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Date of Birth: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1997  
Date Joined WSC: 2001  
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(2016-2020)  
Degree: Health and Human Physiology. Minor in  
Human Relations



### My Time at Woking Swimming Club:

I joined Woking in 2001 after Woking coach at the time, Sarah Marks, suggested to my parents that I should give trialling for the club a shot. Ever since that decision to join Woking, I have not stopped competitive swimming since (18 years later!). I progressed through the club under the eyes of Sue Barney, Sarah Marks, Janet Bayfield, Juliet Todd, Karen and John Eastwood, Vince Ayling and Mark Staiger. I cannot thank the coaches enough for the impact they each had on my swimming career, knowing that they all had an influence on where I am today!

I have so many favourite memories at Woking that I am able to look back and laugh at. One of these is competing at the Surrey County Championships and Club Champs. I remember the time I did my first 200m butterfly at Club Champs and I had to stop halfway because I was so tired. I actually found an old article from 2009 that bought back the same feelings I had of being nervous before my races at Surreys and it was great to reminisce on my time as an age group swimmer. I also have really fond memories of our training camps in Cyprus. One of which was sharing a room with Charlotte George, Hazel Ferguson and Abi White and having a joining room with James Chambers, Mark Bicknell, Andrew Roy and Luke Edwards.

My greatest achievement at Woking was winning gold in the 100m freestyle at Nationals in 2012 and two bronzes and a silver in the 2015 short course nationals. I remember the team being so ready for this meet after just coming off of our training camp in Cyprus and Andrew Roy starting the meet off with a huge PB in his first race.

### My time at University:

I had an incredible experience at Iowa, and if given the chance, I would do it all over again. Although, admittedly, adapting to American schooling was a bigger challenge than I had initially anticipated, I managed to graduate with a BS in Health and Human Physiology with a minor in Human Relations. I particularly enjoyed taking the human anatomy and health coaching courses throughout my educational career at Iowa and intend to work hard to pursue a career in this in the future.

Throughout my athletic career at Iowa, I was a three-time Division 1 NCAA qualifier, a 2020 All-American in the 200-yard freestyle and a three-time team MVP. The biggest highlight of my career was finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 freestyle at the Big Ten Championships standing next to my best friend, Allyssa, on the podium. We were known for always messing around and having a laugh, so it was a great moment to end both of our careers with Iowa.



Right now, I am gaining work experience in the sports nutrition department at the University of Iowa while maintaining my training for the Olympic Trials in April. In the upcoming year, I hope to be able to look into a career in health education and health coaching.