

MEN (30)

Liam Acosta

Oceanside, CA

Diving

Liam continues a trend of West coast kids wanting to go to school in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains. Liam is already competing with a very difficult list of dives and will spend his time working with our staff to increase his D.D. while fine tuning his technique. Liam should be a finalist in his freshmen season at the RMAC championships and could qualify for nationals. Liam is a perfect fit for our program both talent wise and personality.

6 dive 11 dive
254.10 355.90

Alec Anderson

Green River, WY

Mid distance/IM/Butterfly

Alec is one of those kids that just fell on our doorstep and proves that the word is out on Mesa State swimming. He is a legitimate candidate to qualify for nationals in multiple events his freshmen year. He was a two time Wyoming state champion as well as senior sectional qualifier 7 in events and graduated with a 4.0 GPA. We know he likes to train because he specializes in events that you can't fake your way through. I know there were some disappointed division I schools out their when Alex made his decision.

200 FR 500 FR 1650 FR 200 IM 200 FL
1:44.74 4:43.01 17:39.79 2:00.75 1:59.19

Jason Anderson

Brighton, CO

Free/Butterfly

Qualified to compete in the state competition in the 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle, 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly. A varsity team captain his senior year, he was a four year letterwinner. He earned the Most Valuable Swimmer award.

100 FR 50 FR
50.17 22.81

Jimmy Albertson

Pleasant Hill, CA

Sprint/Mid-Distance

Jimmy was an early commitment for us and our first out of the Junior college ranks. He brings maturity and a very strong work ethic to a very young men's team. We are hoping he can provide us the same kind of leadership he displayed while serving as captain at Diablo Valley College. Jimmy qualified for the California Junior College Championships in both 2009 and 2010 where he achieved All-American status in both the 1650 and 800 freestyle relay. We think he will benefit greatly from the upgraded facilities and increased competition in practice. Jimmy is also a great student he graduated high school with a 3.54 GPA and continued that success at Diablo Valley College where he graduated with honors.

50 FR 100 FR 200 FR 500 FR 1650 FR
:22.96 :48.85 1:47.75 4:53.39 17:13.96

David Brooks

Albuquerque, NM

Sprints/Breaststroke

David comes to us after taking a year off from swimming to pursue other opportunities. He is currently training with Charger Aquatics and has already come close to eclipsing his best times

Rob Eisendrath**Las Vegas, NV****Backstroke/Sprints/IM**

Rob exhibits all of the traits that we are looking for in Mesa State swimmer being that he is a great athlete, has great leadership skills, and more than takes care of business in the classroom. He graduated from high school with honors and a 4.0 GPA while also serving in the National Honor Society. He was a big time get for us because he specializes in the individual medley which means he has to be strong in all four strokes and he can sprint. In the pool he was a first team all region selection for the state of Nevada, four year varsity letter winner, and team captain his senior year. It will be a dog fight for that "A" relay spot in the medleys and sprint freestyle relays and Rob will be right up their till the end.

100 BK 200 IM 50 FR
:53.87 1:59.19 :21.97

Heath Eustance**Missoula, MT****Sprint/Free/Backstroke**

Heath comes to us by way of Shasta Junior College where he only trained once a day and had a limited dry land program. With his times coming in he would have made it back in all three events last year making finals in the 100 Free and 100 Backstroke. When he called to tell me he was coming I thought he was going to jump through the phone because he was so eager to get out here and start training. He was our last recruit to commit but I think he was the final piece of the puzzle and we may be young next year but we will also be very talented.

50 FR 100 FR 100 BK 200 BK
:22.00 :48.00 :53.7 1:59.00

Chuck Gabriel**Laramie, WY****Breaststroke**

Chuck is one of three athletes that hail from Laramie high school that come courtesy of Tom Hudson a collegiate teammate of Mesa State swim coach Brian Pearson. He was a four year letter winner in high school, two time state finalist and was member of four state record breaking relays. Chuck will initially provide depth in our breaststroke events but we think with some added strength and being pushed every day in practice he will eventually evolve into a national qualifier.

