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Niagara LSC Team: Golden Comets
Number of years swimming: 9

I first joined a swim club at the age of 6. My older sister was already on the team and my parents decided that instead of sitting in the stands I might as well be in the pool. Swimming over the years has gone from something I do, to part of who I am. Swimming has not only taught me how to be a hard-working athlete, but also supported me in becoming a dedicated student and principled person. Most every facet of my life has been affected by my swimming career. I believe in this sport and the many benefits it brings to all those who participate in it, from the average swimmer to those in the top tiers. This is why I would like to be the Niagara District Junior Athlete Representative.

I am presently a senior-level swimmer for the Golden Comets. I am active member of the team both in and out of the pool, and one who competes regularly. Over the years I have participated in championship meets at the local, district, and zone level. I also swim for my high school swim team and this year attended the NYSPHAA meet in Ithaca. Through participation in all of these events I have gotten to know swimmers and coaches from all across the Niagara LSC region.

As Junior Athlete Representative I would be an active participant and voice for swimmers from across the district. I would also encourage greater attendance and participation by athletes at HOD meetings. The athletes are the reason the Niagara District exists and the league would benefit if more of them were present to contribute their opinions and insights to the decision being made. The Junior Athlete Representative is an important position, and I hope to have the opportunity to represent my fellow athletes in this role.