



GEORGETOWN PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
APRIL 12, 2024



# CLASS OF 2024

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends of Georgetown Prep,

I am honored to be a part of recognizing the members of the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024. In 2007, we celebrated the inaugural year of the Athletic Hall of Fame with the induction of 41 athletes, coaches, teachers and administrators. Georgetown Prep recognized those who through their athletic abilities and leadership laid the foundation for Georgetown Prep to be considered a school respected nationwide for its athletic tradition as well as its academic excellence and a comprehensive formation program.

This year, the Georgetown Prep Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes ten individual inductees and four teams. This Hall of Fame class has had many accomplishments on Prep's playing fields, courts, and in the pool. Many of them have gone on to have successful professional careers, but all of them are remembered for their commitment and dedication to Georgetown Prep. Tonight, we applaud the accomplishments of the 2024 inductees, who during their time at Georgetown Prep contributed to a rich tradition of athletic excellence.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Van Dyke, S.J.", written in a cursive style.

Rev. James R. Van Dyke, S.J.  
*President*

# GEORGETOWN PREP ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024

## **1970s**

Norman Shaffer 1978 • Football, Soccer, and Track

## **1980s**

George Cotter 1980 • Football, Basketball, and Track

Robert Clark 1987 • Football and Lacrosse

## **1990s**

Sean Gaiser 1998 • Swimming

## **2000s**

Rice Moss 2004 • Football, Basketball, and Track

Andrew Brancaccio 2006 • Lacrosse

Josh Hafkin 2007 • Swimming

Robert Grimmet-Norris 2007 • Swimming

## **2010s**

Markel Starks 2010 • Basketball

Rev. William L. George, S.J.

*President of Georgetown Prep*

2000-2010

## **Teams**

1977 Soccer (including 1978 Winter Soccer)

1987 Tennis

1991 Basketball

2007 Swim & Dive

# GEORGETOWN PREPARATORY SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE 2024

Pat Castle '94

Jerry Clark '80

Rory Coakley '78

Brendan Dowd '97

Sean Gaiser '98

Charlie Hathway '79

Jim Molloy '85

Ryan Perraut '97

Marc Richards '89

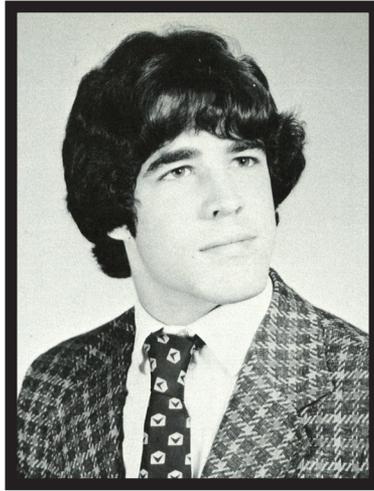
Matt Saxon '01

Fran Gormley '06, *Director of Alumni Engagement*

Dan Paro '79, *Athletic Director & Head Varsity Football Coach*

# NORMAN SHAFFER 1978

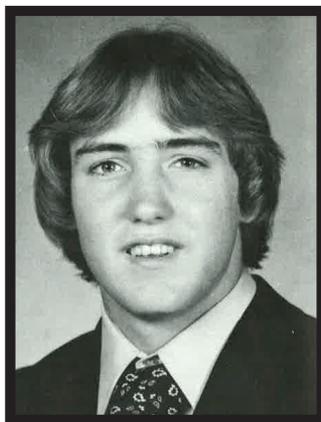
## FOOTBALL, SOCCER, AND TRACK



Norman Shaffer, Class of 1978, was a four-year starter on the Varsity Soccer Team coached by Hall of Famer Guy Fraiture. In Norm's senior year Prep went undefeated and was the IAC champion. Norm also competed for three years on the varsity track and field team, including the 1976 team which is already enshrined in Prep's Hall of Fame. At the 1978 IAC Championships Norm ran the second leg of a 4x110 relay squad that took 1st place and set an IAC record which stood for 10 years. He was also a member of the 4x400 relay team that won the Penn Relays, and he took 1st place in the triple jump at the Maryland Private Schools Championships. Norm also competed in the Cronly Meet, placing in the top three as a junior and senior in the triple jump and long jump. Norm also strapped on a helmet for two years as the varsity football team's featured running back, rushing for 500 yards with an average of 9 yards per rush during his senior campaign. After Prep, Norm continued his soccer and track and field exploits at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, where as a senior he captained the soccer team that achieved a national ranking for the first time in school history. He also set a Dickinson record for the triple jump.

