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I began with this outstanding facility in the business office in February 2008 and transitioned to Membership Manager and then to Swim Lesson Manager and now as the NOMAD Swim Academy Director. Throughout my career I have worked for Carolinas Healthcare System and Bank of America but being the Swim Academy Director is by far the most rewarding job experience I have had. I am passionate about the sport of swimming and the NOMAD family and firmly believe that the skill of swimming is something that should be learned by all regardless of age or station in life. It is my pleasure to help build a program such as NOMAD's that not only focuses on the life-saving benefits of swimming but also on the overall health and fitness benefits and is in a community that allows us to serve them. My staff in the Swim Academy is of the highest caliber and I enjoy watching them grow as instructors and people as they instill their love of swimming in younger generations and in people that are new to the sport of swimming.

"Lots of places have lessons…. WE TEACH SWIMMING!"

NOMAD Swim Academy prides itself on building self-confidence and teaching lifelong lessons in water safety so that children learn to love, respect and always are comfortable in any aquatic environment whether it's the neighborhood pool, rivers and lakes, or the ocean. Our swimming classes are technique focused, goal oriented and fun! We carefully pick and train instructors who are dedicated and passionate about teaching children how to swim in a safe and supportive environment.

Miss Abby D.

I l earned to swim at NOMAD, Skybrook swim team, NOMAD swim team, LNC Swim Team. I have been a teacher at UNCC camps on campus, Summer 2016 & 2017. I love teaching because I enjoy working with kids. I love swimming and am excited to teach kids water safety & swim skills. I learned to swim at NOMAD, I was on swim team at NOMAD several years ago, and I live in Skybrook. I love NOMAD! I am a sophomore at Lake Norman Charter and I am a certified lifeguard. I look forward to teaching your child to swim! Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Practice

Miss Abby H.

Hi! My name is Abby and I will be a sophomore at Cox Mill High School this year. I have been swimming with NOMAD for the past five years and have grown to love the sense of community and the generous staff here. I love teaching because it gives me a way to pass on my passion for swim to early learners. If I were to sum up my teaching philosophy in one word, it would be fun. I believe that an important aspect of swimming for beginners is to have fun and enjoy the process!

Mr. Abhishek

Abhishek has been swimming competitively for 3 years. He loves teaching because it is a fun experience and he loves working with kids. It feels nice to help people and see them grow and succeed.   I chose to teach at NOMAD because it is my home club and feels like my second home! I love challenges and I feel the harder I have to work, the better I feel at the end.

Miss Alyssa
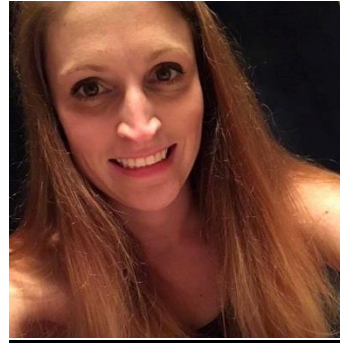
I started swimming in 2003 while in 7th grade for the Tigersharks at Northwest Swim and Racquet Club; then started swimming for Northwest High School in 2005 swam until for them until 2009. Then I took a year off and started swimming again for Lenoir-Rhyne University in 2011, that would be my last season as a competitive swimmer. I love teaching because of the 'Ah Ha' moments. The moment when a swimmer gets a new stroke or skill down successfully. Nomad is a family atmosphere. Even just as an instructor I feel like I am part of a larger family. I love paying attention to small details and providing tips for them to improve. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word. Enthusiastic.

Miss Anna

My dad taught me how to swim at a very young age. I started swimming for a team when I was five years old. I swam for a competitive team at MAC for six years. I have swam for my school for four years and will be starting my fifth in the winter! I love teaching because I love helping someone improve a specific activity and to see their progress. I love to watch someone learn how to do something and be proud of themself! I chose to teach at NOMAD because I love to swim and I would love to help others learn how to as well! Swimming is a great life skill to have and it can be a lot of fun. I am a junior at Community School of Davidson. I learned to swim at a young age and have been around the water my whole life. I have a lot of experience babysitting. I love working with people and having fun! I like to get the task completed while still having fun and enjoying the process.

