

Willamette University Seniors 2023-24

RACHEL CARLSON



Hometown: Santa Maria, California (Orcutt Academy HS)
Events: Distance Freestyle
Major: Politics, Policy, Law and Ethics Minor: Environ. Science
Parents: Dave and Elesa Carlson

Rachel has been a consistent presence in our distance group since her arrival on campus. While helping to build that group up, she has dedicated many thousands of yards to push herself and her teammates to new heights on distance days. Over the years, she's had some setbacks that she's had to overcome and her determination to stick with it will serve her well after her swimming career ends.

– Head Coach Brent Summers

Sr.

CAREER BESTS

200-yard Freestyle 2:13.86 Feb. 12, 2022 (at NWC)
500-yard Freestyle 5:56.82 Feb. 11, 2022 (at NWC)
1650-yard Freestyle 20:10.65 Feb. 13, 2022 (at NWC)



LOGAN COPELAND



Hometown: Sparks, Nevada (Spanish Springs High School)
Events: Breaststroke, Backstroke
Majors: Classical Studies/Religious Studies
Parents: Robin and Van Copeland

Logan is the ultimate "What do you need me to swim?" teammate. He's always looking to help the team however he can in or out of the water. Logan's leadership over the past two seasons as captain, as well as his welcoming and supportive personality, helped strengthen our team as we emerged from the pandemic. I have enjoyed coaching Logan over the past four seasons, but more so I've enjoyed getting to watch Logan grow into the person he is today.

– Head Coach Brent Summers

Sr.

CAREER BESTS

100-yard Breaststroke 1:00.50 Feb. 12, 2022 (at NWC)
200-yard Breaststroke 2:15.31 Feb. 13, 2022 (at NWC)
100-yard Backstroke 57.56



WILL MATHEWS



Hometown: St. Louis Park, Minnesota (St. Louis Park HS)
Events: Backstroke
Major: Physics
Parent: Dan Mathews

Will is always an awesome presence to have on deck with his positive energy and joyful demeanor. I'm incredibly proud of Will for how he has approached these past two years after what was a significant injury setback early in his junior year. I know we are a better team with Will around, and I'm grateful he decided to continue with our team. I know it hasn't been easy at times, but his ability to stay positive and open-minded is the very definition of grit.

– Head Coach Brent Summers

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CAREER BESTS

100-yard Backstroke 59.93 Feb. 12, 2022 (at NWC)
200-yard Backstroke 2:16.46 Feb. 13, 2022 (at NWC)
50-yard Freestyle 24.24 Feb. 11, 2022 (at NWC)



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LYDDIE TURNER

Hometown: Everett, Washington (Everett High School)
Events: Distance Freestyle
Major: International Studies Minor: English
Parents: Jill and Kyle Turner

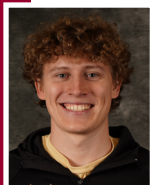
Lyddie is our vlogger (video blogger) extraordinaire. She also has been a constant presence in our distance group these past four years as one of our 500-yard and mile swimmers. Lyddie's bubbly personality is infectious and helps to make mile mornings feel not as early as they are. I will miss Lyddie's presence on deck, her request of Kesha songs, and getting to have her around campus.

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– Head Coach Brent Summers

CAREER BESTS

200-yard Freestyle2:32.69..... Dec. 5, 2021 (at GFU Invite)
500-yard Freestyle6:37.96..... Dec. 4, 2021 (at GFU Invite)
1650-yard Freestyle22:25.50..... Feb. 13, 2022 (at NWC)



JULIUS WILHELMI

Hometown: Roseville, California (Woodcreek High School)
Events: Sprint Freestyle
Major: Computer Science Minor: German
Parents: Daniel Wilhelmi and Friederike Volk-Wilhelmi

Julius is one of the fastest Bearcats in program history, but you would never know it by his demeanor. He is quiet, yet confident. I have enjoyed getting to coach and work with Julius almost every day these past 4 years. The leadership he has brought to the sprint group, and to our program, has helped take us to another level. I remember Julius calling me about playing in the chicken fountain his first year. When I think of him, that's what I'll remember ... a fun and goofy person at heart.

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– Head Coach Brent Summers

CAREER BESTS

50-yard Freestyle..... 21.15..... Feb. 11, 2023 (at NWC)
100-yard Freestyle 46.73..... Feb. 12, 2023 (at NWC)
200-yard Freestyle 1:44.10..... Feb. 11, 2023 (at NWC)



Rachel, Logan, Will, Lyddie, and Julius: You came to Willamette during a time of great unknown and chaos and are leaving into a world of new unknowns awaiting you. What is known is the impact each of you has had on our program over the past four years. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything. I cannot wait to watch each of you continue your journey after WU. Congratulations on a fantastic Bearcat Swimming career. I can't wait to watch you all at the conference championships!

– Head Coach Brent Summers



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