



Illinois Swimming 2009 Athlete Recognition Banquet

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Program

Welcome Address

Carolyn Lambert Award

Don Drum Award

Athlete of the Year

Coach of the Year

Volunteer of the Year

ConocoPhillips Outstanding Service Award

Rich Dominguez Award

Breakthrough Swimmers of the Year Award

Guest speakers

Erin Popovich and Melissa Stockwell



Past Illinois Swimmers of the Year

1992	Anne Kampfe	2001	Mary Descenza Dan Trupin
1993	Anne Kampfe	2002	Mary Descenza
1994	Lindsey Farella	2003	Mary Descenza Matt Grevers
1995	Lindsey Farella	2004	Ashley Jones Matt Grevers
1996	Anne Kampfe Steve Siler	2005	Monica Drake Doug Lennox
1997	Alison Wimer Linsey Farella Amy Migawa Kristin MacGregor Bill Bishop	2006	Monica Drake Tyler McGill
1998	Mary Descenza Jarod Schroeder	2007	Monica Drake Sam Wilcher
1999	Mary Descenza Steve Siler	2008	Alisa Finn Matt Elliott
2000	Mary Descenza Dan Trupin		

Volunteer of the Year

2008 Tanya Hussey

Past Rich Dominquez Winners

Rich Dominquez
Carolyn Lambert
Craig Farrell
Adolph Kiefer
John Leonard
Michael Lawrence
Ray Essik
Hal Henning
Bob Steele

Breakthrough Swimmers of the Year

2007 Olivia Scott & Matt Elliott
2008 Adrienne Bicek & Bryant Honsa

2009 Recognized Athletes

Eric Ahlden	Jennifer Coady
Grant Alef	Emma Coleman
Gregory Alexander	Daniel Conway
Victoria Alland	Matthew Conway
Julia Andracki	Kevin Cordes
David Apps	Jonathan Cruz
Azra Avdic	Dominik Cubelic
Elizabeth Baetz	Aaron Davis
Erin Bagley	Tyler Dedianous
Natalie Barkowski	Jeffrey Depew
Maureen Barron	Christopher Dieter
Marisa Barton	Anna Dobben
Maxwell Batchelder	Michael Dominski
Victoria Bertschy	Ryan Downey
Adrienne Bicek	Monica Drake
Anthony Blome	Alexander Duffy
William Bowater	Andrew Eiken
Elizabeth Boyce	Matthew Elliott
Hannah Boyd	Jessica England
Mitchell Brustad	Peter Errichiello
Olivia Cacciatore	Vincent Errichiello
Katherine Canfield	Lauren Eytalis
Tyler Capen	Kally Fayhee
Jacob Carlson	Allen Feng
Kyle Chapko	Jack Fergus
Nicole Chapko	Sarah Fergus
Lisa Cheng	Kara Field
Carrie Chibe	Alisa Finn
Angela Chokran	Julia Fiorino
Emily Chuang	Langston Fitts
	Emily Fogle
	Hannah Freyman

2009 Recognized Athletes

Sarah Galvin	Bryant Honsa
Stephanie Garvin	Emily Hovren
Sydney Gathe	Connie Hsu
Lindsay Gendron	Kyle Jackson
David Gordon	Samantha James
Michael Gordon	Jacob Jarzen
Annie Gosselin	Joe Jeffers
Julia Green	Nathan Jesko
Christian Grobe	Taylor Johns
Jonathan Grodecki	Andrew Jovanovic
Clark Grosshans	Jesus Juarez
Peter Grumhaus	Daniel Jung
Daniel Gutnayer	Alyssa Kaewwilai
Kelly Hagerty	Pauline Kaminski
Katie Hallenbeck	Nicholas Killeen
Mark Hallman	Erica King
Michael Hamann	Riley Kirby
Caitlin Hamilton	Madeleine Klichowski
Jacob Hanson	Connor Kobida
Laurynn Harvard	Jamie Kolar
Jason Hasenberg	Kelsey Kunavich
Josh Hasenberg	Emma Kuszynski
Stephanie Hasenberg	Ryota Kuwahara
Cody Heckendorf	Yuka Kuwahara
William Heidler	Reilly Lanigan
Daniel Hein	Leanne Latocha
Kendall Hermann	Emily Launer
Brianna Hines	Daniel Le
Tyler Hines	Kelley Lehane
Joseph Hladik	Sean Lehane
Mika Hlavin	
Collin Hogan	