100 BR 200 BR
1:03.37 2:15.31

Andrew Gibbons**Dunwoody, GA****Sprints/Breaststroke**

Andrew comes to us from the Peach State visa Swim Atlanta. If we were to look solely at stats he would by far be the crown jewel of this recruiting class. He comes to us having already achieved "A" national qualifying standards in both the breaststroke events. His 200 breaststroke would have achieved All-American status at last year's meet. He had a minor setback over the summer when he broke his collarbone but should be healed up nicely by the start of our season. As Division II coaches" we have to be pretty happy when someone with surefire Division I talent decides to come help you establish your program!

50 FR 100 FL 100 BR 200 BR 200 IM
:21.50 :53.50 :57.7 2:04.0 1:59.1

Tom Giuliano**Northglenn, CO****Breaststroke**

Tom is a last minute addition to this year's class but by no means a throw in. He is a two time state qualifier in the 100 breaststroke as well as being named second team all conference his senior year. He graduated from Legacy high school with a 3.4 GPA. We think he has only scratched the surface of what he is capable of as a swimmer and should drop significant time with an increase in aerobic capacity and strength.

100 BR

1:02.33

Shawn Grace**Lubbock, TX****Sprints/Butterfly**

Shawn comes to Mesa State with a lot of credibility having come from one of the top swimming states in the country and more than holding his own. He was a four year varsity letter winner, a state qualifier, and was All-Region in 2009 and 2010. His times were good enough in the 100 and 200 fly to qualify for the USA sectional championships. Along with all of his athletic ability he also brings a strong work ethic in the classroom. Shawn graduated with honors and was an Academic All-American which recognizes the top swimmers with the top grades. Shawn came out on his recruit trip and just clicked with the team and his fellow recruits and we are looking forward to helping him reach his full potential as a student athlete.

100 FL 200 FL

:53.64 1:58.02

Thomas Heggen**St. Charles, IL****Butterfly/Backstroke**

Thomas will add strength to our butterfly and backstroke events and shows a lot of room for improvement. He was an all conference selection in 2010 as well as a state qualifier. Thomas is not a one trick pony he doubles as an up and coming triathlete having qualified for the Age Group World Championships in 2008. If shows the same progress that we have typically had with our freshmen over the years he could be an RMAC finalist by year's end in the butterfly and middle distance freestyle events. On top of his swimming ability Thomas comes to us with a very impressive academic resume which includes graduating from St. Charles East with a 3.8 GPA.

100 FL 100 FR 200 FR 500 FR

:54.78 :49.88 1:48.39 4:56.17

Alejandro Hernandez**Caracas, Venezuela****Butterfly/IM**

Alejandro transfers to Mesa State after competing one year for RMAC rival Metro State prior to the school dropping its program. In his only year off collegiate competition he was knocking on the door of national qualification in the 200 fly and 400 IM. What Alejandro may lack in collegiate experience he more than makes up for with his club swimming background. He has been training with one of the top club programs in the state North Jeffco. He was in very good hands under well respected coach Brett Stoyall who has produced more than his fair share off division one talent in the swimming world. We think he could be our first national qualifier!

200 FL 400 IM

1:54.86 4:09.65

Zach Hoffman**Tucson, AZ****Sprints**

Red Shirt Freshman Zach shows promise in all strokes. Will specialize in FR/FL. Zach was the first male commitment to Mesa States brand new men's program last year. He hails from DI swimming hotbed Tucson. Shows great leadership ability we wouldn't be surprised if he is a future captain sometime in the near future!

50 FR 100 FR
:22.8 :50.2

Mike Hudson**Laramie, WY****Sprints/Backstroke**

Mike is one of three athletes that hail from Laramie high school. He comes courtesy of Tom Hudson, Mike's dad, a collegiate teammate of Mesa State swim coach Brian Pearson. Mike is a four year all state team member as well as an individual state champion in the 100 backstroke his junior year. Mike led off for the state championship 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays earning All-American consideration which helped push his team to back to back team championships in Wyoming. Mike is a great leader having been a two time team captain and comes out of a great club program. He will be ready to contribute the day he steps on campus and we are hoping his championship pedigree is contagious.