Miss Annie

I have been swimming for NOMAD for the past 8 years and have been swimming since age 5. I also swim on my high school swim team. I love teaching because I have always loved the sport and like to help others develop that love for swimming. I choose to teach at NOMAD because it has been my second home for as long as I can remember. My teaching philosophy in one word is positivity.

Miss Bianca

I used to swim at Swim Mac for 3 years before I changed to NOMAD, which I have been swimming at for 2 years. I love teaching because I love meeting new kids, each with their own unique personalities. Since I have been swimming at NOMAD I have noticed the close-knit relationship between the kids and their instructors and have always wanted to be a part of that bond. I will work hard every lesson to find the perfect blend between kids learning how to better their swimming techniques while still having fun.

Mr. Brandyn

I swam for Highland Creek in the youngest age group all the way up until Freshman year in High School. I later went on to swim at Mallard Creek High School my Junior and Senior year. I've been teaching lessons since 2013. In addition to being a swim instructor, I am also a Deck Coach and the Assistant Lesson Coordinator under the Swim Academy Director. I love teaching because I get to help kids succeed in and out of the pool. I chose to teach at Nomad, because they allow me to connect and help the kids within my own community learn an essential skill! I am studying Economics at UNC Charlotte, although I had originally intended to major in political science. I'm also an active member of our community's Mallard Creek Optimist Club! I'm a Panther, Hornet, and Ohio State Buckeye fan through and through! I love the job I do, and I keep things fun but strict during lessons! Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Encouraging

Miss Cammie

I began swimming on the YMCA Blue Dolphins swim team when I was very young and have been swimming for my high school since I was a Freshman. I love teaching because
I enjoy teaching because I love to see the progress swimmers are making and I enjoy working with children.   I chose NOMAD because of the great working environment and all the good things I've heard about the community as a whole. I really enjoy challenging swimmers to do their best and have confidence in their abilities. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Perseverance

Miss Cassandra

I've swam competitively at NOMAD from when I was 6-13 years old. I've swam on and off through the years at my neighborhood Highland Creek swim team. I have also swam for my Middle School and High School swim team at Community School of Davidson 6th grade and 8th grade up to current(12th). In addition to being a swim instructor, I am also a Deck Coach and a coach for the NOMAD competitive swim team. I've always loved working with kids and people in general. My absolute favorite part of teaching is when someone I'm teachings lightbulb goes off and they have a breakthrough moment in learning a skill. The smile on their face is priceless, and makes my job so special. Besides my past swim team experience with NOMAD....I've always felt NOMAD to be very home like to me and I love every single person involved with NOMAD. In MOST lessons I will push your child(s) to their full potential and sometimes out of their comfort zone. (Varies for each child and circumstance) I set lessons to be a fun and exciting environment and something your child will look forward to. We will play games, be silly, but we will work hard!

Mr. Dante-Summers only

I swam for NOMAD from 2nd grade until 10th grade. Swam for Mallard Creek High School for 9th and 10th grade. I love teaching because it allows me to give back to the swim community. Helping kids become strong swimmers is something I love taking part in. I chose NOMAD because I have been involved in their swim family since I was young and I couldn't see myself anywhere else. What parents and swimmers should know about me: I'm patient with kids, I have been a certified lifeguard for four years, and I have the swim experience necessary to help young swimmers excel. Fun fact: My favorite stroke is breast stroke!

Miss Donna

Having learned to swim as a child I continue to compete as a Master swimmer. As a swim instructor I emphasize good body position and technique as well as the fun of swimming. As a parent I want to see students progress and feel pride in their accomplishments. One word to describe my swim instruction: Successful.

