

Name:	Club:	Honors	Activities	Role:	Why
Ilse Fedoronko	GYWD	<p>I take several honors classes this year as a sophomore and will be taking three or four AP classes in junior year. I am expecting to be admitted to my school's science and French honors societies for junior year. A fun fact about me is I won my school Latin Bee in fifth grade. In eighth grade I was chosen to attend the Western Region Music Festival.</p>	<p>I swim six days a week on the National group at the Greenwich Dolphins and I volunteer at the hospital in the discharge suite one day a week. I enjoy baking and learning languages. I also like to go to Broadway shows and concerts and I have enjoyed learning to surf. This summer I will be working at my town beach as a lifeguard.</p>	<p>It would mean a lot to me to give back to Connecticut Swimming and offer my time and abilities to the sport that I love. Being on a competitive swim team has provided me many opportunities. I have learned valuable life skills such as goal setting, time management, and accountability. I have met my best friends and many other incredible people from all over Connecticut. Some of my favorite memories will always be Connecticut Age Groups and Seniors when I see my friends from other teams around the state and we swim against each other and cheer for each other to beat our times and make finals and maybe even stand on the podium together. Over the years, swimming has also given me the opportunity to travel to other states and have fun, new experiences there and meet people I would not have otherwise. I am grateful to Connecticut Swimming for all of these experiences.</p>	<p>The main reason I would be a valuable member of the board is that I have swum at many different meets all around the state at different levels in the eight years I have been a member of Connecticut Swimming. Based on my varied experiences in Connecticut swimming, I could offer educated insights to the board. When I was seven, I started out on the house team at my local Y while balancing other sports and activities. I worked my way up to age group qualifications at age nine, and at ages 13 and 14, I represented Connecticut at the Eastern Zone age group championship in butterfly and freestyle. I also have experience in open water swimming. I have swum a few times at CT Open Water Day at Lake Quassy and last summer, I placed seventh in the Open 5k at the Eastern Zone Open Water Championship which earned me a spot to swim at Junior Nationals Open Water this April in Sarasota. My dad has been a CT Swim official for seven years so I have learned some things from him about that area, too. I am organized, I enjoy learning new things, I am reliable, and I would work hard on any job I was given on the board. If I am elected, I would make it a priority to attend every board meeting. Thank you for considering me as your athlete representative!</p>