100 BK 200 BK
:53.32 1:59.87

Alex Jordan**Windsor, CO****Breaststroke/IM**

Alex comes to us from Windsor High school just outside of Fort Collins, CO where he trained under long time University of New Mexico swim coach Bill Spahn. Alex would have been knocking on the door of being a finalist at this year's RMAC meet. We feel with a year of strength training at the collegiate level we can add some needed power to what is already a technically efficient breaststroke. Alex is going to be one of those swimmers that just continually improves every year due to a good work ethic and a great attitude.

100 BR 200 BR
1:02.33 2:16.01

Sebastian King**Laramie, WY****Diving**

Sebastian is one of three athletes that hail from Laramie high school that come courtesy of Tom Hudson a collegiate teammate of Mesa State swim coach Brian Pearson. He was a state qualifying diver all four years and a finalist both his junior and senior year. Our staff thinks that he was a great fit for division II and just we look forward to seeing him progress over the next four years.

Christian Klaiber**Omaha, NE****Sprints**

Christian brings with him all the tools needed to be a good swimmer in college. He doesn't quite have the stats of some of our other recruits but with added experience and strength should close that gap very quickly. He has a great attitude and should help loosen up the team during those tough practices in November.

200 FR 100 FR 50 FR
1:51.1 :50.6 :22.9

Jakob Matthiessen**Omaha, NE****Mid/Dist**

Jakob is the third of the three amigos from Nebraska and also the most accomplished swimmer. He graduated from Westside High School with a very impressive resume he was a four time state qualifier and a finalist in the 200 freestyle his senior year. He also has a 500 freestyle time that would have scored points at our conference meet next year. He will be lynchpin in our 800 freestyle relay from day one.

<u>100 FR</u>	<u>200 FR</u>	<u>500 FR</u>
:48.3	1:46.0	4:58.0

Ryan Palmer**Rawlins, WY****Diving**

Ryan is one of the divers that Coach Chuck brought in to help jump start our men's diving program and he brings some instant credibility to Mesa State. He holds the school records for both the 6 and 11 dive format. He was all state all four years of high school and placed third in at state his freshmen year while taking home bridesmaid honors the next three years. He doesn't have as much three meter experience so that is something he is going to have to grow into but with his pedigree on the one meter board it shouldn't take long.

<u>6 Dives</u>	<u>11 Dives</u>
297.85	475.45

Ian Shriner**Green River, WY****Sprints**

Ian comes to us with a very diverse skill set. He can sprint, swim backstroke, and be very competitive in the individual medley events. He is the kind of kid that will go a long way in helping us win dual meets because of his versatility. He is just one example of a recruit walking into our new facility and basically committing on the spot. Colleen Seiloff did a great job of developing him in high school and we look forward to building from that foundation.

<u>100 FR</u>	<u>100 BK</u>	<u>200 IM</u>
:49.3	:54.1	2:01.6

Shane Seuscheck**West Chicago, IL****IM/Mid/Dist**

Shane is a blue collar kid that every coach dreams of working with as a swimmer. He will come in from day one and take our practices to a whole other level. Shane is primarily a sprint/middle distance freestyler that has also shown great potential in the individual medleys. Shane will be fighting for spots on every single one of our "A" relays and could play a pivotal part in whether our relays qualify for nationals. Shane was also a very good student graduating with a 3.5 GPA and should help us achieve our team goal of becoming an academic all American team.

<u>100 FR</u>	<u>200 FR</u>	<u>200 IM</u>
:48.25	1:47.2	1:58.0

Cody Spencer**Lakewood, CO****BK/Sprints**

Red Shirt Freshman from Green Mountain High School. Untapped talent shows tremendous promise in the sprints and backstroke. Assistant coach Dan France speaks highly of his potential after seeing Cody compete last summer.

