

Thanks Coach Hutch

Cy Ranch swim coach, Bryan Hutchinson, is making a difference in his students' lives by believing in them and cheering them on

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Bryan Hutchinson has been a psychology teacher and the head swim coach at Cypress Ranch High School since it opened eight years ago. Known affectionately as “Coach Hutch,” he has taken the Cy Ranch swim teams to win both men’s and women’s district titles for the second year in a row. Having parents who were college professors, inspiration from other teachers, and the love and respect for the sport of swimming have helped make Coach Hutch a teacher and coach that students admire.

A Box of Water

Kelsey Johnson, a Cy Ranch 2013 graduate, is now on the University of the Incarnate Word Women’s Division I Swim Team and is the sports director for UIWtv. She says that without Coach Hutchinson she wouldn’t be where she is today. Johnson remembers when she was a high school sophomore and the swim team was nervous about the regional meet because they didn’t like the pool. “Coach Hutch walked in the pool area and said, ‘It’s just a box of water.’ To this day, I repeat that saying before every race when I get on the block. As much as I love being a college athlete, I will never have the same feeling I had when I was a Cypress Ranch Mustang, mostly due to Coach Hutchinson,” says Johnson.

Filled with Pride

Mason Parker, who also graduated in 2013, says that Coach Hutch is always there to cheer his swimmers on. “On one of my final swims, I shattered my personal best and broke 1:00.59 in the hundred breast stroke,” he says. “Coach told me he had never gone that fast when he swam the 100. It was a moment where I surpassed my coach’s time only because of what he was able to teach me. The pride he had for me by beating him was better than actually beating him,” Parker adds.

Believing in His Students

“Coach Hutchinson looks at each individual and his or her needs for swimming,” says Cy Ranch swimmer, Dylan Neumann. “What makes Coach Hutch influential is that he has a lot of knowledge about the sport and he believes in each and every one of his swimmers and students.” Neumann adds that he would like to continue to swim in college because of the way Coach Hutch taught him to the love all aspects of the sport.

The Best Coach

Catherine Douglas, a senior at Cy Ranch, has swum for Coach Hutch for four years and says he is the best coach she has had in the

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“There is nothing more rewarding than hearing from a former or current student about their new achievements in life and to see how excited they are.”

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12 years she has been swimming. She gives Hutchinson the credit for teaching her how to be a leader which got her promoted to the highest supervising position at her job and has helped her carry on the Cy Ranch swimming and diving legacy. “One of the most influential things that he has said is that in 30 years, no one is going to remember the swim times, but we will remember the memories and friendships we created along the way. I will be forever grateful for everything he has taught me.”

Always Motivating

Junior Luke Bowman believes Coach Hutch is the best coach because he is able to be a friend and motivator when needed. “Even when I was at a club team meet that wasn’t for high school, Coach Hutch was still texting us and asking how we were doing and what our times were,” Bowman adds.

Having mononucleosis the first semester of her senior year, Abbie Jones says it was very hard to stay motivated to swim and keep in shape all while talking with college recruits. “Throughout this process, Coach Hutch never stopped pushing me,” says Jones. “Thanks to him, I was able to stay in shape, achieve my best times at the end of the season, and find a college and team just right for me.” Jones will attend Trinity University in the fall and will compete as a member of their swim team.

The Most Rewarding Profession

Hutchinson loves his job because he is able to watch his students and swimmers excel. They make him smile every day. “I should thank them all for letting me do what I love every day. I have had the opportunity to meet some of the most amazing people one could hope to meet through the swimmers, fellow teachers, and other coaches. I think each one of them has helped mold me into who I am as a person and I hope that I have had the same effect on them,” says Hutchinson. He loves the relationships that he has built with students. “Teaching is truly the most rewarding profession anyone could choose. Multiple times a day I have a reason to smile and laugh with those around me. Not everyone gets the privilege and the chance to experience that kind of environment at work.” **CFM**

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