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<b>Giancarlo Rubio</b>	Rapids Swim Team	Spanish Honor Society High Honor Roll	Best Buddies High School Swim Team Spanish Club Class President Robotics Music	I want to help bring my generation's perspectives to the table. I would help allow our voice to be a part of the Board's solutions and decisions.
<b>Niall Easton</b>	Glastonbury Swim Team	The National High School Slavic Honor Society, High honors at Glastonbury High School, Silver in national Russian essay contest, Bronze in the National Russian Essay Contest, CT Swim Scholar athlete(2022-2023).	Special Olypmic advisor (swimming), Varsity football, Varsity Swimming, Intern swim coach for the Glastonbury swim team, Lifeguard.	I have a good network of fellow athletes across many teams and many age groups throughout the state in addition to relationships with many of the coaches and officials. I feel I can speak in favor of and in the interests of a wide variety of people. You can often see me speaking to many different athletes and coaches on deck during meets, as I am very social and like to get to know people. Finally, I love this sport and want to give back to this sport that has
<b>Ava Ward</b>	Ridgefield Aquatic Club	I received the High Honor Roll for both my freshman and sophomore years in high school. I was asked and recommended to attend a marketing and business program at Yale University. I was also a key participant in a class that brought back the Winter Pep Rally for my school in which I played a leading role.	I am a member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society otherwise known as LLS where I help fundraise money to donate to hundreds of blood cancer research programs to help find a cure for Leukemia and Lymphoma. I am also on two Connecticut swimming committee boards. I am an athlete representative on the Age Group Swimming Committee where I help make decisions regarding the Age Group level of swimming. I am also a representative on the Marketing Committee which is a new committee that helps with the promotion of Connecticut swimming.	For the past nine years, I have been a dedicated member of the Ridgefield Aquatic Club. During my time on this team, I have learned so much such as the importance of breaking out of your comfort zone and trying to reach new limits. If elected as a representative, I can take all I have learned from my experiences as a swimmer and use them to help the younger athletes and the swimming community as a whole. Just last year I attended a leadership retreat in Maine to represent Connecticut Swimming. The experiences and knowledge that I gained when at this retreat have prepared me to be part of the board as an athlete representative.
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<p><b>Caroline Ward</b></p>	<p>Piranhas (PSDY)</p>	<p>I am a sophomore at Darien High School and have had a strong first half to my high school years. I have been recognized by the Darien Public School District with the Superintendent's Citizenship award in 2019 and the Arthur Bleemer Spirit award in 2020 and 2022. Those recognitions are important to me because they are a reflection of my character along with the relationships I have with my peers and teachers. This year I was inducted into the National English Honor Society and have been asked to serve on the Writing Center Leadership Board for the academic year of 2024-2025. I will have an active role in organizing our school's peer to peer tutoring program. I intend to apply for the National Honor Society my junior year based on my GPA and current leadership positions in and outside of school.</p>	<p>I have been an active member of CT Swimming since I was eight years old, swimming for the Piranhas for two years, Chelsea Piers Aquatics Club for six, and I returned to the PSDY this season. My love for swimming started at Newfield Swim and Tennis Club in Stamford, and I look forward to competing for the seals each summer. At Newfield, I received Swimmer of the Year in 2018 and the Navy Seal Award in 2021. In addition to swimming for PSDY and Newfield, I am a varsity swimmer for DHS Blue Wave Swim and Dive. I received the Rookie of the Year Award my freshman year, and this year received the Hold the Rope Award along with the Second Team All-FCIAC Award. Swimming for Darien alongside my teammates is a highlight of the year as I love the strong team bond we share. I am a member of the Junior Advisory Board for Swim Across America and work to plan, promote, and come up with ideas for the annual open water swim, raising money for cancer research. Being a part of Swim Across America means a lot to me as I get to use the sport that I love so much to make a positive difference in my community. This summer will be my second year as an assistant swim coach for Middlesex Club in Darien. I love coaching over the summer because it allows me to combine my love of swimming and working with children. Helping the kids improve and develop a love for the water is so rewarding! In school, I have been a member of the Health and Humanitarian club for the past two years, because I am passionate about humanitarian crises, and it allows me to make a difference in the lives of people worldwide through our fundraisers and building awareness. I plan to run for a leadership position in the club for the 2024-2025 academic school year. This is also my second year as a member of the Eco-Citizens club. I chose to join this club because it allows me to find others who are passionate about climate change and do our part to stop this crisis. Outside of school and swimming, I am also an active member of my church, Saint Luke's Parish, in Darien and participate in our church's Global Philanthropy Leaders. In 2023, I attended the Episcopal Youth Event, held every three years, where I was one of two youth representatives for Connecticut.</p>	<p>If you were to ask my coaches and teammates about me, I hope they would recognize my dedication to the sport, my respect for others, and that I lead by example. As I juggle the demands of a high school student, my commitment to swimming is always a top priority, as is how I interact with my peers. I am thoughtful, reliable, and passionate about swimming and would give my all to the position. Swimming has given so much to me, and this is an opportunity for me to give back to the sport that brings me so much happiness.</p>
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