

**James McQuade** has graduated from Seycove Secondary in Deep Cove and will be attending Simon Fraser University on an Athletic scholarship this September. James plans on studying at the SFU School of Business.



Simon Fraser University will compete in the NCAA Division II Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

James currently holds 5 Provincial Age Group Relay Records (15 - 17 boys) with his team mates from the West Vancouver Otters.

As a 16 year old at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Trials James placed 12th in the 200 metre backstroke and 22nd in the 100 backstroke. As a result, James was named to the Canadian National Junior Team and participated at the FINA World Junior Championships in Monterrey, Mexico. James also represented Swim Canada at the North American Challenge Cup in Edmonton and represented Swim BC at the Far Western Championships in San Jose, California that same year.

This past summer James has been busy coaching at the North Shore Cruisers summer swimming and while swimming in the coaches division, broke the summer 100 backstroke provincial record.

**Talia Benson** graduated from Mulgrave School as a “lifer” completing the IB program with Honours. She has accepted academic and athletic scholarships to attend the University of Calgary this September and will be studying Psychology and Biology.



Talia, a freestyle specialist, prior to coming to West Vancouver Otters last year swam with Chena Swim Club and was on the relay team that currently holds 5 Provincial age group relay records. At the Beijing Olympic Trials Talia and her Chena team mates won a Gold medal in the 800 free relay.

In the 50, 100, 200 and 400 freestyle Talia consistently ranked in the top ten 17 year old females in the Nation. Beginning at age 15 Talia has been selected to every Swim BC Team short and long course.

Talia was happy to finish her Club swimming career with the West Vancouver Otters Senior team, after 6 summers with the North Shore Cruisers Aquatics Club and 5 years with the Chena Swim Club. She'd like to thank Coach Janusz and her teammates for making her feel welcome and wish them all well in their future endeavours, especially fellow graduates Brenna and James!

**Brenna MacLean** graduated from Collingwood School and will be attending Indiana University (IU) in Bloomington Indiana. IU is a NCAA Division 1 school competing in the Big Ten Conference.

Brenna received a 5 year athletic scholarship with the Indiana Hoosiers. Brenna also received the BC Provincial Dogwood scholarship for athletics in her Grade 12 year.

Brenna began competitive swimming with the West Vancouver Otters at the age of 8, when she enrolled in the summer swim program. Brenna trained her way through all the different swim groups leading up to the Senior Team. Brenna thanks all of her Otters coaches throughout her time with Otters. Samantha Warwick, Lindsay Fisher, Kris Bober and Janusz Kaczmarek, all who played significant roles in her development.



As an Otter Brenna has led the way in many areas; first “carded” swimmer, first Victor Davis award recipient and first National age group record holder.

In addition to currently holding the National age group record (15-17) in SC 200 fly Brenna broke 12 Provincial age group records over the years and currently holds SC records in 11-12 50 freestyle, 15-17 100 fly and 200 fly.

Brenna represented Swim BC on all age group teams throughout the years since age 11. Brenna was selected to Swim Canada’s European Youth Team and to the Australian Youth Olympic Team. At the 2008 Olympic Trials Brenna at age 15 placed 6<sup>th</sup> in 200 fly and 7<sup>th</sup> in 100 fly A finals which earned her a spot on Swim Canada’s Senior B team. Representing Canada at her first Senior meet at Tri Nations involving Canada, France and Great Britain, Brenna won the Silver medal in 200 fly.

Brenna plans on studying journalism/telecommunications at IU.