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## QUICK FACTS

School	Villanova University
Location:	Villanova, PA. 19085
Founded	1842
Enrollment	6,295
President	Rev. Edmund J. Dobbin OSA
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Colors	Blue & White
Conference	Big East
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## ON THE COVER

Villanova swimmers Maddy Crippen, Rebecca Koch, Peter Klimas, and Adam Walchak. Photos by Enrique Mendoza (AIC) and Chris Hampson.

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## HEAD COACH RICK SIMPSON



Rick Simpson begins his third season as head coach of the Villanova men's and women's swimming & diving programs in 2002-03.

Last season, Simpson guided the women's team to a sixth place finish at the Big East Championships, while the men placed 11th at the Conference Championships. In addition, Maddy Crippen and Rebecca Koch both earned berths to the NCAA Championships.

At the 2001 NCAA Championships, Crippen achieved All-America status for the seventh time. Koch, who was attending her first NCAA Championships, posted a lifetime best with a 4:47 in the 500 yard freestyle, and breaking the school record in the 200 yard

freestyle with a time of 1:48.

Simpson came to the Main Line from Seton Hall University, where he headed up the Pirate men's and women's programs for three seasons.

He led the Pirate men to a 5-5 record during the 1999-2000 season, the they achieved its first-ever .500 record in the history of the program.

At the 2000 Big East Championships, Simpson helped guide Seton Hall sophomore Peter Economou to a Big East title in the 100 yard butterfly. Economou was the first Pirate in seven years to win a conference championship. The Pirate women's program had their best season under Simpson in 1998-99, when they recorded a record of 8-6. During his three-year tenure from 1997-2000, 75 percent of the school's swimming & diving records were broken.

Simpson attended Rutgers University, graduating in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in environmental and land use planning. Following his graduation from Rutgers, he spent three seasons with the Scarlet Knight swimming & diving program as a graduate assistant. In 1992, during his stint at Rutgers, Simpson was also an assistant to the U.S. Olympic Team Coach at Team Foxcatcher. While with Team Foxcatcher, he assisted in the training of four Olympians. In addition, he coached the Foxcatcher Team at the 1992 National Championships in Mission Viejo, Calif.

Simpson left his alma mater in the fall of 1992 to become assistant coach of the United States Military Academy at West Point. His primary responsibilities at West Point included serving as the recruiting coordinator as well as the coach for all sprint and middle distance swimming events. After one season, he returned to Rutgers as a full-time assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. In August 1996, Simpson was named the interim head coach at Rutgers.

### SIMPSON'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Named head coach of the Villanova University swimming & diving program on July 12, 2000.
- Headed up the Seton Hall University men's and women's swimming and diving programs from 1997-2000.
- Member of the Team USA coaching staff at the Second Military World Games in Zagreb, Croatia, in 1999.
- During his time at Seton Hall, Simpson founded and served as head coach of the Seton Hall Aquatics Club, as well as creating the Seton Hall Varsity Swim Camp, Inc.
- Interim head coach of the Rutgers program in 1996-97.
- Full-time assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Rutgers from 1993-96.
- Spent one season at the United States Military Academy at West Point as an assistant coach (1992).
- Assistant to U.S. Olympic Team Coach at Team Foxcatcher in 1992.
- Graduate assistant at Rutgers University from 1990-1992.
- Graduated from Rutgers in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in environmental and land use planning.

Simpson left Rutgers in 1997 to head up the Seton Hall men's and women's swimming & diving programs. While at Seton Hall, he served as founder and executive director of Varsity Swim Camp, Inc., and as founder and head coach of the Seton Hall Aquatics Club. During the summer of 1999, Simpson was named to the coaching staff of Team U.S.A. at the Second Military World Games in Zagreb, Croatia. The team consisted of several current and former world record holders and Olympians.

Simpson is a native of the Philadelphia area and currently resides in Malvern, pa.



*The 2002-2003 Villanova Swimming & Diving coaching staff: assistant coach Matt Sarkees, assistant coach Dina Dormer, head coach Rick Simpson, assistant coach Christy Welch, assistant coach Stephen Warrington, diving coach Gary Elder.*



*Villanova head coach (right) with Ray Bosse, head coach of U.S. Military Academy, at the second Military World Games in Croatia in 1999. Simpson and Bosse served as the coaches for the USA Swim team.*



## ASSISTANT COACHES



### GARY ELDER

DIVING COACH  
12TH SEASON

Returning for his twelfth overall season as the diving coach at Villanova University is Gary Elder. Elder began his third stint with the Wildcats last season, taking over for Chris Blair as the men's and women's diving coach.

Elder also coached the Villanova men's and women's diving teams two other times - from 1984-1988 and from 1990-1993.

In 1988, Elder helped lead Wildcat diver Dave Echeverria to the finals of the NCAA Championships as well as a Big East title. Echeverria was also an outstanding performer for Elder and the diving team off the field, where he earned Big East Scholar Athlete of the Year honors, as well as receiving an NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship.

In 1993, during his second stint with the Wildcats, Elder helped lead both the men and women's swimming and diving teams to Big East Conference titles.

Elder possesses extensive diving experience, as he spent 13 years diving at the high school and club levels. He got into coaching at the age of 18 and was coaching with the Upper Main Line YMCA when he was first hired by Villanova head coach Ed Geisz in 1984.

Elder has been with Villanova University for 18 years, currently holding the position of Assistant Director for Central Systems in the school's UNIT department. He resides in Coatesville with his wife Peggy and four children.