# GEORGE COTTER 1980

## FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, AND TRACK



As a Prep freshman in the fall of 1976, George Cotter was relatively unknown to the Athletics Department. He lived in Prince George's County and rarely competed against the boys from Mater Dei or nearby parishes, so nobody at Prep knew that young George had been a nationally-ranked miler or a foul-shooting machine at Morgan Wootten's summer basketball camp. By the time he graduated from Prep in 1980, George had earned six varsity letters in three sports and captained Coach Fegan's defense as an All-IAC middle linebacker. George started at linebacker as a junior and senior, and although undersized for the position his play made up for it with toughness, smarts, and such passion that he never missed a snap as a senior. In that nine-game season of 1979, he accounted for 160 combined tackles, with a high of 20 tackles in one game. The defense he led that year produced four shutouts and gave up an average of only seven points per game. George was selected by *The Washington Post* to its Independent/Private Schools All-League Team, and by the Washington Star to its Area Prep School All-Star Team. During the winters George played point guard for Prep's basketball teams, and as a senior starter he very ably filled the big shoes of his predecessor and fellow Hall of Fame inductee Pat Luce '79 by hitting his foul shots at the free throw line. George also won two varsity letters in spring track and field, specializing in the 800 meters. At the end of his high school career, George was recognized by the national publication *American High School Athlete* for outstanding achievement in athletics, academics, and leadership. After Prep, George continued his Jesuit education by earning a degree in economics at the College of the Holy Cross, where he captained the rugby team as a senior. His teammates in Worcester still comment glowingly about his toughness and leadership. Shortly after college, George returned to Prep to begin a football coaching career that would span four decades. He has been a fixture on the sidelines at Prep, and instrumental in the coaching and formation of Prep men for the last 35-plus years, including his two sons, Tommy '06 and Pat '09. George has been on Prep's coaching staffs that have compiled 3 undefeated seasons, 10 IAC league championships, and *The Washington Post's* #1 area ranking in 2002. In 2023 he received the John Voight Assistant Coach's Award given by the State of Maryland Coaches Hall of Fame.

# ROBERT CLARK 1987

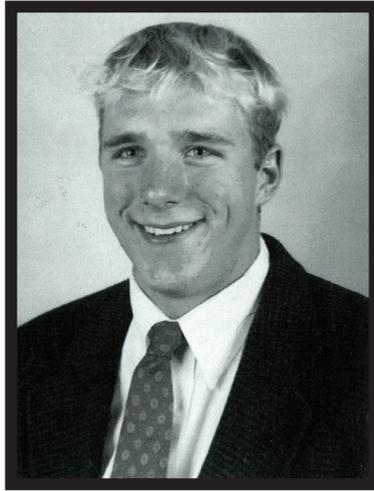
## FOOTBALL AND LACROSSE



At Georgetown Prep, Rob Clark, Class of 1987, was a three-year starter at defensive linebacker on the Varsity Football Team, and was named First-Team All-IAC in both his junior and senior seasons. In his senior year, Rob was elected captain, leading a defense that gave up only six points all season, a Georgetown Prep record which may never be broken. Rob led the Varsity Football Team in tackles his senior year and was named to the Metro Area All-Star team. In addition, Rob was a founding member of the Georgetown Prep Varsity Lacrosse Team in 1985, and served as a standout midfielder for three years. In his senior season, the first season as a varsity program for Georgetown Prep, Rob served as captain and had the distinct honor of scoring the first varsity goal in Georgetown Prep history. In his early years at Prep, Rob also contributed to Prep's Track & Field, Basketball, and Swim & Dive teams. After graduation, Rob has continued to support the Georgetown Prep community on various committees and boards, serving as emcee at multiple events, including the Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony, and presiding as President of the Alumni Association for five years. His son, Justin, graduated from Georgetown Prep in 2019.

