# HAMDEN HERONETTES ARTISTIC SWIM TEAM LAS-ALEALASTIC SWIM TEAM



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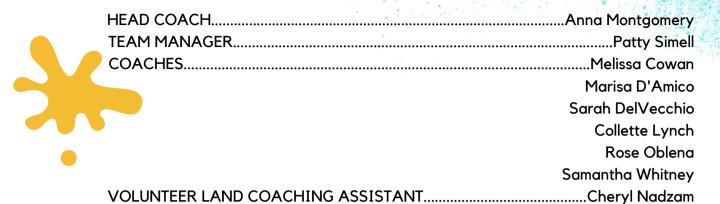
& June 18 @ 11:00 am

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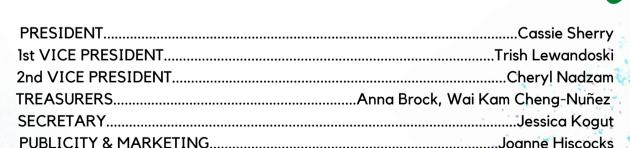
## GOACHING STAFF



PRODUCTION GREDITS

MC	Teena Griggs (Friday)
WATERSHOW CHAIR	Susan White
PROGRAM DESIGN/LAYOUT	Cheryl Nadzam
COVER ARTWORK	Beatrice Brock & Patty Simell
DECORATIONS & PROPS	Jessica Kogut
RAFFLE	Cassie Sherry
CONCESSIONS	Trish Lewandoski
KIM MILLER TABLE	Patty Simell
POOL MASTERS	Jim Brewster & Hamden Custodial Staff

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Special thanks to Laura Luzzi, the Town of Hamden, Hamden High School & the amazing custodial staff!

## Welcome to our Annual Watershow

A note from the Board President

For the first time since 2018, we are back in our home pool to present to you this water show, as a celebration of our swimmers' personal and athletic achievements! These past 2 years have not been easy for the Heronettes, but our swimmers' perseverance, grit and tenacity have been palpable this year. Each swimmer has boldly risen to each occasion during the season to being the best they can be. A year of growth and development, with a team that is supportive, positive and united — I am proud to present this water show to you!

Tonight, our swimmers will show you the results of 9 months' worth of hard work, to perform rather than compete, and most importantly, share the joys of their sport with you. We are grateful to the Town of Hamden's Department of Arts, Recreation and Culture, Laura Luzzi, Hamden High School and its amazingly awesome custodial staff (that's you Jim!), our Head coach, Anna Montgomery and Team Manager, Patty Simell, The Hamden Heronettes Parents Association & Executive Board, all of our advertisers and donors and to all of the volunteers who dedicate hours of hard work to help this organization run smoothly.

Please enjoy the show!

Cassie Sherry, President
The Hamden Heronettes Parents' Association

## A note from the Hend Conch

This year has seen the start of a return to normal, and at the same time, several new beginnings. Having a regular in-person competitive season and normal practices in our home pool has been fantastic! This year the Heronettes have been able to offer a non-competitive training team class in addition to the competitive intermediate and age group sections and the introductory classes. While the club has returned to its old pool, it has had to respond to one new change; the updated name of the sport on a global level.

Over the decades the performance of movement in the water to music has had several names. Water ballet was an entertainment spectacle, focused on patterns made by swimmers in the water. The name changed to synchronized swimming when it became a competitive sport and started to include acrobatic moves using only the strength of the swimmers. These acrobatics, such as lifts, throws and dolphin chains, are all executed without the use of the bottom or sides of the pool! Over the years the routines have become faster, harder, and more dynamic in their choreography. While synchronization is still a major part of the sport, it's also common to see routines with different moves being performed simultaneously, or in cadenced or syncopated rhythms. In 2020 the USA national governing body of the sport voted to align with the rest of the world and change the name to artistic swimming, to better reflect the changing nature of the sport, and this year the Heronettes have as well. While we are now proudly the Hamden Heronettes Artistic Swimming Club, there will always be a place for "synchro" in our hearts!

I am so very proud of every one of these athletes! The swimmers who have stayed with the club over the past few years of many challenges, and the new swimmers who have taken a chance on this amazing sport. It's been a pleasure to coach these talented artistic swimmers.

Please enjoy the performances, and feel free to cheer loudly and often!

Anna Montgomery Hamden Heronettes Head Coach



#### Mission:

to develop artistic swimmers at all levels into competitive athletes, confident performers, and compassionate teammates.