2009 Recognized Athletes

Michael Lemay	Jordan Peterson
Kristen Lenard	Courtney Pope
Jack Levant	Meagan Popp
Andrew Liang	Ruby Powell
Laura Licari	Mackenzie Powers
Nicole Ligeza	Martin Pozniak
Neil Livingston	Alexis Preski
Emily Mabrouk	August Querciagrossa
Reed Malone	Sophie Quigg
Rebecca Mann	Benjamin Reasons
Laura Mayer	Franco Reyes
Sean Mayfield	Lauren Reynolds
Rylee Merges	Jordan Ries
Samuel Metz	Graham Risley
Alina Michaels	Albert Roth
Charles Miller	Claire Rushin
Jacob Miller	Kelly Ryan
Jared Miller	Matthew Salerno
Mitchell Milosch	Jonathan Salomon
Cody Mitchell	Trevor Sandberg
Madeleine Moeller	Kara Savegnago
Blake Morgan	Mary Schneider
Sean Mulroy	David Schriesheim
Jane Munro	Hannah Schultz
Jakub Mysliwicz	Michael Schwes
Samuel Neaveill	Konner Scott
Frank Niziolek	Michaela Scott
Diana Norkus	Olivia Scott
Kevin Overholt	Megan Sellers
Johannes Peters	Gabriele Serniute
	Varun Shivakumar

2009 Recognized Athletes

Stephen Shull	Sarah Thompson
Katherine Shumway	Daniel Thomson
Rochelle Sia	Jennifer Toca
Burke Sims	Jack Tribble
Haley Sims	Marc Tuthill
Lucas Smiarowski	Alexandrea Van Oost
Clayton Smith	Kyler Vanswol
Emma Smith	Vinh Vo
Grant Smith	Ingrid Wall
Olivia Smoliga	Kristina Walsh
Nels Snyder	Alexander Walter
Alexis Spivak	Youjia Wang
Michael Stack	Karolina Wartalowicz
Sean Stockwell	Melanie Waszak
Mitchell Stoehr	Elizabeth Webb
Rachel Stoehr	Daniel Whitcomb
Rebecca Stoughton	Anna Williams
Mitch Strahlman	Emma Williams
Evan Surma	Jonathan Williamson
Meredith Sweeney	Stephen Wimmer
Evan Swenson	Andrew Woith
Sarah Sykstus	Michael Wolfe
Steven Tan	Shaun Wolfe
Natalie Tapia	Noah Wood
Elisabeth Tavierne	Kristen Worthington
Rose Thompson	Lily Zahn
	James Zuponeck



Guest Parlympian Emcee John Register

Since childhood, athletics have been John Register's passion.

He began swimming competitively at the Oak Park, Illinois YMCA. A Desert Shield and Desert Storm Veteran, John continued to pursue athletic excellence in the Army's World Class Athlete Program winning 9 Gold medals in Armed Services Competition.

Then his life suddenly changed. Preparing for a track meet to be held the next day, he ran a heat of hurdles and landed badly on a leg, severing the popliteal artery. The injury cut off circulation in the leg, eventually leading to gangrene and amputation.

During his long journey to recovery, John began using sport as a conduit to rehabilitation. He began swimming for

cardiovascular fitness and also found the competitive spark again. After only 18 months of rehabilitation and training, John qualified for and made the 1996 Paralympic Team as a swimmer, competing in the games in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to qualification for the Paralympics, he competed in the finals of the 4x400m-medley relay, swimming the anchor. During this time, John observed athletes with one leg running on the track. He set a goal of competing in track and field at the 2000 Paralympic Games, in Sydney, Australia. Two years after taking his first running step, he earned the Silver Medal in the long jump at the 2000 Paralympic Games setting the American Long jump record in the process.

In 2003 he took a job with the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and now manages the Paralympic Academy Youth Outreach Program, as well as directs the USOC's Paralympic Military Programs.





Melissa Stockwell Guest Paralympian

On April 13, 2004, Army 1st Lt. Stockwell was leading a supply convoy through the city when her unprotected Humvee was blown into a guardrail by a roadside bomb. Her left leg was torn away just below the knee, but infection soon ravaged her leg. Surgeons had to saw off the damaged tissue, leaving her with just six inches of limb.

Since then, the former competitive gymnast, diver and rower has rediscovered her athleticism. Stockwell was introduced to swimming through physical therapy at Walter Reed. She had been a diver in high school and had always loved the water. When she moved to Minnesota in May of

2005, she found a club team and started training with the goal of making the 2008 U.S. Paralympic Swimming Team.

At the U.S. Paralympic Team Swimming Trials, Stockwell posted times fast enough to land her a spot on the Team. As a current American record holder, she swam in the 400m freestyle and she also swam the 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle and the 400m freestyle in Beijing. Making the team was a dream come true for Stockwell and she credits hard work, love of the sport and the support of her husband in making it this far. She couldn't have felt more proud and honored to be representing her country for a second time over in Beijing.



