

Nick Giacopelli



Nick Giacopelli is a 2003 graduate of Hillsborough High School. As a member of the boy's swim team, he was a 4-year varsity letter winner and served as team captain in both his junior and senior years. Nick was a major contributor to the success the boy's swim team had, especially in 2003, when he helped lead the team to a Skyland Conference Championship and the team's first ever appearance in the Central Jersey State Sectional Championship meet.

Even though the team did not win a Sectional Championship title in Nick's senior season, he was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the many championship titles the boy's teams would win in the years after Nick graduated. His positive and inspiring demeanor helped prepare the underclassmen to go on to win 5 Central Jersey Sectional Titles in a row (04-08) and an overall NJ State Championship title in 2005.

Individually, Nick was crowned Somerset County Champion in the 200 yard freestyle in both his junior and senior seasons and was crowned Skyland Conference Champion in that same event for his junior and senior seasons as well. He also held the school record in the 200 freestyle from 2003-2008. Additionally, Nick was also part of the 200 Freestyle Relay Team that held the school record from 2001-2005 and the 400 Freestyle Relay Team that held the school record from 2003-2004.

In his sophomore through senior seasons, Nick qualified to swim at the Meet of Champions, which is the individual state swimming championships. During those years Nick had seven "Top 16" finishes with his highest being his senior year placing 7th overall in the 200 Free and 9th overall in the 100 Free. Nick also received numerous post season awards for his outstanding accomplishments. As a junior, Nick was named 1st Team All-Skyland Conference in the 200 free. In his senior year, Nick was named 1st Team All-Skyland Conference and All-Area in the 200 free, 1st Team All-Area (Courier News) 200 free, 2nd Team All-Area (Courier News) 500 free and finally 1st Team All-Central NJ/Top Male Swimmer by The Star Ledger.

After graduating from high school, Nick attended Rowan University where he swam all 4 years. He was the team captain in both his junior and senior seasons. At Rowan, Nick had numerous top 16 finishes in his individual events and relay events at the Metropolitan Conference Championship Meet every year. He graduated with his Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

The high school swim team meant a lot to Nick (even after he graduated) and over the years Nick would come back and visit, not just at Alumni gatherings, but also at the swim meets to show his support.