

Name:	Club:	Honors	Activities	Role:	Why
Blake Carlson	WRAT	I am a First Honors student with a rigorous AP and Honors course load. I received the Staples High School Science Achievement Award and was a Connecticut State finalist and national competitor in National History Day for my paper, "An Unexpected Frontier: How the Civil War Exposed Medical Shortfalls and Prompted Change."	I have ten years of competitive swimming experience, including being a member of the Water Rats and the Staples High School Swim Team. In recognition of my commitment, I was honored with the Cameron Bruce Memorial Award by the Water Rats. In addition to competing, I serve as a USA Swimming Junior Stroke and Turn Official, which has given me a deeper understanding of the rules and regulations that govern our sport.	I am running for athlete representative because I believe in the importance of making athletes' voices heard in decision-making processes. Having dedicated many years to competitive swimming, I understand both the challenges and rewards the sport brings. I want to advocate for my fellow swimmers, ensuring their perspectives are heard and that we continue to foster a positive atmosphere in the CT swim community.	I should be elected because I bring a fresh, solution-oriented perspective to the table. My experiences as a competitive swimmer, Junior Stroke and Turn Official, and academic achiever have instilled in me the value of hard work, leadership, and responsibility. I'm passionate about improving the athlete experience and ensuring that all voices are heard, regardless of age or skill level. I'm driven to make meaningful changes that foster a more supportive and inclusive environment for swimmers, and I am ready to collaborate in bringing those ideas to life.