

Pacific Swimming Diversity Report Fall 2012
OCP/Oakland Undercurrent Swim Team

This fall, the Oakland Undercurrent Swim team was able to provide coaching for 50 swimmers in our bridge and developmental programs. This was the largest group of swimmers we have had in the developmental program. This was due in part to the low fees and scholarships we were able to maintain and offer because of the grant we received from Pacific Swimming.

In addition to helping cover the costs of these swimmers dues, the Oakland Undercurrent helped pay the meet fees for a diverse group of 10 and under swimmers. The majority of the group had been on the roster but also included new swimmers as well. Two of the swimmers were 6 year old twins who joined the team from the recreation league and were very enthusiastic about participating on the Undercurrent Swim Team. The young girls participated in their first USS swim meet at Albany in October. In this meet, we subsidized the fees of 20 swimmers. We also paid the USS swim registrations for half of these subsidized swimmers.

The Undercurrent swim team was also able to host an inter-squad meet at Laney this fall. This meet helped swimmers of all ages and abilities experience the atmosphere of a USS swim meet within their own swimming pool. Many of the swimmers gained confidence that they could enter a USS swim meet and others realized the importance of paying attention at practice so that they can develop their skills. Overall, the Pacific Swimming grant has helped us to continue to attract underrepresented swimmers to our team and continue participating in swimming.

The Undercurrent appreciates all the help provide by Pacific Swimming through their diversity grants and initiatives. Thank you for all the support you have provide the Oakland Undercurrent Swim Team.