# SEAN GAISER 1998

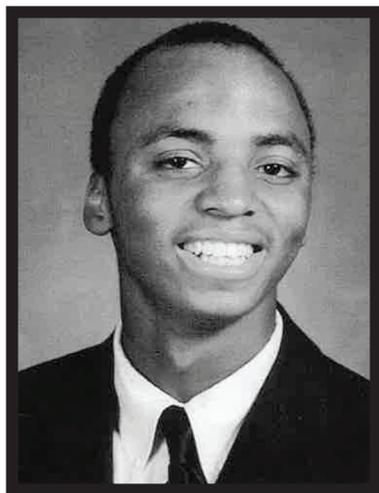
## SWIMMING



As a childhood swimmer, Sean Gaiser Class of 1998 began his competitive swimming at the age of 11 when he joined Rockville Montgomery Swim Club and began training year round. At Georgetown Prep, Sean was named Academic All-America as a senior and qualified for Junior Nationals in the 100 butterfly. Sean was named All County as a junior and senior, and he was included as All Met in his senior year. At the time of his graduation in 1998, out of 11 possible events, Sean held seven Prep team records - covering close to two-thirds of the record board. He led the Prep Varsity Swim Team to its best finish to date at Metros in 1998, as the team placed second, almost capturing the overall team title. Since then, the Prep Varsity Swim Team has placed in the top five every single year for 25 years straight and has taken home the Metros title 11 times. Sean continued his swimming career at Duke University. At the collegiate level, Sean was a member of the top 200-medley relay team and posted the second fastest 100 butterfly time amongst his teammates during his tenure. Currently, Sean serves on the faculty at Georgetown Prep teaching Audio Engineering and Video Production and has been instrumental in the student work produced out of Prep's recording studio.

# RICE MOSS 2004

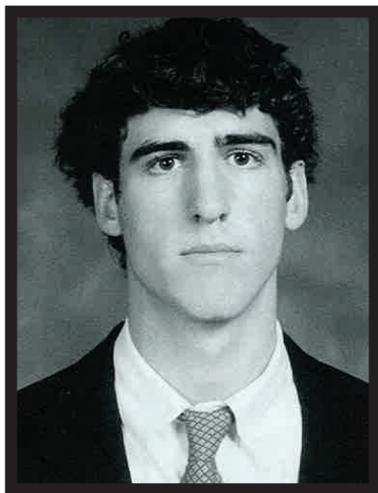
## FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, AND TRACK



Thomas "Rice" Moss III, Class of 2004, lived in Camden, NJ until the age of 10 when Rice made a pivotal move to Prince George's County, MD, in 1995. His football journey began with the Beltsville Bulls, marking the beginning of his remarkable accomplishments. His natural talent and dedication led to multiple MVP awards in basketball and football, paving the way for his inclusion in the Potomac Valley Blue Devils, where national rankings were the norm. Undeterred by early setbacks, Rice's determination to excel led him to Bishop O'Connell for his first year, where he resolved to reach for greater heights after a disappointing application to Georgetown Prep. His unwavering commitment to academic excellence enabled him to secure a place at Prep, where he honed his athletic prowess and received multiple individual awards in football, basketball, and track. Rice was named 3rd Team The Washington Post All-Met, 2nd Team All-County in football as a junior, and 1st team All-Met, All-County, and All-State in football as a senior. Rice left an indelible mark on the football field, boasting an impressive 28-1 record since joining the Little Hoyas. As for his basketball career at Prep, he received multiple 1st Team tournament honors, including the 5-star basketball camp, and the defensive player awards in various tournaments. He participated in multiple All-Star games and had a record-setting performance with 11 turnovers in a single game at the McDonald's Classic. His Varsity Track and Field performance was impressive with Gold Medals earned in the 100m, 200m, 4x1, and 4x4 relay his senior year. His outstanding athletic achievements earned him a place at Syracuse University, where he made a remarkable impact, starting his first year and solidifying his position in the lineup throughout his sophomore and junior years.

