



**2008-09 MEN'S & WOMEN'S DIVERS**

**PEACOCK DIVING**

# SOUTH CAROLINA SWIMMING & DIVING 2008-09



## CORRY CHRISTIAN

Diver • Sr. • 5-7  
Jacksonville, Fla. • Olympia

**2007-08** - Competed at NCAA Zone B Diving Championships...Scored 11 points for Carolina with an eighth-place finish in the one-meter event at the SEC Championships...Top scores of the year came in the season's initial meet against Virginia Tech...Scored 360.68 in the one-meter and 337.20 in the three-meter event.

**2006-07** - Competed at NCAA Zone B Diving Championship...Posted top mark of the season in one-meter event against N.C. State (289.13)... Top three-meter effort came against SCAD (337.50)...Competed in both one- and three-meter events at SECs...SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2005-06** - Missed part of the year due to injury...Finished third on the one-meter in meet against Clemson to complete the sweep by USC at the event...Finished fourth on one-meter board against Florida and fifth on the three-meter.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Florida high school state champion on one-meter board at 2004 Florida HS Championships...Placed third as a junior on one-meter board at 2003 Florida HS Championships.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Corry Ray Christian...Born on September 25, 1986...Major is business.



## RYAN KUSER

Diver • Fr. • 5-8  
Sinking Spring, Pa. • Wilson

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Wilson High School...Named All-American, all-state, all-county and All-Berks...Was Berks Diver of the Year...Three-time district champion...Was state runner-up in 2008... Helped his team to four straight district titles...Won state titles in 2005 and 2008...Member of PAAC/PA Diving...Qualified for Junior Nationals each year since 2001...Advanced to finals at Senior Zones in 2008... Honor roll student all four years.

**PERSONAL** - Born October 20, 1989...Parents are Lisa and Kevin Kuser...Major is journalism/mass communications.



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## JACOB SIMS

Diver • Fr. • 5-8  
Louisville, Ky. • Trinity

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Trinity High School...Was third in the Kentucky state meet in 2007...Honor roll student...Member of Cardinal Dive Club...Also played lacrosse, baseball and participated in track & field in high school.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Jacob Tyler Sims...Born May 12, 1990...Parents are Fred and Jean Sims...Major is marine science.



## HELEN ALVEY

Diver • Fr. • 5-7  
Marietta, Ga. • The Walker School

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from The Walker School...Team MVP and team captain as a junior and a senior...Was Georgia state diving champion as a junior and a senior...Member of Atlanta Diving Association...Was a four-time national team member and a four-time regional champion...Earned the Ray A. Kroc award.

**PERSONAL** - Born April 2, 1990...Parents are Sheila Alvey and Jim Alvey...Major is undecided.



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## ALLISON BARR

Diver • So. • 5-3  
Orlando, Fla. • The First Academy

**2007-08** - Scored 12 points for South Carolina at the SEC Championships, finishing seventh in the three-meter event...Competed in the platform event at the SEC meet...Top scores of the year came in Carolina's meet against Virginia Tech...Scored 295.65 in the three-meter and 290.78 in the one-meter event.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from The First Academy...Member of Team Orlando Diving...Seven-time national team member for both Summer National and East National events...Earned six varsity letters in diving during prep career...2005, 06 Florida High School State Champion...2006 *Orlando Sentinel* Diver of the Year...Three-time Pinch-A-Penny All-Star, three-time high school all-american and four-time Who's Who of Sports honoree.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Allison Christine Barr...Born September 26, 1988...Parents are Gary and Billie Barr...Major is early childhood education.



## SARAH DEUELL

Diver • Fr. • 5-3  
Irmo, S.C. • Dutch Fork

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Dutch Fork HS in 2008...Was a state qualifier in diving... Member of South Carolina Diving club, coached by former Gamecocks Brandon Hulko and Allison Brennan...Also played tennis...Member of National Honor Society and Principal's Council...Is a USC Alumni Scholar.

**PERSONAL** - Born July 5, 1990...Parents are Diane Bernard and Russell Deuell...Major is computer science and mathematics.





## ALI LANE

Diver • Fr. • 5-5  
Lexington, S.C.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Earned her high school diploma in 2008 (homeschooled)...Member of South Carolina Divers...Competed at Nationals in 2005 and 2008...Competed at spring and summer East Nationals each year from 2005-08...Competed in team policy debate for three years...Qualified for NCFCA National Speech and Debate Tournament in 2007 and 2008...Capstone Scholar at USC.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Alexandria Joy Lane...Born July 14, 1990...Parents are John and Joy Lane...Major is international studies and economics.



