**VSI Report from Disablity Committee**

**Sept. 27, 2017**

Joseph Peppersack is at the University of Mary Washington.   He is on the swim team.

Beyond the swim meets there, the next para swimming meet he plans on attending is in December at the Winter Can Ams. And for the last Para Meet that Joseph attended , which was in Berlin, Germany in July, he earned 2 gold medals for 2 relays and he earned a bronze medal for an individual event.

Emilia Scovel is currently in the Nation’s Capital Swim Team Develomental Program, and she is building back her endurance and working on her strokes following early spring, 2017, surgery.

Samantha Tubbs is still training at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado, which she is really enjoying. She is taking online classes part-time. Her next big swim meet is most likely in December or in January.

Sean Harrington continues to work at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. He continues to swim to

Stay in good physical shape.

Jon Larson, the Head Coach at Fork Union Military Academy, recently moved to VSI after being in Mid Atlantic Swimming for many years . Jon currently serves on the National Disability Committee for USA Swimming. Jon has many years of coaching experience, and he is willing to , along with his supervisor,

help host a Disablity Swim Meet at Fork Union Military Academy

Coach Dalton Herendeen is a very active Swimming coach for the Fredericksburg area. He is also a lower extremity amputee and is truly remarkable in how he maneuvers with his leg prosthesis. The Disability Committee is very pleased to have Coach Herendeen as a superb role model for our   
VSI swimmers.

Upcoming events for the fall of 2017 and early winter include:

* The 2017 Deaflympics, which took place in Samsun, Turkey from July 18th – 30th, 2017.
* Sept 9th – 10th, 207: The California Classic (Yucaipa, CA: PI Nat Classifications available)
* Sept. 10th, 2017: the USA Paralympic Swimming Clinic (Lakeland, Florida)
* Sept. 13, 2017: the USA Aquatic Sports Convention Disability Swimming Workshop
* October 21- 22: the ASL Fred Lamback Disability Meet (Augusta, GA )
* December 14th – 17th : Can-Am OPEN (Charlotte, N.C )
* January 21 and 22, 2018: The Disability Swimming Workshop (Colorado Springs OTC

If you have specific concerns or suggestions for better inclusion and recognition of our VSI Disability Swimmers, please contact me or one of our VSI Disability Comm. Members. The members of your VSI Disability Swimming Committee include: Coach Dalton Herendeen, , Pat Donohue, Jessica Simons, Kim Downs, Coach Art Anthony, Ray Tubbs, John Harrington, Sandy Peppersack, and Sean Harrington. The VSI Disability Comm needs at least two athletes (who can be able – bodied) to serve on this committee .Interested athletes should contact David Strider, VSI Disability Comm. Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,

David V. Strider (Chairperson- VSI Disability Committee Chair)