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Year: Freshman, Class of 2022

How Many Official Visits Did You Take?

- 4

What were the most important features of the college you chose, such as division, conference, coaches, teammates, majors, minors, etc.?

- Teammates and coaches were a big part as far as swimming. "Teammates" was my most important feature, because I knew those people would become my family. However, I also wanted to enjoy the school for what it is without swimming. I focused on what the professors were like, the type of environment they were creating in the classroom, and the students interest in their classes.

What were some important things you learned from your visits?

- I learned that it is super important to go in with an open mind. Not everything will be what you expect. But also I learned to pay attention to where I felt comfortable. I wanted to feel that the people I was surrounded by could be my friends. Take your time making decisions!

How Important Was Academic Major In Your Choice Of School?

- My intention is Biology - this did not have a significant impact on my choice of school.

Did the Size of the School Factor Into Your Decision?

- Moderate factor - I found it appealing to have more personal connections with professors and smaller classes where I could be heard. A small school size was what I was aiming to find, but it was not a major part in the decision.

When Did You Begin Researching College Swim Programs?

- Junior Year

What Advice Would You Give To Rising Seniors With Regard To Recruiting?

- Go into recruiting with an open mind and be patient! It is ok to be overwhelmed during the process. If you continue searching you will find a place where you can see yourself spending the next four years. It may take longer than the timeline you are expecting, but if you wait you will find where you are supposed to be.