

## **DAWN MUSSELMAN INSPIRATIONAL SWIMMER 2023**

The Pacific Northwest Association Local Masters Swimming Committee  
proudly presents the

**2023 Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer Award to**

**Mason Chuang**

Mason, you are an inspiration to the Orca Swim Team and to all of PNA. No fewer than eleven Orca teammates say you admirably live up to this award's criteria, as evidenced by these few excerpts from their nomination letters:

"Mason has been a very active Orca member since 2015, quickly becoming a key team leader and serving as the team president for the past 4+ years. As we continue to struggle [finding] pool time in our area, Mason has diligently continued efforts to re-establish our full swim workout program. Working to address one of the [impediments to] available pool time, Mason has been encouraging team members to become certified lifeguards [with] the team providing reimbursement for course fees." – Jim Lasersohn

"Mason was key to keeping the Orca swim team together through COVID. When Orca lost all pool time at Seattle U, he found space at ... other pools including Evergreen, Queen Anne, and Medgar Evers during this time." – Paul Ikeda

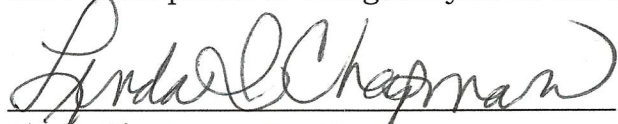
"He can be recognized on the pool deck by his beaming smile and infectious energy. ... He not only is everyone's biggest advocate and cheerleader, but also plays an integral role in keeping our team running smoothly. Through challenging times of pool closures and lifeguard shortages during and after the pandemic, Mason has been instrumental in securing pool time for our team.

"He actively participates in practices and meets and is always encouraging new and experienced swimmers alike to participate in ... swimming events and competitions. He also makes sure everyone knows about all the fun potlucks and social events happening outside of practice. Even when we don't have official team socials, he often organizes something unofficially to give members an opportunity to get to know each other better outside the pool." – Isaac Loegering

"When an Orca participates in their first masters meet, Mason is always there to support them and present them with a free team suit and cap as a way to officially welcome them to the team." – Eric Ryden

"He is really the heart and soul of our team and has created such a great and welcoming place for us all." – Katie Fritcher

Mason, for your inspiration to the entire membership of the Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers by your example of good sportsmanship, encouragement, and commitment, the PNA is proud to recognize you as our Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer for 2023.

  
Linda Chapman, President

  
Steve Peterson, Selection Committee Chair