# ANDREW BRANCACCIO 2006

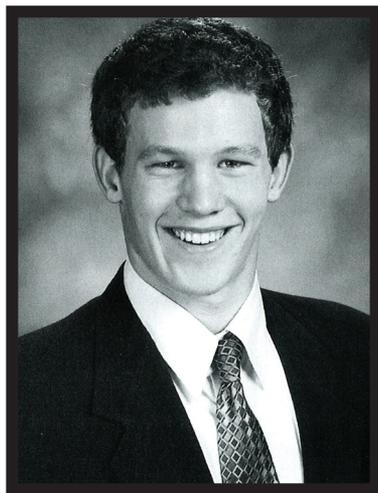
## LACROSSE AND BASKETBALL



Andrew Brancaccio, Class of 2006, was a dominant force on Prep's Varsity Lacrosse Team throughout his four-year varsity career. He played for Coach Kevin Giblin's Hall of Fame national champion teams of 2003 and 2006, and as a senior was named *The Washington Post's* All-Met Player of the Year. He also received the 2006 Kelly Award as the best lacrosse player in Maryland. As a Little Hoya, Andrew set the record for most goals scored in a season by a midfielder, was a three-time Freestate Team player, was co-captain of the 2006 squad – Prep's only undefeated varsity lacrosse team – and was named the nation's overall #1 recruit in his senior season. After Prep, Andrew continued his lacrosse career at Georgetown University as a four-year starter. He was named All-American Honorable Mention in 2007 and 2010, 1st team All-ECAC in 2008, 2nd team All-Big East in 2009, and 1st team All-Big East in 2010. He ranks 9th among Georgetown's all-time goal scorers. As a strong basketball contributor, Andrew also played for Prep's 2005 and 2006 Varsity Basketball Team, leading the 2006 team to winning the IAC Championships with a 17-game winning streak, 21-4 record, and Prep's first outright first IAC title since 1991.

# ROBERT GRIMMETT-NORRIS 2007

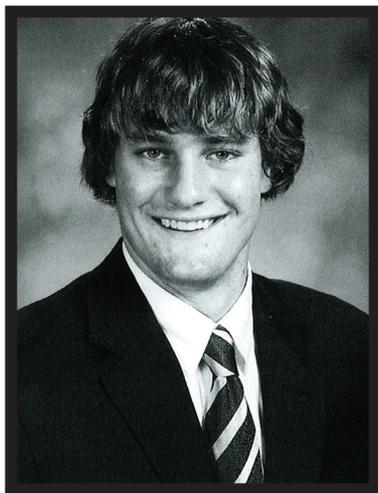
## SWIMMING



Robert Grimmatt-Norris, Class of 2007, was a standout swimmer, leading the Varsity Swim Team in butterfly and freestyle at Georgetown Prep for four years. He received *The Washington Post* All-Met honors three out of the four years and a four-year high school All-America selection. As captain and a force for the team in winning championships, Robert won both his individual races and relays. He was a five-time champion at Metros, a seven-time champion at WMPSSDL, and four-time champion in the IAC. Robert was a U.S. Swimming Senior National Qualifier in the 100 fly and a member of the NCSA Junior National All-Star team. Robert continued swimming at the collegiate level for the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill from 2007-2011. He was a four-time letter winner, a four-year ACC Academic Honor Roll recipient, and named All-ACC Academic in 2011.

# JOSH HAFKIN 2007

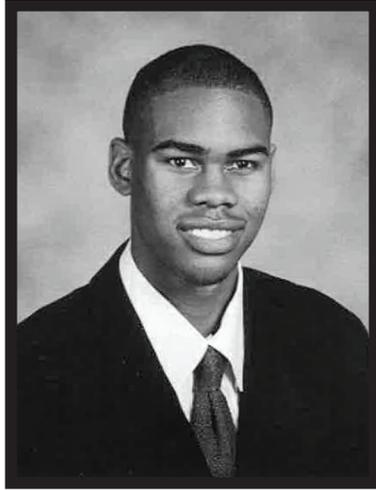
## SWIMMING



One of the most dominant swimmers in Georgetown Prep history, Josh Hafkin, Class of 2007, racked up 12 IAC, 9 WMPSSDLs, and 12 Washington Metropolitan Championships (Metros) 1st place finishes in three years. He won the high point award at the IAC Championships, WMPSSDLs, and Metros from 2005-2007 and was undefeated in individual races at Metros. He set four IAC, two WMPSSDL, and seven Metros meet records and was the team record holder in the 100 backstroke from 2005-2020. Josh was a team captain in 2007, led Prep to three Metros Championships, Prep's first WMPSSDLs Championship, Prep's first National Catholic Championship, and was named 2007 National Catholic's Swimmer of the Meet. When he graduated, Josh was a 15x All-American, four-time *The Washington Post* All-Met Selection, and was awarded All-Met Swimmer of the Year in both 2006 and 2007. In 2007, Josh was named to the United States National Junior Team, the National Club Swimming Association All-American Team, held 32 Rockville Montgomery Swim Team records, and was the #1 backstroke recruit in the country. He continued his swimming at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he won an ACC Championship in the 200 Medley Relay and qualified for the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Swimming Trials in the 100 backstroke.

