

Candidates for Junior Coach Representative to PVS Board of Directors (2019 – 2021)

Erik Collins

Erik Collins is currently the Head Site Coach at Dulles South Rec. Center in South Riding for SNOW Swimming. He's been coaching since 1991 and this is his second stint here in PVS. Prior to rejoining SNOW in 2014, Erik worked at several high profile programs (LI Express, Auburn University, Tualatin Hills (OR) and RMSC) where he's coached a Junior National Champion, three international medalists' (including a Pan Am Games Gold Medalist), multiple Sectional's winners and developed almost a dozen USA Swimming Scholastic All-Americans. In his second tenure at SNOW, Erik has coached multiple Junior National & NCSA qualifiers and three NCSA 14&U Champions; he's had two athletes named to USA Swimming Select Camps and was named an Assistant Coach for the 2018 USA Swimming Eastern Zone Select Camp Staff. Erik is currently serving a two year "At Large" term on the PVS Board of Directors and is excited about potentially serving as Junior Coaches Rep: "I think it would be great to interact more closely with the PVS coaches as their Junior Coaches Rep, take all their ideas (and complaints) to the Board to help make an already impressive LSC even better." Erik lives in Alexandria with his wife, Sara.

Morgon Henderson-Kunz

Morgon Henderson-Kunz has been a Machine Aquatics coach for the last 3 years, and was recently made Head Site coach of Machine's Madeira location. Prior to coaching for Machine, Morgon coached for 6 years in Oregon, the last 2 years of which he was the Head Coach of a small 120-person self-started club. Morgon has been a part of 3 PVS Zone teams, including being the Head coach of the 2019 PVS LC Zone Team.

Mike Kraeuter



- PVS Zone Head Coach - 2 terms
- PVS Zone Head Assistant Coach - 4 terms
- PVS Zone Assistant Coach - 1 term
- USA Swimming Coach - 18 years

I started swimming competitively late in life, my senior year in high school to be exact, but have always had a love for the water. Starting late gave me a unique perspective on swimming and training and it brought about our team's motto "NO LIMITS".

I work with every squad at some level but am the lead coach for BLUE Crest & TYPHOONS.

Hailing from New Jersey, I swam for Rutgers University as well as ran Cross Country. My favorite events are the 200 & 400 IM but have a love of each event and stroke. Graduating with a BS in Exercise Science & Sports Studies in 2000 I decided to pursue a coaching career. At this point in my life I have coached every level from intercollegiate to beginners and have had wonderful opportunities to work alongside some great coaches. These experience have formed our team's philosophies towards building great character among everyone that swims for BLUE WAVE and believing that everyone can become as great as they want to become as well as building a strong team atmosphere.

I enjoy coaching because I get to see the kids develop as they move through the program and accomplish the goals they set out to do. That little smile or glint in their eye when something clicks after working with them makes this one of the best jobs in the world.

Meghan Thiel

Meghan Thiel has been a part of PVS since 1995. After finishing college at American University with degrees in Secondary Education and Cross Culture Communication, she became the swim school director for NCAP American University and volunteer assisted at American University from 2008-2011. She then became the head age group coach at the NCAP Prep site in 2011-2014. She has been on numerous PVS Zone staffs, as well as the USA Swimming Select Camp Staff. From 2014-2017, while her husband was stationed in Hawaii she became the head coach for Punahou Aquatics on Oahu. Her husband luckily retired, and she is now back as the head Senior and National Prep coach at Ncap Burke. Coach Meghan has helped guide multiple athletes to the NCSA and Junior National level. She is a strong believer in character first coaching. Family, Education, Determination, and Gratitude are her values she feels will allow for the pursuit of Excellence. "It would be an honor for me to be selected as PVS Coach Rep. I pride myself on being an active listener and have always wanted to have an inclusive monthly semi structured coaches social to facilitate this. I would ensure connection between our Coaches and Board and I am ready to serve our amazing community of exceptional coaches."