



TRAVIS DOWNS

CLASS OF 2010

SWIMMING

When Travis Downs graduated from Wayland High School, he held records in the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyles, and was also a member of three record-holding relays (200 medley, 200 freestyle, 400 freestyle). Travis swam four years with Wayland to build his Hall of Fame credentials. He was named the Most Improved Swimmer his sophomore year, and was a Dual County League All-Star as a junior and senior while winning three state individual titles and leading the Warriors to two straight state championships. He received the coaches award as a junior and was a team MVP as a senior captain. Downs was also a Boston Globe All-Scholastic athlete as a senior, won the Wayland High School Boosters award, and earned his 1000th career point that same year.



“I’ll always remember the excitement of winning the Weston meet my junior year,” said Travis. “We won for the first time ever, ending Weston’s multi-year and 100+ meet winning streak. It was also awesome to be a part of the team that won states my senior year after much of the team that won



states the year prior had graduated – that was a true testament to the hard work the team had put in that year. These moments, among many others, would not have been possible without the whole team committing themselves, supporting each other, and swimming and diving their best.”

Downs, who graduated in 2010, excelled in the classroom too, and was a National Honor Society member. He also received the swim team’s scholar athlete award. When not in the pool or classroom, Downs could be found on the stage as a member of

Wayland High School’s a cappella group the T-Tones. He also spent time in student government, serving as the student body vice president his senior year.

After graduating, Travis went on to swim for the Harvard University men’s team. “One of my proudest accomplishments is swimming four years at a Division 1 program and earning a varsity letter after walking on to the team as a freshman,” he said. Downs graduated from Harvard with a degree in Computer Science and has worked for the past two and a half years at Uber, first in Boston and currently in San Francisco where he is part of Uber Freight.

“I’d like to thank my parents for introducing me to the sport of swimming and supporting me, as well as my three sisters, Emily, Mary, and Anna, for coming to my meets and cheering me on every step of the way,” said Downs. “I have a lot of gratitude for and want to thank Coach (Mike) Foley and Coach Mel (Keith Meliones) who were both instrumental in my development as a swimmer. Without them I wouldn’t have gotten to where I did in my swimming career.”

