

In Memoriam – Cyrus “CJ” Salazar Jr.



It is with great sadness that we report the loss of one of our PVS swimmers, Cyrus “CJ” Salazar Jr. Cyrus was an integral member of the Accokeek Stroke Technique Swim Team (ASTS). On December 5, 2023, at 8:19 AM, CJ passed away at the age of 17 years old due to injuries from a tragic car accident.

CJ began swimming with ASTS several years ago with his siblings Kiera and Christian Salazar. He quickly rose to the ranks of top five on the team and became a leader and role model for his teammates and coaches alike. Always a competitor, CJ carried the spirit of fortitude and perseverance in every meet and encouraged other swimmers to do the same even if they swam on teams outside of ASTS. CJ was a multi-sport athlete and excelled as a star soccer player traveling within the United States and internationally for matches.

This embodiment of devotion was also exhibited academically. On the morning of December 4, 2023, CJ was on his way to College of Southern Maryland, where he was dual enrolled striving to not only graduate from high school in the spring but obtain college credits in the process. While traveling on the winding narrow roads of La Plata, CJ lost control of the vehicle and tragically hit multiple trees. He was air lifted to shock trauma in Baltimore where his family was by his side up until the final breath.

CJ was a loving son, big brother, and teammate. He had his whole life ahead of him at 17. Cyrus “CJ” Salazar Jr. will be sorely missed.

Our loving thoughts are with his immediate family and his ASTS swim team family.