



# January Student Athlete of the Month: Callie Gregg

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Callie Gregg, a senior captain and four-year varsity swimmer, has been an integral member of the Brookfield East High School Swim and Dive team helping them win their 3rd straight Division 1 State Championship title this season. Callie is a first team high school All-American and member of the Spartan's top seeded 200 medley relay. Callie qualified to compete at State in the 100m breaststroke taking 15th and the 200 IM taking 22nd. Her swim journey began at the age of six as an extracurricular summer activity. Mike Rose, her long-time coach, noticed her potential and encouraged her to join the Elmbrook Swim Club. It took three years to persuade Callie to attend tryouts for the club team. Over the past nine years, Callie has continually improved her times to achieve State, MegaZone, Speedo and Junior National time standards. This past March at Junior Nationals in Orlando, Callie helped the EBSC win women's runner up out of many clubs in the nation and placed 33rd in the 50m breaststroke.

A fierce competitor, Callie has a long list of impressive accomplishments at the state and national level. Highlights of her high school career include qualifying for the state meet in six individual events and five relays: she has been on two state champion relays, one of which set a state record. Her coach shared, "Callie is a dedicated and hard-working leader on the team." When Callie has experienced disappointments, frustration, and defeat, she has learned to "trust the process" and push herself in practice by having fun with her teammates. Callie shared that swimming has helped her become "a more driven and outgoing individual" and she is grateful for the opportunity to train with her teammates and develop lifelong friendships.

Additionally, Callie is an exemplary student and active member of her school and church community. For the past four years, she has served as a member of Key Club, Student Council, and the Principal's Cabinet, a group of selected students who meet weekly with the principal to discuss important school issues. As Callie looks forward to the next chapter, she plans to continue swimming at either the collegiate or club level. Although she has not decided which college she will attend, she is excited to major in marketing.

**Getting to know Callie Gregg:**

**Favorite Quote:** "Instead of obsessing over the things you can't change, focus on what you can."  
- Mandy Hale

**Favorite Food:** Steak with mashed potatoes and broccoli

**Pre-Race Ritual:** Before my races, I sit and visualize my event from beginning to end. This helps me get in the right mindset about how I want my race to turn out.

**Callie's High School Swim Highlight:** Being a state team member and winning a state team title three years in a row is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I will be forever grateful for. I have made great memories with some of my best friends, which has made these moments even better. One of my biggest race accomplishments was being a member of the 2019 state 200 medley relay and breaking a 14-year-old Wisconsin swimming state record.

**Fun Fact about Callie:** Before I became a competitive year-round swimmer at age 9, I used to be a gymnast at Salto gymnastics. I loved the sport but had to quit because I was getting too tall.



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