

Seth Dunscomb started swimming at the age of 6 with the Sullivan Blue Dolphins. When he was 12, he started training with the Decatur Swim Club and continued throughout high school. In his total swimming career, Seth swam in 23 states and won over 15 state championships. He had the fastest 100 freestyle time in the nation while swimming in the 13-14 age group (47.26) and was on two relays in the 15 and over age group which were ranked first in the nation. Seth attained High School All American status as a senior in high school because of his national ranking in the 200 IM (1:51.81-state record) and 100 back-stroke (51.75). Seth was invited to train three different times at the Olympic Training grounds in Colorado Springs, CO. In 1994, he qualified and was invited to swim in the Olympic Festival held in St. Louis, MO where 3,000 U.S. athletes represent 42 sports in the five day festival. Seth was voted captain of the North Swim Team. In high school, Seth lettered in swimming and track all four years. He was All State each year in swimming and All State his junior and senior years in track. He still holds the Tuscola Invitational discus record and the Bi-County discus record. Seth was a member of the National Honor Society, Natural Helpers peer mentoring program and DARE. He was a class officer for three years, a delegate to Boys State, co-manager of Homecoming, a winner of the S.A.R. Award and the American Legion Citizenship Award. He attended the University of Kansas on a swimming scholarship where he majored in mechanical engineering and was Captain of the swimming team. In his junior year at the University of Kansas, Seth was named to the Phillips 66 Academic All—Big 8 Honor Roll and was a Jayhawk Scholar. Seth's sudden death while swimming for Kansas in January of 1997 ended an outstanding swimming career in USS, high school and college. As important as his accomplishments in the water, Seth was a leader and a role model. He acknowledged his achievements with humility and was always quick to show a warm smile. His work ethic was exemplary, but Seth also brought fun to the sport. The Dunscomb family and our Club will always be proud of Seth. Seth was a gentleman and a friend to all who knew him.

Requirements for Eligibility

- Must be a high school senior
- May be male or female
- Must have a minimum of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) grade point average
- Must show the evidence of the intention to continue education in a two-year junior college, four-year college or a vocational/technical school

Criteria

- Must be a year-round swimmer
- Must show leadership, exhibit courage and dedication as evidenced by a recommendation from their coach
- Must have contributed to the senior level of swimming competition
- Must be a current DSC member in good standing and have participated in the Decatur Swim Club program for a minimum of four years

Selection

- If no student is determined to be acceptable of this award based on the above criteria, the award may not be given
- A student may receive this award one time only
- The selection committee shall consist of the DSC Board President, all DSC Coaches, a member of the Dunscomb family and 2 other DSC associates; a current DSC Age Group parent for a 2 year term; the other a parent or swimmer that participated with Seth during his career for a 3 year term. These 2 committee members will be appointed by the Board President and approved by the Board. If the son or daughter of a committee member has been nominated to receive this award, that person will step down during that period and the Board President will appoint an alternate. An Award administrator shall be responsible for the perpetuation of the Memorial Fund and Award.
- The criteria for this award shall be reviewed annually.

Seth Dunscomb Award

This award commemorates the outstanding swimming and leadership accomplishments of Seth Dunscomb. Seth was well known for his great successes in swimming, but was also known for his leadership, his service to his school and community, his love for life and his concern for his family and others. This award is designed to encourage these extraordinary qualities among Decatur Swim Club swimmers.

The Decatur Swim Club Board of Directors established the Seth Dunscomb Memorial Award in January of 1998. This award will be presented to a high school senior swimmer showing superior leadership qualities and great dedication to the sport of swimming. The recipient will receive a personalized plaque, a monetary award and will have his or her name inscribed on a trophy to be displayed permanently at Millikin University.