



## MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

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### Swimming And Diving Signs 11 Student-Athletes To National Letters Of Intent

Local and national talent to enhance roster for the 2008-09 season.

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Chicago, Ill. - UIC Head Swimming and Diving Coach [Paul Moniak](#) announced the signing of 11 student-athletes to National Letters of Intent on Monday.

The four men and seven women who have signed with the UIC swimming and diving program are:

#### UIC MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING SIGNEES

Will Ikeda (Skokie, Ill./Niles North)

Luke Martinez (Sugar Grove, Ill./Marmion Academy)

Steve Mell (Mississauga, Ontario/Silverthorn CI)

Zach Van Swol (Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln Way East)

#### UIC WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING SIGNEES

Andrea Belter (Naperville, Ill./Nequa Valley)

Lillian Cabel (St. Charles, Ill./St. Charles East)

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Alexandra Farrar (Lake Oswego, Ore./Lake Oswego)

Sarah Harper (Whitefish Bay, Wis./Whitefish Bay)

Kelley Hinklin (Louisville, Ky./Dupont Manual)

Hannika Schleebs (Naperville, Ill./Waubonsie Valley)

Sarah Walsh (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South)

"We are very pleased to have these fine athletes join us here at UIC." said Moniak.

Here's a brief look at all 11 signees that make up one of the top classes in the history of the UIC swimming and diving program:

**Will Ikeda:** Ikeda placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke at the IHSA 2007 state championships. A native of Skokie, Illinois, Ikeda attends Niles North, the Alma Matter of current UIC swimming and diving standouts [Sonia Peterson](#) and [Andy Peterson](#). Ikeda swims for the Leaning Tower YMCA Club. Ikeda currently holds personal-best times of 58.0 in the 100-yard breaststroke and 1:58.0 in the 200 IM.

**Luke Martinez:** Martinez was a state qualifier in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle events and swam on the Marmion Academy 400 freestyle relay at state in 2007. Martinez currently holds two age-group records for his club team, the Academy Bullets Swim Club. Martinez has personal-best times of 4:43.23 in the 500-yard freestyle and 16:06.82 in the 1650-yard freestyle events.

**Steve Mell:** Mell, a member of the Etobicoke Swim Club in Mississauga, Ontario, has personal bests of 4:11.3 (long course, meters) in the 400 free and 8:32.22 (short course, meters) for the 800 freestyle.

**Zach Van Swol:** Van Swol took fifth place in the 500-yard freestyle at the IHSA 2007 state championships. Van Swol swims for the Tinley Park Sharks Club team and holds personal-bests of 4:39.39 in the 500-yard freestyle and 9:44.77 in the 1000-yard freestyle.

**Andrea Belter:** Belter placed ninth in the 100-yard freestyle at the 2007 IHSA state finals. A Naperville, Illinois native, Belter competes for the Fox Valley Swim Club, along with fellow signee Hannika Schleebs. Belter's best times include a 50-yard freestyle time of 24.10 and 58.7 100-yard butterfly.

**Lilian Cabel:** Cabel, a long distance competitor for St. Charles East as well as the St. Charles Swim Club team, has personal bests of 5:15.17 in the 500 freestyle and 10:55 in the 1000-yard freestyle events.

**Alexandra Farrar:** Farrar, an Oregon native and a member of the Tualatin Hills Swim Club, comes to UIC with personal best times of 58.9 for the 100-yard backstroke, 58.67 in the 100-yard butterfly and a 200-yard butterfly time of 2:07.71.

**Sarah Harper:** Harper, a breaststroke/IM specialist swims for the Schroeder YMCA Swim Club and holds personal best times of 2:27.0 in the 200-yard breaststroke, 2:13 in the 200-yard IM, and 4:44 in the 400-yard IM.

**Kelley Hinklin:** Hinklin, from Louisville, Kentucky, competes for Dupont Manual High School and the Lakeside Seahawks Swim Team. Hinklin holds personal bests of 1:05.95 in the 100-yard breaststroke and a 200-yard IM time of 2:10.10.

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**Hannika Schleebs:** Schleebs led three Waubonsie Valley relays to All-State status at the 2007 IHSA state finals. Schleebs anchored the sixth-place 400-yard free relay as well as the seventh-place 200-yard medley relay, and capped her school career with a sixth-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Schleebs competes for the Fox Valley Swim Club, along with fellow UIC signee Andrea Belter. Schleebs holds individual personal best-times of 54.0 in the 100-yard freestyle and 1:59 in the 200-yard freestyle events.

**Sarah Walsh:** Walsh was a state qualifier in the 100-yard breaststroke in the 2007 season. Walsh swims for the Leaning Tower YMCA Club team and holds personal-bests of 1:06.98 in the 100-yard breaststroke and 2:30.80 in the 200-yard breaststroke.

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