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2022 NEWSLETTER

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Thanks to your help, and despite all things COVID-19, 2021 was a surprisingly successful year for the Swim Fund. We met our fundraising goals, had a record number of donors, and hit \$50,000 in our endowment fund! The pandemic forced us to think more creatively with our fundraising approach, so we decided to “test the waters” with a swim challenge in place of our annual Apple Palooza celebration. The test proved positive! Apple’s Swim a Bridge Challenge offered five different bridge distances ranging from a half mile to 6.8 miles. We had several volunteers complete the challenge at Woodridge Swim Club and a few that chose the virtual option. With their help, our organization was introduced to many new donors. Needless to say, we’ve decided to hold the swim challenge again this year and will offer a relay option for those looking for a team experience. More details to the right.

We’ve been very fortunate over the years to have loyal supporters like you. I’d like to give a special thanks to Skyline Swim Team. They’ve organized a summer invitational with the sole purpose of giving back to Lancaster’s community. And for the past seven years, we’ve been honored to be included in their list of grateful recipients.

Because of your help, we’ve built a strong base and continue to exceed our financial goals. And so, it is with great pleasure that we would like to announce we are increasing our annual scholarship awards to \$1,500 each!

We are so proud of the work that has been accomplished and look forward to continuing our efforts to support our local swimmers.

With much appreciation,

Mindy Apple Ascosi



SAVE *the* DATE

Apple’s Swim a Bridge Challenge

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

Woodridge Swim Club—Lititz, PA

Join us for Apple’s Swim a Bridge Challenge, where proceeds will be donated to the John Apple Swim Fund. To raise money, swimmers will receive pledges and donations from family members, friends, and local businesses.

There will be a team and virtual option as well. Visit our website for more information.

BRIDGE OPTIONS

- 0.5mi Brooklyn Bridge
- 1.0mi Wrightsville Bridge
- 1.7mi Golden Gate Bridge
- 4.4mi Chesapeake Bay Bridge
- 6.8mi 7 Mile Bridge



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Getting to know our 2021

John Apple Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Connor Paladino

CONNOR PALADINO is currently in his freshman year at the University of Pittsburgh, where he is majoring in chemical engineering with a minor in chemistry and swims for the men's team. Connor graduated from Manheim Township High School and swam for Five Star Swim Club. He was a district and state qualifier for PIAA swimming and was an active member of Student Government, Key Club and Mini-Thon.

Best part about college swimming?

The best part of college swimming is being a part of a team. I instantly had 50 friends when I got to campus.

What are your favorite swimming events?

My favorite swimming events are the 50 and 100 freestyle.

What are some of your goals for 2022?

My goal moving forward is to excel in the classroom and achieve a 4.00 GPA.

Any advice for high school students getting ready for college?

Make sure to put a full effort into everything you do. In college, everything you do is a reflection of yourself, and you don't get many opportunities to create good impressions.

What do you miss most about home?

I miss the support system that I built up throughout the years at home.

Where is your favorite vacation spot?

My favorite vacation spot is Ocean City, NJ.



Kierra Parsons

KIERRA PARSONS is currently in her freshman year at Randolph-Macon College, where she is on the pre-med track, majoring in biology and German. She is a member of the women's swim team and is involved in a pre-med group, leadership group, German group and a small religious group. Kierra graduated from Ephrata High School, where she was an active member of Student Council, National Honor Society, and Orchestra. Kierra swam for Five Star Swim Club and was a district qualifier for PIAA swimming.

Best part about college swimming?

The best part of college swimming is the team. Through hard practices and bad swims, they always have my back. Outside of the pool we are just as close, always studying or just hanging out. I know my teammates are going to be people that I am friends with for the rest of my life.

What are your favorite swimming events?

My favorite events are the 1000/1650, 500, and 200 free, and the 400 IM.

What are some of your goals for 2022?

To place top 3 at conference and break the distance free records. My academic goal is to maintain my GPA and get involved.

Any advice for high school students getting ready for college?

My advice to high schoolers getting ready for college is to get involved once you're at school and meet as many people as you can, because you will find your closest friends here.

What do you miss most about home?

The thing I miss most about home is my family and my puppy. We got super close during COVID and it is hard being so far from them.

Where is your favorite vacation spot?

My favorite vacation spot is the Outer Banks or Jamaica.

2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

Available to swimmers in their senior year of high school who plan to pursue college swimming.

The John Apple Swim Fund will offer two scholarships this year to graduating seniors, in addition to providing an ongoing financial aid program. Visit our website for more information: johnappleswimfund.org

John Apple Memorial Scholarship \$1,500

DEADLINE: APRIL 18, 2022

 **WATCH the highlight video on our Scholarship Winners** / johnappleswimfund.org

APPLE'S SWIM A BRIDGE

2021 PARTICIPANTS

TOP 5 FUNDRAISERS

Cody Potter \$1,000

Barb Raasch \$550

Emma Ascosi \$330

Ginny Ackiewicz \$225

Mike Fish \$200

Chris Apple
Leo Ascosi
Mindy Ascosi
Brandy Basile
Carter Basile
Hope Farley Edwards
Koen German
Carly Hanna
Lindsay Hess



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Maddie Shay
Nick Shay
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Emme Strosser
Kate Strosser



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The John Apple Swim Fund was founded in memory of swim coach John Apple. Visit our website for more information on the history of Coach Apple. Have a story about Apple that you'd like to share in the Remembering John section? Email us at info@johnappleswimfund.org.

MISSION STATEMENT

The John Apple Swim Fund encourages Lancaster County swimmers to pursue their dreams by awarding scholarships to those in need of financial support.

2022 CALENDAR

April 18 Deadline, John Apple Memorial Scholarship Application

June 12 Apple's Swim a Bridge Challenge, Woodridge Swim Club and virtual option

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