

The Angela Hallerud “Newcomer of the Year” Award

This award’s sole eligibility requirement is that **only team members that are new to high school swimming will be considered** regardless of their year in high school or their previous degree of experience with competitive swimming. Excellent candidates will include those whose presence on their teams have fostered team unity and helped to advance the collective achievements of their teammates. While some special consideration might be given to swimmers who train with their high school teams on a daily basis, those who are part of year-round club programs will also be eligible since Angela herself was such a club swimmer.

Through communication with the Hallerud family and those that knew and coached her, it is believed that **an emphasis on the ways in which the winner positively-influenced the culture of their team** (rather than on individual performances) **would be the best way to support and memorialize her life**. Angela was a swimmer who trained hard but she was also an artist and a good friend who had a very caring and compassionate side. She was as dedicated to her friends and teammates as she was to her own swimming achievements.

How to nominate your team member for consideration:

- **At our end-of-season meeting on Thursday March 10 (or by this date by email)**, the candidate’s coach must submit a letter describing the nominee’s qualities that make he/she worthy of the award to the selection committee’s chairperson, Joe Pegues. **The letter needs to be emailed to Matt McElroy at matthewmcelroy1981@gmail.com.**
- The winner (selected by a committee of volunteer coaches and trustees) will be notified at least 1 week in advance of our SJISA All-SJ Banquet (in years it is held) and will attend it for free.
- At the banquet, the honoree will receive a plaque and a \$100 gift certificate to “The Sprint Lane” shop at the Jersey Wahoos Swim Club in Mt. Laurel.