Erin Popovich Guest Paralympian

Erin Popovich was born with achondroplasia, a genetic disorder that restricted the growth of her limbs. During childhood, she wore braces to straighten her back and legs, and underwent about a dozen surgeries. But according to her mother, "We didn't have to make a lot of accommodations for her; we didn't want to treat her too much differently from her siblings."

Popovich was interested in sports from an early age, she rode horses and played soccer and basketball. When Popovich was 12, she joined a swim club and by the age of 15, she was competing at the 2000 Paralympic Games.

Erin has participated in three Paralympics. She won three gold medals and three silver medals while setting four world records at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney. At the 2004 Summer Paralympics in Athens, Erin won seven gold medals in seven races (including two relays), and set three world records and four Paralympic Games records. In 2005, she won the first ESPY Award for Best Female Athlete with a Disability and was named the Women's Sports Foundation Sportswoman of the Year. At the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing, she won an additional four gold and two silver medals, breaking two world records (200m individual medley and 100m breaststroke) and two Paralympic records (100m and 400m freestyle). In 2009, she won the ESPY Award for Best Female Athlete with a Disability for the second time.

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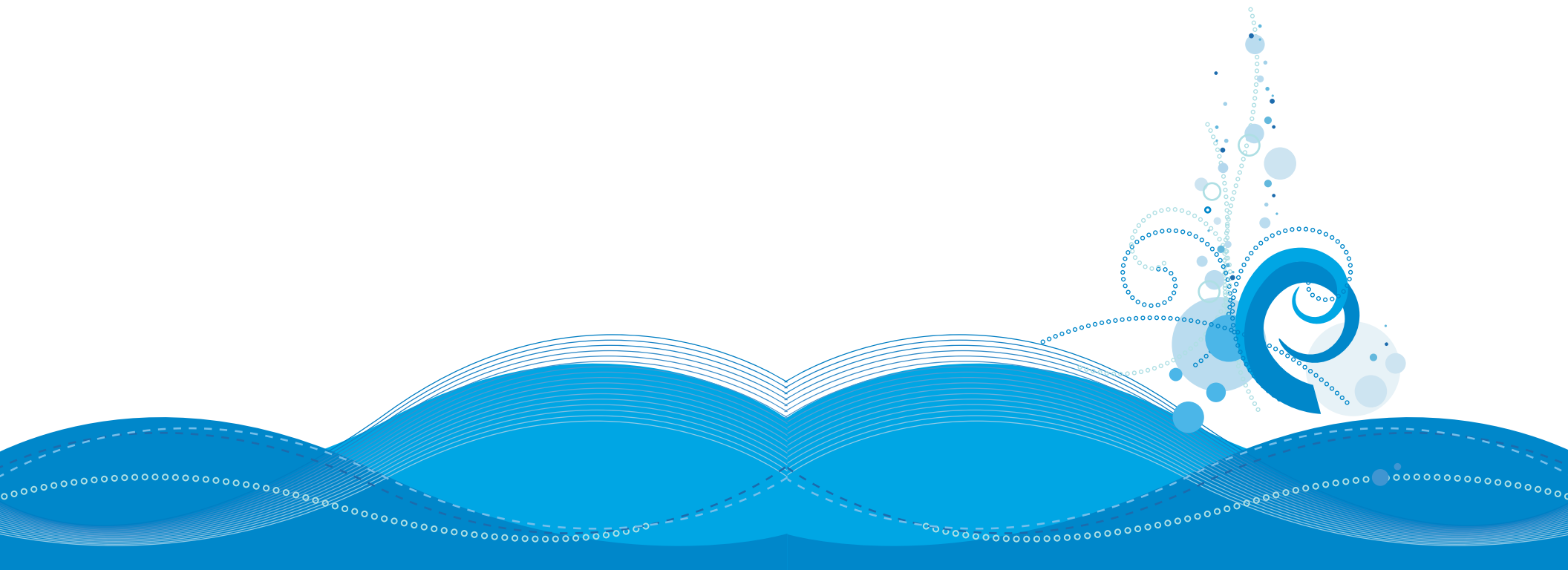
The parents of all the honored athletes of Illinois Swimming for their continued dedication to the sport of swimming and their continued support of all the Illinois swimmers.

The many officials in the state who volunteer their time and energy to help pave the way for our athletes to compete at the highest level of the sport possible.

The coaches and all of their staff whose dedication and experience have helped our athletes be the best they can be in and out of the pool.

Our athletes who have made us proud of them in all they have and will accomplish!

Our Olympians that have traveled near and far to join us today to help celebrate Illinois Swimming.



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