## MORGAN RICKE

Diver • Jr. • 5-11  
New Albany, Ind. • New Albany

**2007-08** - Competed in the SEC Championships...Top score in the three-meter event came against Virginia Tech with a 266.93...Scored a 224.02 in Carolina's home meet with Florida State for her top one-meter mark of the year...Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**2006-07** - Competed at NCAA Zone B Diving Championship...Posted top one-meter effort of rookie campaign against N.C. State (237.00)...Turned in top three-meter performance of the year against Arkansas (245.02).

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from New Albany HS...2006 Indiana State diving finalist...2006 sectional champion...2006 conference championship...Senior swimming and diving captain... Named diving MVP in 2003 and 2006.

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Morgan Shea Ricke...Oldest child of Michael and Tammie Ricke...Four younger siblings...Born on August 6, 1987...Major is marine biology.





## TARYN ZACK

Diver • So. • 5-8  
Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada •  
Vimy Ridge Academy

**2007-08** - All-American in the three-meter event with an eighth-place finish at the NCAA Championships...Honorable Mention All-American in the one-meter event with an 11th-place finish...Became the 14th different Gamecock women's diver to earn All-America honors...Won the NCAA Zone B Diving competition in the one-meter event with a score of 584.20 (12 dives), breaking Allison Brennan's school record... Scored 28 points at the SEC Championships with fifth-place finishes in both the one-meter and three-meter events...Top six-dive score in the three-meter came against Florida State with a 323.85...Top one-meter score was in the season-opener against Virginia Tech (336.45)... Named to SEC Academic Honor Roll.

**PRE-COLLEGE** - Graduated from Vimy Ridge Academy...Member of the Edmonton Springboard and Platform Diving Club...2002-2006 Member of the Canadian Senior National Traveling Team...Four time Junior National Champion (3m)...Competed for Canada at the Junior World Championships in Aachen, Germany in 2002...Competed at the Junior Pan American Games in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in 2005...2005 Canada Games Double Gold Medalist (3m/3m Synchro)...Finished eighth at the 2004 Olympic Trials (3m).

**PERSONAL** - Full name is Taryn Amy Elizabeth Zack...Born April 24, 1987...Parents are Gordon and Lori Zack...Major is biological sciences.



## 2007-08 SEASON REVIEW

**Men: 2-8 (0-5 SEC)**

**Women: 4-6 (1-4 SEC)**

Four Gamecock swimmers and divers advanced to the NCAA Championships with one bringing home All-America honors as South Carolina finished strong to wrap up the 2007-08 season. Freshman Taryn Zack earned an eighth-place finish in the one-meter diving event to give South Carolina its 34th All-America diving certificate. In addition, she earned Honorable Mention All-America honors in the three-meter event with an 11th-place finish.

Dominique Lendjel and Nicholas Walkotten represented South Carolina's men at the NCAA Championships, and Christy Williams swam for the Gamecock women. All three posted solid times in their respective events but fell short of qualifying for the finals and earning points.

Walkotten made his mark at the 2008 SEC Championships, breaking the school record in the 200 butterfly (1:43.83) and grabbing a second-place finish to earn Second-Team All-SEC honors. Walkotten scored a total of 35 individual points at the SEC Championships in the 200 fly, 100 fly and 100 back. In addition, the Carolina men got points from Lendjel (200 IM) and all three relay teams en route to an eighth-place finish.

In the men's diving portion, David Ovelson concluded his career by earning the bronze medal in men's diving with a third-place finish in the one-meter event. Corry Christian joined Ovelson in scoring points for the Carolina men as he finished eighth.

For the Gamecock women, Amanda Dunnigan scored in a pair of individual events at the SEC Championships with a 12th-place finish in the 400 IM and a 16th-place time in the 200 IM. South Carolina also got points from twin freshmen Claire and Christine Thompson, who combined to score eight at the SEC meet in the 1650 free and 200 free.

In the diving well, Zack turned in a fifth-place finish in both the one-meter and three-meter competitions, and Allison Barr finished seventh in the one-meter competition to score 12 points for South Carolina.

South Carolina's men posted a 2-8 regular season dual meet record with victories over Duke and Davidson, while the women finished 4-6, also winning over Duke and Davidson and adding a pair of triumphs against Clemson and Alabama.