

I would like to tell you a little about myself and why I have decided to apply to be a PVS Athlete Representative. I started swimming at the age of 4 and from that point on have truly enjoyed the time I have spent in the pool. I grew up swimming and playing travel soccer and lacrosse and decided at the age of 14 that swimming would become my primary sport. In the time I have been swimming, I have been a member of three PVS clubs (Mason Makos, York Swim and Curl Burke) and the experiences I had with all three clubs were great and the relationships I made with other swimmers are what I really love about being a part of PVS. While I was in middle school, I volunteered with Nadar Por Vida, teaching kids how to swim and have recently started working at Curl Burke's swim school teaching young kids how to swim. What I enjoy about teaching is that I am able to teach kids, less experienced or scared of swimming, because of the time I have spent in the pool swimming laps.

I am a Freshman at Fairfax High School and participated in my first season of high school swim. I totally enjoyed seeing my PVS swimming friends that swam for other high schools and although I wanted my high school team to win I also cheered on my fellow PVS swimmers because the relationships I have built with them are really important to me. When my coach, Chris Natoli, suggested that I apply for this I really didn't understand why I should. I didn't know how the role could make a difference and if I was ready to get involved with PVS in this way. After talking to Chris, my parents, and other swimmers that have been athlete representatives, I am confident that I can make a difference and I am excited to help make PVS a better swim organization from an athlete's perspective. With all of the time I spend in pools, on pool decks and just being a part of PVS, I believe I can represent the concerns and the needs of swimmers and bring an athlete's point of view. I hope that I can help make a positive difference for other PVS swimmers.

Sincerely,

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