# 2021-2022 TEAMS

## 18/19 AGE GROUP TEAM

Beatrice Brock
Ashley Jeon
Emily Kogut
Jade Lee
Elle Nadzam
Kylie Oblena-Williams
Laney Sherry
Lydia White
Samantha Lewandowski



## 13/15 INTERMEDIATE TEAM



## NOVICE TRAINING TEAM

Chloe Butts Josephine "Josie" Dooley Belle Ingraham Elizabeth "Zee"Lang Allyson Shipman Eliza Stewart Ruby Banks
Lexi Booth
Lia Dunford
Zoey Hume
Mei-Lin Nuñez





### INTRO CLASS SWIMMERS



Yuiza Arce Sanchez Mia Castellano Isabella Castillo Sofia Guillen Viktorija Janusaitis Rachel Phinney Samantha Ung Stephanie Ung

## MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

### Bentrice Brock



## We'll miss you!



Beatrice joined the Hamden Heronettes Training Team in 2016 and has been with the team for 7 years. She is presently on the 18/19 Age Group team. In addition to being a competitive swimmer Beatrice has helped in designing some of the team routine suits and designed this years Water Show logo. In her spare time Beatrice enjoys movies, video games and web novels. She will be graduating in June from Middletown High School and plans on going into costume design.

Ashley joined the team in 2017, taking our Intro class and swimming in our Water Show that year. She has been swimming competitively for 5 years. Ashley has helped coach our summer intro class and has also assisted with some of this year's classes. She has been dealing with some medical issues and is unfortunately not swimming in this year's Water Show. She enjoys drawing, watching TV, and tutoring children in her spare time. Ashley will be graduating from Cheshire High School in June with plans to study finance at Colgate University.

## Ashley Jeon



## THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING GOAGHES

Intro Class



Intermediate



Hend Conch



Age Group





Melissa



CIT - Coaches in Training



Beatice



## 2021-22 AWARDS



#### Hamden Heronettes Holiday Figure Meet

#### **Training Team**

11/12 Age Division 1st Place Elizabeth (Zee)
2nd Place Josie

13/15 Age Division 1st Place Allyson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chloe 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Isabelle (Belle)

#### Intermediates

10 Under Age Division 11/12 Age Division I\* Place Zoey
I\* Place Mei Lin
2\*\* Place Lia
I\*\* Place Samantha
2\*\* Place Ruby
3\*\* Place Alexis

13/15 Age Division

**Age Group** 

1<sup>st</sup> Place Laney 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jade 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Emily

5<sup>th</sup> Place Lydia 6<sup>th</sup> Place Elle 7<sup>th</sup> Place Beatrice 8<sup>th</sup> Place Kylie "Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment."

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Congratulations to our Age Group Swimmers

Injury & illness did not stop the Hamden Heronettes from an excellent performance at the East Zone JR/SR Championships!!

Junior Team Technical Routine
7<sup>th</sup> Place -Beatrice, Emily, Jade, Kylie, Lydia
Junior Team Free Routine

8th Place- Beatrice, Jade, Kylie, Lydia





#### The Hamden Heronettes Intermediate Team went for Gold at the Connecticut Association Championships!!!

Gold-13/15 Bollywood Team-Lexi, Ruby, Lia, Zoey & Mei Lin

Gold-13/15 Intermediate Duct- Samantha & Mei-Lin Gold-13/15 Intermediate Solo- Samantha Gold-11/12 Intermediate Solo- Mei-Lin Gold-13/15 Intermediate Figures- Ruby Gold-11/12 Intermediate Figures- Mei-Lin

13/15 Intermediate Figure Results

3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Samantha 6<sup>th</sup> Place-Lexi 9<sup>th</sup> Place- Zoey 10<sup>th</sup> Place- Lia



#### Congratulations Samantha & Mei-Lin!!

Both participated in a Levels Assessment in New Canaan and

Samantha passed Level 1 Mei-Lin passed Level 1 & Level 2

Your teammates and coaches are very proud of all your hard work and accomplishments!!

