up in each of his last two seasons and the women were conference champions in 2013-14. Holder earned Big East men's co-coach of the year honors for the 2014-15 season and was also given Georgetown's Outstanding Coaching Achievement Award. During his tenure at Georgetown, Holder had coached 56 All-Big East selections and his athletes broke over 60 school records.

Holder graduated from Princeton University in 2000. A two-time All-Ivy selection, he was a co-captain of the Men's swim team.

Jamie's M E Lyons YMCA National Swimming Team won both the Men's and Combined YMCA National Championships from 1993-1996.



Dan Schinnerer - Bucknell University

Dan Schinnerer, who was named the Patriot League Men's Coach of the Year in 2008 and 2010 and the Women's Coach of the Year in 2013, enters his 11th season as the head men's and women's swimming and diving coach at Bucknell in 2016-17.

In his first 10 seasons at the helm of the Bison, 18 school records fell on the men's side and the squad has captured 13 individual and one relay title at the Patriot League Championships.

Prior to becoming the frontman for the Bison in the summer of 2006, the 2001 Yale graduate was an assistant coach with Michigan's nationally ranked men's swimming team. Schinnerer had been associated with the vaunted Michigan program since 2003, first as a volunteer assistant and then as a full-time assistant coach beginning in July 2004. Over his last three seasons the Wolverines finished fifth, sixth and eighth, respectively, at the NCAA Championships, and in each of his final two years they produced two NCAA individual champions.

At Yale, Schinnerer was a four-year swimming letterman, where he graduated in 2001 with a bachelor of arts degree in history. As a member of the Bulldogs swimming team, he was a Senior Nationals qualifier and was the recipient of the William Leeming Jelliffe Award for "greatest progress and development in swimming ability and outstanding leadership during his college years."