

Maria Davila

San Diego-Imperial



USA Swimming (National) Positions Held

- Western Zone Board of Review – Athlete Rep (9/2018 – Present)
- Western Zone Diversity and Inclusion Committee (9/18 – Present)
- Western Zone Athlete Representative (9/2018 – Present)
- Athlete Leadership Summit – Athlete Presenter (4/2019)
- Rules and Regulations Committee – Athlete Rep (9/2018 – Present)
- Athletes’ Executive Committee – Leadership Task Force (9/2018 – Present)

LSC Positions Held

- Senior Athlete Representative (7/2016 – Present)
- SI Athlete’s Executive Committee – General Chair (9/2017 – Present)
- SI Championship Committee – Athlete Rep (7/2016 – 9/2018)
- SI Governance Committee – Athlete Rep (7/2016 – Present)
- SI LSC Leadership Summit Task Force (6/2018 – Present)
- SI Volunteer Timing System Operator (3/2011 – Present)

Swimming Experience

- South Bay Aquatics – SI (6/2008 – 7/2017)
- Unattached – SI (8/2017 – Present)
- Cal Club Swim – (8/2018 – Present)

Volunteer, Professional, Educational Experience

- University of California, Berkeley – dual B.A. Political Science and Legal Studies (8/2017 – 5/2021)
- Cal Aquatics – Facilities Assistant and Lifeguard (1/2018 – Present)
- Associated Students of the University of California – Office of the President, Community Development Associate (8/2018 – Present)
- Abercrombie and Fitch – Brand Representative (5/2017 – 1/2019)
- University of California, Berkeley – School of Information, Student Admissions Assistant (1/2018 – 5/2018)

Personal Statement

To be entirely honest, my mom made me go to swim team tryouts at 9 years old & I cried about it. That changed very quickly though, and I fell in love with the water after swimming my first novice meet. Years later, at 16 years old, I learned that the sport I had grown to love had an avenue where athlete leaders could engage in powerful communication with adult members to create meaningful change. I instantly knew that was what I wanted to do.

Since my first Convention back in 2016, I have actively sought to create a pathway for leadership opportunities not just for San Diego swimmers, but for athletes across the country. I pioneered policy to encourage the Athlete Voice to thrive in SI, and successfully shared these new procedures at the Convention Athlete Leadership Workshop in '17, which have since then been implemented across LSCs such as HI and Niagara. Leadership didn't stop there for me -- in 2018, I developed and successfully ran an LSC Leadership Summit in San Diego -- one of the first local leadership implementations in the country. Now, I serve as the Western Zone Athlete Representative and on the Rules and Regulations Committee, making an impact one meeting at a time.

As a member of the AEC, my main focus will be to continue to provide leadership development for our athletes and push for transparency between our governing board and the Athletes Committee. Though it has come a long way, Athlete Leadership is something we need to continue to strive for across all levels of USA Swimming, and with your support, I aim to continue making the AEC a group that enhances the Athlete Voice.