Miss Emma-Summers only

I spent 9 years competitive swimming with Nomad! I love teaching because I love seeing kids fall in love with something that I fell in love with so many years ago! Nomad has been my family for so long I wouldn't think of going anywhere else. I love to coach and teach, and I'm excited to see their kids succeed. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: MOTIVATING

Miss Erin

 I have swam for Nomad for 10 years, before Nomad I was on a competitive team in Minnesota, I also swim for the Cox Mill swim team. I love teaching because it allows me to show kids the same joy and fun I found in swimming as I grew up. It lets me share my passion with them. I love seeing kids get excited about learning. I chose Nomad because it has always been home to me. Everyone at Nomad wants to see you move forward in life and is a positive presence in your life. Nomad is about more than just swimming, it's about family. My goal in lessons is to help your child reach their goals and be confident in their abilities. When it is in their best interest I will push them to do their best and occasionally out of their comfort zone if it's fitting with the situation. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Try

Miss GG

I swam for Nomad for 4 years. I love teaching because I want to give kids the experience of swimming and having fun like I got. I choose to teach for Nomad because I love the family like environment that I have gotten from Nomad in my years swimming there. My teaching philosophy summed up in one word is enthusiastic.

Miss Grace

I took swim lessons when I was three years old to six years old. Then I swam on Nomads swim team until I was 14. From there I swam on Mallard Creek High School's swim team. I love teaching because I want others to enjoy swimming as much as I do. I chose to teach at Nomad because I enjoyed swimming there when I was on the team and I wanted be with people I knew.

Parents and swimmers should know that I have always loved swimming since I was little and have not been able to swim in a while. So this will be fun for me to get back in the water more often. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word. Fun

Miss Hannah
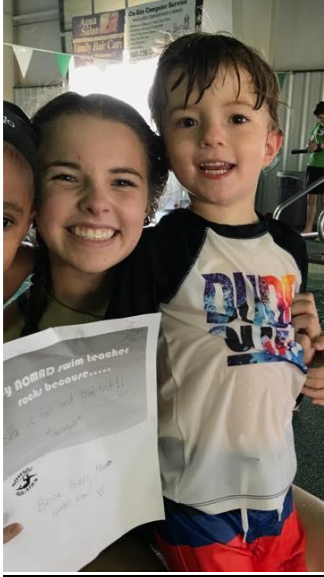
I started swimming at NOMAD when I was when I was 6 years old. I continued swimming for several years and was a part of my summer league team. I am now a member on my high school swim team as well. I love teaching because I love working with kids and passing on my love for swimming to others. I've grown up swimming at NOMAD; it feels like my second home! I've always wanted to teach swim lessons and NOMAD feels like the perfect place to do that!
Every lesson I will work hard and make sure kids have fun while learning to swim.
Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Patience

Miss Jamie-Summers only

I swam competitively at NOMAD for 4 years and all throughout my high school career, so the pool deck has always been a second home to me! I've always been passionate about working with children and adults to help them improve their swimming technique and confidence. I love seeing swimmers progress and reach their goals! In addition to being a NOMAD Swim Instructor, I am also a NOMAD Deck Coach. I mainly work during the summer months as I am a student at UNC Chapel Hill, but you are sure to find me teaching during my time off throughout the year!

Miss Joie

My dad has been doing triathlons for years and he trains often. I enjoy swimming and would go with him when he trained. He showed me how to swim and how to use technique. I love teaching because it is always good feeling like you've accomplished something. In teaching swimming, both the teacher and the swimmer accomplish something. The teacher feels accomplished because the skill has been successfully taught and the swimmer accomplishes the skill. I chose to teach for NOMAD because it is where my dad has done much of his training. I'm familiar with this fitness center because it is the only place I would go with my dad when he trained. I've also heard many positive things about NOMAD and the people who work there. Parents/Swimmers should know that I am very patient. I know learning a new skill can be difficult and will not always be perfect the first time around.

Mr. Josh

I was a competitive swimmer at nomad and at highland creek swim club. When I was young all the way up till middle school. I love teaching because it gives me the ability to build confidence in a sport and pass that on to others. I chose Nomad because as a kid, the coaches had a huge impact on me . I wanted help impact lives and help kids reach their highest potential as well. People should know that I love helping others grow, I love sports and I am a college athlete as well. Working out and golf are some my hobbies. One word that sums up my coaching style is motivational.

