

Name	Club	Why are you running?	Why should you be elected?
Giancarlo Colistra	ZEUS	Upon reviewing the current list of representatives and athletes at-large, it appears that they only represent elite swimmers on some of the largest, well respected, and influential teams in Connecticut. However, I feel that Connecticut Swimming would benefit from the representation of a club with a more diverse population of swimmers. Specifically, me, a swimmer who more closely resembles the vast majority of swimmers in Connecticut.	I continue to challenge myself both in the pool and in the classroom. As a swimmer I've maintained Top 16 status since 2016 while balancing a rigorous AP academic track, achieving high honors, and National Honor Society. My teammates and I often discuss various aspects of Connecticut Swimming, and therefore I believe that I would be a strong voice and representative for my peers. Having taken a college level public speaking course, I feel comfortable communicating in front of large groups and could positively contribute at the board meetings.
Sam Enes	BULL	I am running for the junior athlete representative position to give back to an organization that has given so much to me. Thanks to Connecticut Swimming I am thankful for many achievements, friendships, and lessons learned. To have the opportunity to represent this organization as a junior athlete representative would be an honor.	I should be elected for this position because I possess leadership skills that would benefit Connecticut Swimming. My current and past teammates have looked upon me as a leader because of the energy that I bring, and my ability to communicate with others. My experience with these skills include being apart of Xavier High School's Sophomore Executive Board which is responsible for planning events for the Sophomore Class. To conclude, I should be elected for this position because I would bring leadership qualities to Connecticut Swimming that would help the organization, and all of the people within it.
Kelci Haley	CPAC	Like many of you, I cannot imagine not having swimming as such a big part of my life. I have been part of Connecticut Swimming since I was 6 years old. Along the way, I've made lifelong friends and learned valuable skills, both in and out of the pool. I am running for Junior Athlete Representative because now I feel it is my turn to give back to the sport that has given me so much.	I should be elected because of my leadership qualities, positive attitude, and swimming experiences. My broad swimming perspective comes from having attended a wide range of meets, including Regionals, Age Groups, Zones, Seniors, and YMCA Nationals (and high school meets), as well as having lifeguarded, taught swim lessons, and mentored younger swim teammates. In swimming as well as academics and community service, I work hard, listen well, and am responsible and organized. I hope my leadership and experiences would help me well represent the swimmers of Connecticut Swimming!

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Morgan Saunders	ZEUS	I am running because I am committed and passionate about swimming. I want to help Connecticut Swim as it continues to navigate this pandemic. I am eager to do whatever I can to represent the swimmers of CT.	Swimming has been my focus since I was nine. I have successfully achieved many accomplishments including Top 16, All-FCIAC 1st Team Central Region, All-State, Scholar-Athlete, and Selected Representative for the CIAC Sportsmanship Conference. I have also been accepted into the National Honors Society. These accomplishments show my ability to balance academics and the importance of being committed to swimming.
Jane Smith	WEST	Ever since I went to my first Weston Swimming practice when I was in second grade, I have been drawn to not only the competitive aspect of the sport, but also the sense of community, kindness and fun shared by the team. As the Junior Athlete Representative on the CSI Board of Directors, I hope to promote the same sense of community and fun for all athletes, especially during the unprecedented times of COVID. Swimming has fortunately provided me with countless valuable life lessons, ranging from the importance of perseverance, resilience and dedication, to learning how to be a supportive and loyal member of a team. I would love the opportunity to both share my personal experiences with the sport and also ensure that all athletes get to experience the full benefits of swimming and feel represented in our greater team of Connecticut Swimming.	Overall, I feel like my journey as a Connecticut swimmer is relatable for a broad spectrum of athletes. I have had the opportunity to learn valuable life lessons from both the highs and the lows of my experiences as a competitive swimmer, ranging from the most grueling 6:00 am Saturday practices (but followed by donuts), to getting my first age group cut in the 200 back (but not until I was 14...after years of trying). I understand firsthand the amount of hard work everyone in the region puts into their training, and the important role swimming plays in their life. As the Junior Athlete Representative, I promise to apply both the skills (time management, organization, leadership) and character traits (loyal, supportive, dedicated) that I have developed over the years to my position, and not only listen to, but be a voice for all athletes.
Lorenzo Zullo	ZEUS	Having started swimming at a young age, I remember what it was like to be a younger swimmer and the challenges I faced along the way. From my experience, I can relate to all the stages of being a swimmer, having started not knowing anything about swimming, to making Age Group cuts, and getting faster. I also have two younger sisters that swim on the team and gives me a unique perspective to see their swim experiences.	I am qualified for this position because I am outgoing and enjoy planning and organizing. I like to think that I work well with others and like to hear everyone's point of view. I am also very dedicated to attending all practices I can and giving each set my all. I am an A student in the National Honor society and excited to use my skills to make a positive contribution to swimming.