### STEPHEN WARRINGTON

ASSISTANT COACH  
SECOND SEASON

Entering his second season as an assistant for the Villanova swimming & diving program is Stephen Warrington. Warrington comes to Villanova with five combined years of club coaching experience with the New England Barracudas (Boston, Mass.) and the Coral Casino Beach Club (Santa Barbara, Calif.)

Warrington graduated from James Madison University in 1989 with his Bachelor's of Science degree in Physical Education and a concentration in exercise and fitness. He went on to receive his teacher certification in physical education from Bridgewater State College in January, 2001.

A collegiate swimmer at James Madison University, Warrington was also a masters swimmer for UCSB Masters (Calif.) and the Minuteman Masters (Mass.). He was a top 10 finisher at the New England Short Course Championships in 2001.

Warrington was also a certified Brigade Recreation Specialist for the U.S. Army in Fort Lewis, Wash.

Warrington currently resides in Chester Springs, Pa.



*Megan Murphy,  
Student Assistant*



### DINA DORMER

ASSISTANT COACH  
FIRST SEASON

Dina Dormer begins her first season as an assistant coach for the Villanova swimming & diving program in 2002-2003. Dormer comes to the Main Line from La Salle University where she served as an assistant coach for four seasons. Her primary duties were working with the distance swimmers, as well as assisting in all other areas of the swimming program. While at La Salle, Dormer also spent two years as a chemistry instructor.

Dormer graduated from La Salle Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts in chemistry and biochemistry. During her time at La Salle, Dormer swam for the Explorers and earned a number of honors both in the pool and in the classroom. She was named an Academic All-American, a GTE Academic All-District performer, and received Atlantic 10/US Air Academic All-Conference Honors all four years.

Dormer was the first and only female swimmer from La Salle to ever qualify for the NCAA Division I Championships, as she did so in the 500 and 1650 yard freestyles in 1998. In addition, she was a seven-time Atlantic 10 Champion and nine-time ECAC Champion. Dormer was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference Team all four years and was the Atlantic 10 Outstanding Female Swimmer two years in a row. Dormer grew up and currently resides in Springfield, Pa.



### MATT SARKEES

ASSISTANT COACH  
THIRD SEASON

Matt Sarkees returns for his third season with the Villanova Swimming and Diving Program. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, he continues to play a lead role in recruiting activities for both the men's and women's programs. Prior to joining the Villanova program, Sarkees coached for seven years in Philadelphia area club swimming programs, including five years as a head coach.

Sarkees graduated from Villanova University in 1998 with a Masters in Business Administration. He earned a Bachelors of Science in Accounting from Seton Hall University in 1993. While at Seton Hall, Sarkees was a two-year captain of the men's swimming program and held several school records. He was also a Dean's List student and a University Chancellor's Scholar.

He resides in Glen Mills with his wife, Megan.



### CHRISTY WELCH

ASSISTANT COACH  
FIRST SEASON

Entering her first season as an assistant coach for the Villanova swimming & diving program is Christy Welch.

Welch graduated from Villanova University in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in biology. While at Villanova, she was a highly decorated swimmer for the Wildcat swim team. Six times during her career, Welch earned Big East finals appearances. Her top conference finish ever came when she was a freshman in 1999, as she finished in eighth place in the 1,650 yard freestyle. Hailing from Atlanta, Ga., Welch currently resides in Radnor, Pa.



## 2002-2003 MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING ROSTER



*2002-2003 Villanova University men's swimming & diving team.*

## 2002-2003 MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cl</u>	<u>Hometown / High School</u>
Justin Buland	Breaststroke	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence Central
Ryan Costella	Distance Freestyle	Jr.	Carson City, Nevada/ Carson
Dave Filepp	Butterfly/ Sprint Freestyle/ Backstroke	Fr.	Millburn, N.J./ Millburn
Andrew Harbuck	Breaststroke/ IM	Sr.	Oviedo, Fla. / Lake Highland Prep
James Harrell	Backstroke/Sprint Freestyle	Fr.	Norwood, Pa./ Cardinal O'Hara
Peter Klimas	Sprint Freestyle	Sr.	Cherry Hill, N.J. / Cherry Hill East
Colin May	Diving	Fr.	Greenwich, Conn./ Fairfield Prep
Mike McLaughlin	Sprint Freestyle/ Backstroke	Fr.	Pawling, N.Y./ Our Lady of Lourdes
Matt McLaughlin	Sprint Freestyle	Fr.	Pawling, N.Y./ Our Lady of Lourdes
Mark Niziol	Distance Freestyle	So.	Paterson, N.J./ Seton Hall Prep
Matt Noble	Sprint Freestyle/ IM	Fr.	Queensbury, N.Y./ Queensbury
Michael Phinney	Backstroke/ Freestyle	So.	Yardley, Pa./ Holy Ghost Prep
Kevin Quinn	Sprint Freestyle	So.	Whitehouse Point, Fla./ Montclair Kimberly Academy
Bryan Rivera	Distance Freestyle	So.	Catano, Puerto Rico/ Colegio San Ignacio
William Serencsits	Freestyle	So.	State College, Pa./ State College Area
Adam Walchak	Butterfly	Sr.	Media, Pa. / Penncrest
James Wolczynski	Distance Freestyle	Jr.	Valrico, Fla./ Berkeley Prep

**Head Coach:** Rick Simpson (third season)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Stephen Warrington, Dina Dormer, Matt Sarkees, Christy Welch  
**Diving Coach:** Gary Elder