Mr. Keethan

I have been swimming competitively for 5 years. I love teaching because It is a great feeling to teach others. I chose to teach at NOMAD because I learned how to swim at Nomad. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Fun

Miss Leyla-Summers Only

I swam 10 years with NOMAD (year-round team), 13 Years with Highland Creek (Summer League), 4 Years with Mallard Creek High School Team. I have also been a Summer League coach for 3 years. I love teaching because I love helping others learn new things while hopefully making a difference in their lives. NOMAD, moreover swimming in general, has taught me so many great things and I think it's an amazing opportunity to share this with others! I really like working with kids and like to approach every situation with enthusiasm and energy! Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Innovative

Miss Lia

I have been in the pool for longer than I can remember. I have been swimming competitively since I was 7 on both summer, club, and school teams. I love teaching because of the interactions with young swimmers and the opportunity to pass on my love for the sport. I have been both an intern and coach for Skybrook Storm Swim Team. This year, I have joined the NOMAD team coaching staff. I chose to begin working at NOMAD over a year ago because of the sense of community it has, and the people it brings to the facility. Parents and swimmers should know that I want to make learning fun, but I want to help swimmers progress. One word to describe my teaching philosophy is personalized.

Miss Mackenzie:
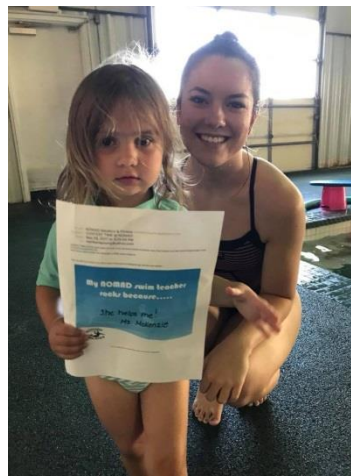
I have been swimming on my neighborhood swim team since I was 4. I started swimming at NOMAD when I was 7 and will start my second high school swim season this year. I love teaching because I love working with kids and seeing their faces when they accomplish a new skill. I chose to teach at NOMAD because I grew up learning how to swim here and I love the atmosphere. I love to make learning fun and enjoyable for kids! Sum up your teaching philosophy in one word: Energetic

Miss Makenna-Summers only

I have swam summer league since I was 4 and year-round for 8 years. I like to teach kids how to swim because it's what I love to do and hopefully i could help someone else find love for swimming. I choose to teach at nomad because it's very welcoming and Nomad is a big family.

My teaching philosophy in one word would be: effort

Mr. Michael

I swam Summer league swim team at the YMCA for 4 years. I love teaching because it's rewarding to see the progress and accomplishments over time. I'm a high school student at Central Cabarrus and enjoy spending time with my family and golden doodle. Fun fact:

I have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word:

Strive

Miss Mikaela

I have been competitively swimming for four years; competitive, summer league, and high school. I love teaching because I have fun working with kids and I enjoy helping people. I chose to teach for Nomad because the environment is positive and encouraging.
I am an easy-going person and very optimistic. I believe in teaching in a way that is exciting, enjoyable and adapting a learning strategy that best fits the person learning.

Miss Paige

My past swimming experiences included beginning swim lessons at nomad in 2011 and joining the NOMAD team that same year. I have been on the team for 5 years now and have participated on my school swim team for the past two years. I love teaching because I enjoy helping children and I like to see how they progress and learn over time. I chose to teach at NOMAD because I already swim on the team and enjoy the atmosphere that the company provides. Parents and their swimmers should know that I am very helpful and patient. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Patience.

Miss Paige

I have been swimming at Nomad since I was nine years old. These past six and a half years have been really beneficial. I love teaching because it makes me so happy and proud when a kid masters a new skill. These beginning stages are my favorite to teach because you watch them learn to become comfortable in the water. It reminds me how fun swimming can be.I chose Nomad to teach at because I believe it's a nice environment for the parents, kids, and instructors. Parents should know I'm a kind and careful instructor and also very determined to help their kids achieve swim group goals.Teaching philosophy in one word: motivating

Mr. Paul

I have been a year round competitive swimmer for several years. I love teaching because seeing the kid's excitement when they learn a new skill is very rewarding. Nomad is like a family and I really enjoy being a part of it. I am very patient and flexible.   Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Fun!