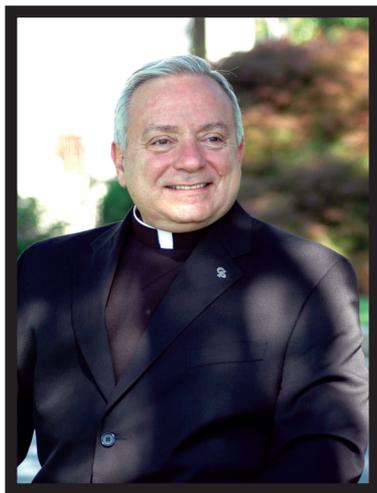
# MARKEL STARKS 2010

## BASKETBALL



Markel Starks had an auspicious start to his basketball career at Georgetown Prep by being named IAC Freshman of the Year in 2007. As a sophomore he led the Little Hoyas to an 18-7 record and their second consecutive IAC Tournament championship, earning All-IAC and 1st Team All-Montgomery County honors along the way. In his junior year he averaged 22 points and 8 assists, and was named 2nd Team All-Met by *The Washington Post*, yet he even improved those gaudy credentials as a senior when he averaged 25 points and was chosen 1st Team All-Met, as well as IAC and Montgomery County Player of the Year. At that season's Capital Classic All-Star Game in 2010 he was named Most Valuable Player. Markel continued his education and basketball career at Georgetown University, where he scored over 1200 total points on the hardwood. As a college junior in 2013, when Georgetown won the Big East regular season title, he was named 3rd Team All-Big East and made the Big East All-Tournament Team. In his senior season on the Hilltop he earned 1st Team All-Big East honors, leading the Hoyas in assists while scoring 17 points per game and being chosen by the National Association of Basketball Coaches to play in the 2014 Reese's Division I College All-Star game. Since college, Markel has had a robust professional basketball career overseas, playing for teams in Italy, Australia, Germany, Greece, Poland, Russia, and Bosnia. He currently plays in Turkey for a team competing in the Turkish Basketball Super League. In his last five years as a professional, Markel has led his league in free throw shooting, assists, and steals, and in 2022 his team was crowned champion of the Turkish League.

REV. WILLIAM L. GEORGE, S.J.  
PRESIDENT OF GEORGETOWN PREP  
2000-2010



William L. George, S.J. served as President of Georgetown Preparatory School from 2000-2010. During his tenure at Prep, he accomplished a number of extraordinary projects for the School. He led a successful capital campaign that resulted in greatly enhancing Prep's campus with the building of The Hanley Center for Athletic Excellence and The William L. George, S.J. Center for Academic Excellence. From the beginning of his presidency, Father George was the Little Hoyas' biggest sports fan, which inspired many of his strategic goals for Georgetown Prep. Building on decades of success among various athletic teams at Prep, Father George focused on elevating the athletic program to new levels of competitive excellence. In partnership with a supportive Board of Trustees and Athletics Department, he committed to developing improved athletic facilities, and he accomplished that plan by building the first artificial turf field at Prep, installing lights for the stadium, enhancing the grass fields, preserving a reconfigured golf course, building the Hanley Center, supporting the growth of the lacrosse team, and launching the rugby program. During his presidency, Georgetown Prep achieved historic milestones of success in the IAC, as well as in regional and national competitions across many sports – particularly in Prep's football, basketball, lacrosse, and golf programs. After his time at Prep, Father George served on several governing boards, worked at the Archdiocese of Washington as the Special Assistant for Development and Public Affairs from 2010-2012, and was an Adviser to the President for Major Projects at Wheeling Jesuit University from 2013-2018. Father George is currently the Senior Advisor to the President of the Gregorian University Foundation and resides in the Jesuit Community at Georgetown University.

