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Supporting Swimmers. Accelerating Goals.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2024 our most successful year yet! Because of your generosity, we continue to grow the scope of John Apple Swim Fund, reaching more Lancaster County swimmers, families, and teams. Your help has allowed us to dive deeper into programs that make a lasting impact on the community.

Our annual fundraiser, Apple's Swim a Bridge, helped us meet and surpass our financial goals, and thanks to generous contributions, including \$4,000 from Texas Roadhouse in Ephrata, we expanded our reach in meaningful ways. We provided swim lessons to over 400 children through Lancaster REC's summer camps, supported the Rescue Ready program to ensure more lifeguards were trained, and offered financial assistance to USA swimming families in need. We also welcomed the Junior Tornado Swim Program to our list of supported teams, and awarded our two annual \$1,500 memorial scholarships, bringing our total to 22 since the fund's inception.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're committed to diving even deeper—expanding swim lessons to more summer camps, increasing scholarship awards, and supporting programs that make swimming more accessible and safe. We're setting our sights on raising \$10,000 at this year's Apple's Swim a Bridge event (June 21) to ensure these initiatives continue to grow.

Every lap swam, every dollar donated, and every opportunity created is because of you—our incredible supporters. Together, we're not just teaching kids to swim; we're giving them confidence, opportunity, and a lifelong love of the water.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's keep the momentum going and make 2025 even bigger!

With gratitude,

Mindy Apple Ascosi



Rescue Ready: Lancaster County Parks & Rec's Lifeguard Crew



Lancaster REC's Summer Camp

Swim Lessons were provided to:

- LREC Summer Camp: 313 children
- Summer Enrichment Program: 96 children

Only 8% of swimmers felt comfortable in the water prior to lessons.

60% of swimmers felt extremely comfortable in the water after lessons.

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APPLE'S SWIM A BRIDGE CHALLENGE – SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025
WOODRIDGE SWIM CLUB, LITITZ, PA

Getting to know our 2024 John Apple Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Kiran George

KIRAN GEORGE is currently in his freshman year at Shippensburg University, where he is majoring in Math & Science Education and is a member of the men's swim team. Outside of school and swimming, Kiran is involved with The Hidden Opponent, CMLA, IML Volleyball, and Special Olympics. Kiran graduated from Hempfield High School, was captain of their swim team, and swam for Five Star Swim Club.

Best part about college swimming?

The best part of college swimming is making a group of friends that you can swim with and help each other through practices.

What are your favorite swimming events?

Favorite events are 100 breaststroke and 50 free.

What are some of your goals for 2024?

My goal for 2024 is to obtain a 3.8 GPA for my Spring Semester.

Any advice for high school students getting ready for college?

Be excited for the opportunities you can give yourself starting adulthood!

What do you miss most about home?

Having a Wawa down the road from my house.



Anna Burrowes

ANNA BURROWES is currently in her freshman year at Washington College, where she is a biology major on the Pre Allied Health track, and a member of the women's swim team. Anna graduated from Manheim Township High School, where she was captain of their swim team, and involved with Key Club and Girls on the Run. Anna swam for Five Star Swim Club.

Best part about college swimming?

The best part about having college swimming is having a built-in group of people to be my friends, family, teammates, and classmates.

What are your favorite swimming events?

I've been enjoying swimming 100 and 200 breaststroke, as well as 200 and 400 IM.

What are some of your goals for 2024?

My goals for swimming this year are to get life best times at our conference meet. I would like to keep my grades high and keep up with my involvement on campus.

Any advice for high school students getting ready for college?

Don't give up! Swimming in college is such a privilege and it's a fun experience with so many great people. Study hard and have fun!

What do you miss most about home?

I miss seeing my family every day, but it makes seeing them at school so special.

2025 John Apple Memorial Scholarship: \$1,500

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

DEADLINE: APRIL 21, 2025 johnappleswimfund.org

APPLE'S SWIM A BRIDGE



2024 PARTICIPANTS

TOP 5 FUNDRAISERS

Lindsay Texter \$1,100

Mike Fish \$720

Melanie Payton: \$603

Lisa Terrell: \$601

Ginny Ackiewicz: \$500

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SAVE *the* DATE

Apple's Swim a Bridge Challenge

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

Woodridge Swim Club—Lititz, PA or at your own pool!

Register online: johnappleswimfund.org/events

Join us for our annual fundraiser, Apple's Swim a Bridge Challenge. To raise money, swimmers will receive pledges and donations from family members, friends, and local businesses.

There will be team and virtual options as well. Visit our website for more information. **Top fundraisers will receive custom Swim Fund apparel!**

BRIDGE OPTIONS

0.5 mi Brooklyn Bridge

1.0 mi Wrightsville Bridge

1.7 mi Golden Gate Bridge

3 mi Pensacola Bay Bridge

4.4 mi Chesapeake Bay Bridge

6.8 mi Seven Mile Bridge

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