

JAMES HICKSON-WOODBRIDGE COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

I think coach James Hickson should be the coach of the year. He taught me a lot. I swim faster because he thought me well. He is very nice. I like having him as a coach.

Sincerely,
Matt Karacic.

Dear Irvine Swim League,

We are so happy to have Coach James Hickson as one of our awesome coaches. He is so great every Friday he brings donuts or bagels, he never misses a day of swim team, and he gives us tips at swim meets so we can do better. This year he has done an exceptional job; my times are so much faster now!

From,

Jacob Gibson

I would like to support my coach, James Hickson, from Woodbridge Swim Team, to become the Coach of the Year for Irvine. I've been in the swim team for the whole year, and I have never seen him miss a practice. This summer, I take morning and afternoon classes, and he always comes to the practices. With Coach James, I improved my times a lot. I learned much good technique from him, too. I want to thank him for what he does by hoping that he will become the Coach of the Year.

Sincerely,
Antony Karacic

To whom it may concern:

It is my great pleasure to nominate James Hickson of the Woodbridge Waveriders for the Todd K. Larsen Coach of the Year.

I swam with the Waveriders for over a decade and was a co-coach with James for several years. Part of the reason the team kept me and so many other swimmers for so long was because of James' enthusiasm and passion. He's one of those "first to show up, last to leave" kind of coaches, and I know from swimmers and parents alike that his work ethic inspires students to work just as hard. He routinely goes out of his way to help them too, setting an impeccably high standard for other coaches like myself. His work at Woodbridge High School is just further

testament to his dedication to teaching and commitment to excellence.

Beyond the pool, James continues to be a great friend and mentor. I truly cannot think of a more deserving individual for this prestigious award. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

Vincent Tzeng

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Dear Irvine Swim League,

We are extremely fortunate to have Coach James Hickson as a Woodbridge WaveRider's coach and would like to nominate him

as Irvine Swim League Coach of the Year.

All of the swimmers love attending practices and competing at the meets thanks to his kind, FUN and firm style of coaching.

Coach James arrives at the pool daily and works with each group of swimmers. He is always full of encouraging and positive words and the swimmers are always eager and excited to show him their best.

He knows each and every swimmer's strength and weakness and has an individual plan for each of them to reach their personal best.

The passion and dedication James has for our swim team is remarkable and amazing. His enthusiasm for swim is contagious. With his guidance he is leading his swimmers down a winning path and helping to instill successful habits to not only succeed in swim, but life as well.

Along with the rest of the parents of our team, we all believe Coach James deserves to be recognized as the ISL Coach of the Year. He is an inspiration to us all and really is what ISL is about...a kind and positive place for kids to swim and compete.

Sincerely,

Kristin MacKenzie

Woodbridge Waveriders

Our family would like to nominate coach James (Woodbridge Swim Team) for the coach of the year award.

He is such a great role model and super dedicated to his team.

He is the kindest coach and you can truly see how he cares so much for his team.

Chung Family