

VIRGINIA SWIMMING

2019 JUNIOR ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

CANDIDATE: Charlotte Denecke

TEAM: Tsunami Swimming

AWARDS & HONORS:

- I've swam on a summer league team for 7 years and a year-round team for 4
- Ended 12th in the 50 free and 13 in the 100 free at 2019 Class 5 High School States
- A part of the Virginia All Star Swim Team
- I hold multiple school and year round team records
- I've won multiple high point awards for my summer, year round, and high school team
- I've been on honor roll for all semesters to date and I have a GPA of 4.225
- Member on National Junior Honor Society

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

My name is Charlotte Denecke and I'm a sophomore at Massaponax High School in Fredericksburg, Virginia. I am very involved in my high school swim team, year round swim team (Tsunami Swimming), and my summer swim team. I would be a great Athlete Representative because swimming has been apart of my life since I was really little. Swimming has not just been an activity for me, but it has become a family activity. Because of this, I understand swim from the organizational level and what it takes to run a team and make sure everyones needs are met. I think this would be a great opportunity for me because I'm very outgoing and friendly. Swim has allowed me to create new relationships not just on my teams, but others too. I am also very loyal to groups that I participate in and if I'm chosen, I'll show the same commitment to the VSI. Thank you for considering me!

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CANDIDATE: Logan Euker

TEAM: Rappahannock Area YMCA (RAYS)

AWARDS & HONORS:

- RAYS: Two Time RAYS Most Improved Award Winner; RAYS Coaches Award Winner; RAYS Team Record Holder;
- ACADEMIC: Highest Honor Roll; Ranked First in Class; Class Leader in Direction; Former Soccer Captain
- ADDITIONAL: Intern for State Senator learning Government roles and how to effectively run and participate in meetings and listen to special interest groups.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

An Athlete Representative should be someone who understands all of the swimmers that VSI represents. I swim amongst some amazing swimmers every day and have been coached by a wide array of coaches but most importantly I have been coached by people that have believed in me. THAT is what I want to do for all of VSI. Swimming is not an easy sport for me, I have to work very hard and constantly change and rework my stroke many times throughout a season. Many have given up, but I have been fortunate enough to have parents and coaches that believe in me and encourage me daily to be the best that I can be, and that looks different for EVERY swimmer. I think *that* is what is important for representation on the VSI Board. The Athlete Rep needs to recognize that EVERY swimmer develops differently, at a rate and speed that is specific to them, and we all need a voice.

Aside from wanting to represent every voice on VSI, I have been learning government first hand through the Virginia Government through an internship. This year I have begun interning for a Virginia State Senator. Through this process I have learned about talking with local constituents, listening to interests and needs of voters, going to door to door to ask for signatures and votes and finding out just what it takes to get the job done and being willing to not quit until the task is accomplished. I am excited for the opportunity to bring what I have already learned and to continue to learn from Virginia Swimming!!

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CANDIDATE: Jack McCann

TEAM: Poseidon Swimming

AWARDS & HONORS:

- Scholastic All-America 2018
- Presidential Award
- Straight A's (4 years straight)
- Biology Award
- Triton Award
- Scored a 5 on AP Exam
- Eastern Zone Select Camp Attendee 2018

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

I, Jack McCann, would love to represent my fellow athletes as the junior representative for Virginia Swimming. I have been swimming year-round for 7 years. Outside of swimming, I participate in Model United Congress, Key Club, and SPARC's touring ensemble. Those who know me would say I'm very outgoing, passionate, and driven. I enjoy working hard towards my goals, no matter how small, and being the best "me" I can be. I feel like my versatility within my extracurricular activities makes me a great representative who can use different aspects of my life to help benefit an organization I am passionate about. I am currently an appointed athlete member on the board and will be attending the leadership summit at the OTC this April. This also makes me a great choice as a representative because I already know how the board functions and I will learn a lot about being a representative at the summit. Lastly, I am very friendly and familiar with basically all teams in the VA LSC. If I were to be elected, I would provide us with a stronger connection to the driving force in swimming: our athletes. I would also work my hardest and promote our beliefs and goals to all teams and athletes. I hope to be greatly considered. Thank you.