

Pat Kuehne



Patrick Kuehne will be remembered as one of the most accomplished swimmers in Hillsborough High School history. Patrick was a 4-year varsity letter winner, setting individual high school records beginning in his sophomore year in both the 100 Breaststroke, which he held from 2005 to 2009, and the 200 Individual Medley, which he held for six years from 2005 to 2011. He also swam on many record-breaking relay teams (200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay, and 400 Free Relay). He broke his own records several times.

He was a team captain his senior year, leading his team to its fourth straight Central Jersey Public A State Sectional Championship title (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007). In 2005 he helped his team win its first ever of three championships: the Somerset County Championship, the Skyland Conference Championship, and the New Jersey State Public A Championship. Patrick qualified and competed all four years at the New Jersey State Meet of Champions culminating in a second place finish in the 100 Breaststroke in 2007, qualifying him for All-America status.

Patrick earned multiple individual awards during his swimming career. He was a four-time Somerset County Champion in the 200 Individual Medley (2005), the 100 Breaststroke (2006, 2007), and the 50 Free (2007). In both breaststroke wins, he set new meet records. He was on the winning 200 Medley Relay (2006) and the 400 Free Relay (2007), which also were meet records. At the Skyland Conference Championship, he was a five-time Champion in the 100 Breaststroke (2005, 2006, 2007-meet record), the 200 Individual Medley (2005), and the 50 Free (2007). He was also part of the first place 200 Free Relay team (2005) and the 200 Medley Relay team (2006). At the New Jersey State Meet of Champions, he earned 11 Top 16 finishes including four individual events (12th in the 200 Individual Medley (2005), 13th in the 200 Individual Medley (2006), 15th in the 100 Breaststroke (2006), and 2nd in the 100 Breaststroke (2007)) and seven relay teams.

Other honors included: 2nd Team All-Area (2004) 200 Free, 1st Team All-Conference & All-Area (2005) 200 Free Relay, 2nd Team All-Conference & All-Area (2005) 200 Individual Medley, 1st Team All-Somerset (2005) 200 Individual Medley, 1st Team All-Conference & All-Area (2006) 100 Breaststroke and 200 Medley Relay, and 2nd Team All-Conference & All-Area (2006) 200 Individual Medley. In 2007, Patrick was awarded The Star-Ledger Swimmer of the Week and The Star-Ledger Somerset County Swimmer of the Year. Also in 2007, he received the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association All-America Swimming Award in the 100 Breaststroke.

After graduation, Patrick went on to swim at the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he received an NCAA Division I swimming scholarship. As a freshman, he helped his team win the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship. He was a Top 16 Finisher in both the 100 Breaststroke (12th) and the 200 Individual Medley (16th). He also swam on the 200 Medley Relay team which took 3rd place.