**VSI Report from the Disabilty Swimmers Committee**

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Highlights from some of our very motivated VSi disability swimmers include:

1. Samantha Tubbs is continuing to train with the Rappahannock Raiders, under Coach Delwyn Jones. She will be attending the 2016 United States Paralympic Trials in Charlotte, N. C, at the end of June.
2. Emilia Scovel swam in the Mason Makos’ Spring Invitational at George Mason University, on March 19th – 20th. Emilia set personal best times in both the 50 meter breast and the 50 meter freestyle This summer Emilia will be swimming with her neighborhood summer league team, the Sideburn Run Sharks, where her goal is to complete a one hundred meter/yard IM.
3. Sean Harrington is now working in Materials Management for Surgical Supplies at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. He still swims to stay in shape, but he is not competing anymore . Although he did swim in a VCU Club meet on the relay team for fun last month.
4. Joseph Peppersack has been swimming with Nova South, about 16 hours per week of practice. He has been preparing for the Paralympic Trials in June and a Regional Disability Meet in May in Cincinnati. In January Joseph spoke on disability awareness and disability swimming to some local community groups. Also, Joseph is going with Sportable to speak at VCU on April 15th, for their Paralympic Experience Day. Furthermore, Joseph has been asked to speak at some cub scout den meetings about his para swimming experiences and about disability awareness. Joseph is in the process of touring colleges and he is meeting with swim coaches to prepare for college after he graduates next year.

Virginia Swimming is very fortunate to have parents, coaches, and officials who are so supportive of swimming opportunities for children with disabilities.

 Respectfully submitted,

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