Miss Rachel S.

I've been swimming since 2008 and I am still swimming in the Senior group today. I love teaching because I get the chance to teach people something that I am passionate about, which in this case is swimming. I also love seeing how an individual grows as time passes. I chose to teach for NOMAD because I love the atmosphere and all of the people that work in the facility. Everyone is very friendly and have great personalities. Parents or swimmers should know that I am a very hard worker and I've been a straight A student all my life.

Miss Sarah F.

I was on a competitive swim team from 1988 to 2000 in Lexington and Salisbury,North Carolina. Since then I swim for exercise and I am teaching my own children how to swim. I love teaching because I can make a positive impact and help people become safer and more confident in the water. I drove by the NOMAD building for a year off and on saying "hey, I need to check that place out!" My first time inside I loved it. Everyone was friendly and easy to talk to. I love the diversity and the feeling that you're always welcome. I may never leave! I can customize the experience for you or your child. Feel free to communicate with me any concerns or special needs. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Patience

Miss Sarah M.

I have been a part of my summer league swim team almost every year since I was 4 years old. In 2012, I joined NOMAD at 11 years old. I am also a part of my high school swim team. I love teaching because I want to help people looking to improve. I love being able to help others meet their goals. I have been a part of NOMAD for a long time and I wanted to become more involved. NOMAD has helped me to become a better swimmer and I wanted to do the same for others. I believe attention to detail and focusing on continuous improvement can lead to great results. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Supportive

Miss Sydney

I began my swimming career on my neighborhood team at the age of five. From there, I progressed to NOMAD at the age of ten where I swam for the next five years. I am also a member of my high school swim team. I love teaching kids to swim because I get to share my love for the sport and watch them grow. I chose to teach for NOMAD because I have spent many years training in the building and it feels like home. I have gotten to know many of the swimmers from multiple groups as well as coaches and enjoy the family environment. Parents and swimmers should know that I am a good student, responsible, and strive to do my best in all areas of my life. Also, that I will come to each lesson enthusiastically and with a smile. Fun fact: I love camping and traveling to new places!

Coach Virginia

I joined swim team when I was seven years old. I started club swimming with NOMAD, neighborhood swimming for Highland Creek, and then high school swimming for Charlotte Catholic High School. Now I still swim on my own whenever I can! I love teaching because I get to share my passion and knowledge of swimming with everyone; whether it's a group of 4 year-olds or a young adult wanting to train for something more serious. I enjoy being able to teach such a wide variety of classes; whether it's Little Bobbers, Group Lessons, Private Lessons, or filling in for Coaches. Parents should know that I like teaching children of all ages, work well with children that are very energetic or cry every now and then- they will all come to love the water! Swimmers should be prepared to have fun, but take the lesson seriously as well. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Well-rounded

Coach Wesley

I spent many years swimming on a Summer League Swim Team. I love teaching because it is rewarding when a student finally learns a technique they have been struggling with. It is a fun and family friendly environment. I like to be silly as long as everyone is learning and becoming better swimmers. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Effort

Coach Zach

I started off swimming with Swim MAC when I was nine years old and took about a year off from swimming when I was twelve. I joined NOMAD when I was thirteen and have been swimming there ever since (three years). I am currently in the Senior Performance group. I love teaching because I enjoy seeing people succeed in an incredible activity that they can continue on with for their entire life. NOMAD is such an amazing place that has been so welcoming during the time that I have swam there. I want to give back to NOMAD by helping people feel the same way that I have towards it by improving their swimming. I am currently a rising junior the IB Program at North Mecklenburg High School. I am in the top ten percent of my class and aspire to swim for Johns Hopkins University in Maryland to study medicine. I previously lifeguarded at several country clubs and will continue lifeguarding at NOMAD. I am currently in the Senior Performance group and have grown highly fond of my teammates. Sum up your teaching philosophy in ONE word: Encouragement