# 1977 SOCCER (INCLUDING 1978 WINTER SOCCER)



Under the guidance of Coach Guy Fraiture in his first season as head coach, the 1977 Fall Varsity Soccer Team and 1978 Winter Varsity Soccer Team team experienced an unprecedented level of success, culminating in an undefeated season and the attainment of the coveted IAC Championship. Fraiture's hiring marked a turning point for Prep soccer, not only bringing a profound understanding of the sport but also a passionate coach and new direction for the team. Fraiture's leadership injected much-needed direction into the team, leveraging the talents of players who excelled in soccer as their primary sport. The '77/'78 season witnessed an extraordinary feat as the team emerged undefeated, clinching the IAC Championship. This triumph not only marked a pinnacle in the team's history but also signaled a defining moment in Fraiture's tenure, marking the first IAC soccer championship for Georgetown Prep in recent memory.

In the winter season, unfavorable weather conditions posed significant challenges, limiting the team to only two home games. Despite the harsh winter conditions rendering the Prep field unplayable, Coach Fraiture secured alternative venues, including an unconventional match near the Lincoln Memorial on the DC Mall. Enduring the challenges of winter play underscored the team's unwavering dedication, laying the groundwork for the eventual transition of soccer to the fall season and reshaping the landscape of IAC soccer.

The legacy of the '77/'78 team endured beyond the season, with several players progressing to play soccer at the collegiate level, exemplifying the caliber of talent cultivated under Fraiture's mentorship. The '77/'78 soccer team's undefeated season and championship victory not only exemplified excellence on the field, but also heralded a new era of soccer prominence at Georgetown Prep, propelled by the visionary leadership of Coach Guy Fraiture and the collective dedication of its players.

# 1987 TENNIS



The 1987 Varsity Tennis Team is patently one for the ages at Georgetown Prep. Under longtime coach and 2022 Hall of Fame inductee Mr. John Shea (1984-1998), the Hoyas line up proved to be a powerhouse. The team finished with an overall 12-3 record and captured the IAC Varsity Tennis title, Prep's first title since 1972 and its second overall. Notably, the team finished third in the National Interscholastic Tournament behind the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy and the Cleveland School. The singles line-up consisted of four nationally-ranked USTA players in the Top 50: 2010 Hall of Fame inductee Bryan Lafferman '88, Mark Ortiz, Jason Reyner, and Sean White. Strong doubles pairings anchored the team: Rob Shaffer/Steve McLeod, Carnot/Barrett Evans, and Darius Sturmer/Doe Kim. Gene Ang, Corey Davenport, Mark Liang, Roger Sion and Bo Blair rounded out the '87 squad.

Several members of the team continued their tennis careers after Prep by playing for Division 1 teams at Florida State, University of Maryland, Georgetown University, and Tufts University.

# 1991 BASKETBALL



Led by Head Coach Frank Gilmore and Assistant Coach Kevin Dowd, the 1991 Varsity Basketball Team has been characterized by many as one of the purest teams to play at Prep, with incredible athletic talent off the court. Three-sport Hall of Fame inductee John Douglas '91 and soccer star Hall of Fame inductee A.J. Wood '91 led a "swarming defense" that helped guide the team to such an impressive season, posting a dominant 17-2 record. The team narrowly lost in the Championship of the St. Stephens Tournament to Our Lady of Good Counsel. Strong individual performances by Marty King and John Douglas were rewarded as they were selected to the All-Tournament Team. A.J. Wood received All-Met Honorable Mention for his strong performance throughout the season. Noted as a coach's dream, the Little Hoyas of the 1991 Varsity Basketball Team came together to make it work.

## 2007 SWIM & DIVE



Led by coaches Kirby Weldon and Matt Mongelli, the 2006-2007 Varsity Swimming and Diving Team put together the most dominant season in the history of Georgetown Prep. The Class of 2007 was the first group of swimmers to win Metros, the D.C. area championship combining public and private schools, every year they were in high school. The team not only won Metros, but also scored the most points in the meet's history and broke four meet records. In the years following, every member of this team also won Metros every year at Prep. The team also completed Georgetown Prep's first undefeated swim and dive season, winning every dual and championship meet, including the School's first ever victory in the National Catholic Swimming and Diving Championships at Villanova University.

The members of the team also found tremendous success after high school, with ten swimmers going on to swim Division I and multiple competing at NCAA Championships and U.S. Olympic Trials.



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