

2017 Alaska Masters Swimming Memorial Scholarship Results

Jed Dean of Palmer is the 2017 Alaska Masters Swimming Memorial Scholarship recipient. There were five applicants this year, Jed from Palmer, two candidates from Anchorage, and two candidates from Ketchikan. The Committee gave Jed their highest marks with the top score of 26 points (out of a possible 29). The competition was close. The average total score for the 5 candidates was 23.8 with a standard deviation of 2.4

Jed will be graduating from Colony High School in May where he holds a 3.1 GPA. His transcript includes a broad range of classes, from arts to sciences. Based on his transcript and essay it is apparent that he has a knack and passion for Spanish, competing (and winning) in World Language Declamation regional and state competitions. This alone is an accomplishment, but his interest in earth and planetary sciences is exemplified by his participation in science fairs and his 2nd place finish, representing Alaska, at the Intel International Science and Engineering Competition in Phoenix last May. He has been selected to present at the 2017 Alaska Marine Science Symposium. His presentation is titled “A Longitudinal Study of Fluctuating Radiation Levels in Prince William Sound Alaska: A Conclusion to a Four-Year Study”

Jed has been involved in swimming since he was 4 years-old. He has been a competitive age-group swimmer for the last 8 years and a varsity member of the Colony HS Swim team for the last four years. This last year he took on the role of team captain. His coach said that he struggled with the job of being captain of the team but, “At about the mid-point of the season he acknowledged he needed to step-up and finished the season being a leader! It was a pleasure to see this young man mature and take responsibility for this important role.” This is a testament to the determination and outlook that Jed has.

In his essay, Jed intimated that swimming sort of comes naturally because his whole family is involved in the sport. Swimming has meant a lot to him, making him very comfortable in and on the water. It has lead him to a strong interest in marine science. And it has taught him mental and physical endurance, commitment, and the ability to multi-task.

Jed will be attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks and studying mechanical engineering.

The Scholarship Committee and Alaska Masters Swimming would like to congratulate Jed and wish him the best of success in his educational future and his involvement in giving back to the swimming community.

The 2017 Scholarship Committee:

Brenda Avery, Golden View Middle School, Guidance

Germaine Thomas, East High School,

Joleen White, Hanshew Middle School, Physical Education

Ken Winterberger, Chairperson