#### East Zone Region A Championships



#### Intermediate Figures

11/12 Mei-Lin 1st place 13/15 Ruby 1st place Lexi 5th place Zoey 8th place

#### Intermediate Routines

11/12 Solo Mei-Lin 1<sup>st</sup> place 13/15 Solo Samantha 1<sup>st</sup> place 13/15 Duet Samantha A Mei-Lin 2<sup>nd</sup> place 13/15 Team Ruby, Alexis, Lia, Zoey AMei-Lin 2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### Age Group Routine

18/19 Solo Beatrice 1st place 16/17 Duet Free & Tech Emily & Laney 2nd place 18/19 Team Free & Tech Beatrice, Emily, Jade, Kylie, Laney & Lydia 1st place

All of the Hamden Heronettes routines have qualified to move on to the East Zone Intermediate Championships and Junior Olympics!!



#### Congratulations to our Intermediate Team!

#### 2022 East Zone Invitational Results

#### **Figures**

11/12 Intermediate Figures: Mei-Lin -  $3^{rd}$  place 13/15 intermediate Figures: Samantha -  $10^{th}$  place

#### Routines

11/12 Intermediate Solo: Mei-Lin - 1<sup>st</sup> place 13/15 Intermediate Solo: Samantha - 2<sup>nd</sup> place 13/15 Intermediate Duet: Mei-Lin & Samantha - 3<sup>rd</sup> place .5 Intermediate Team: Ruby, Lexi, Lia, Zoey & Mei-Lin — 1st place

irstulations to the swimmers who participated in their first ever competitive meetil





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National AnthemRuby Banks
Opening NumberEntire Club
Round Table Rival
11/12 Intermediate SoloMei-Lin Nuñez
Rio Carneval
16/17 Age Group Tech DuetEmily Kogut
& Laney Sherry
Bollywood
Novice TeamChloe Butts, Josephine Dooley, Isabelle
Ingraham, Elizabeth Lang, Allyson Shipman & Eliza Stewart
Round Table Rival
13/15 Intermediate DuetSamantha Lewandoski
& Mei-Lin Nuñez
Run Boy / Dauntless
18/19 Tech TeamBeatrice Brock, Ashley Jeon,
Emily Kogut, Jade Lee, Elle Nadzam, Kylie Oblena-Williams,
Laney Sherry & Lydia White
Hawaiian Rollercoaster
Intro ClassYuzia Arce Sanchez, Mia
Castellano, Isabella Castillo, Sofia Guillen & Rachel Phinney
Intermission

What can you do during Intermission?
Support our concessions & socialize.
Donate to the Kim Miller Scholarship Fund
Bid to win an awesome themed basket.

## Act 2

Marionettes	
18/19 Age Group Solo	Beatrice Brock
Calabria	
16/17 Age Group Free Duet	Emily Kogut
	& Laney Sherry
Bollywood	
13/15 Intermediate Team	Ruby Banks, Lexi Booth,
Lia Dunf	ord, Zoey Hume & Mei-Lin Nuñez
Girls Just Want to Have Fun	
Intro Class Trio	Viktorija Janusaitis,
	Samanth Ung & Stephanie Ung
Round Table Rival	
13/15 Intermediate Solo	Samantha Lewandoski
Shakira	
18/19 Free Team	Beatrice Brock, Ashley Jeon,
Emily Kogut, Jade Lee, Elle N	adzam, Kylie Oblena-Williams,
Laney Sherry, Lydia White 8	Samantha Lewandoski

Thank you for coming to our show!





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## Please Support the Kim Miller Scholarship

Purchase a notecard to leave a special message for your swimmer!

Notecards cost \$1.00

Kim Miller was an athlete on the Hamden Heronettes Synchronized Swim Team from 1994-2005. She was a dedicated teammate and role model. In 2001, Kim was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. She underwent chemotherapy and surgery to replace part of her femur with a titanium rod. Kim continued swimming and competed in the 2002 eSynchro Age Group Championships in Federal Way, Washington only 6 months after her surgery. She went on to swim on the collegiate level at Millersville College in Pennsylvania. In the midst of her freshman year, the cancer returned. In May of 2005, at the age of 19, Kim lost her long battle with bone cancer.

In our lobby tonight we are selling notecards for you to leave a special message to your swimmer performing in tonight's show. All proceeds benefit the Kim Miller Scholarship fund established by former Hamden Heronettes head coach Teena Griggs. This scholarship helps to ensure the memory of an incredible athlete and teammate, and also to help support the continuing career of a collegiate level artistic swimmer in the East Zone.





## NEW INTRO TO SYNCRO CLASSES THIS SUMMER AT HAMDEN HS & WALLINFORD YMCA



# THEIR OLYMPIC JOURNEYS STARTED AT THEIR LOCAL CLUBS

Gummer SESSIONS

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