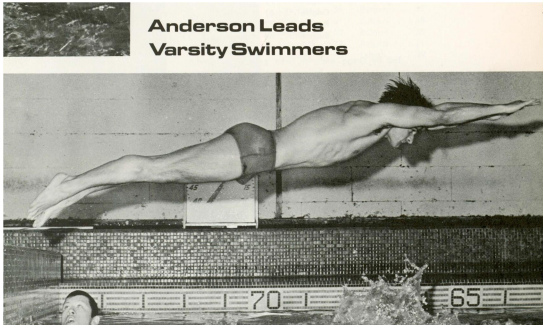


## Rutgers Men's Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame



**GREGG ANDERSON**

**CLASS: 1970**

**INDUCTION: 1994**

Gregg Anderson was a two-time All-American in swimming, winning the honor in the 200-yard backstroke in 1968 and 1969. Both of Anderson's times were ranked in the nation's Top 10 to accord those honors. The Coursen Award recipient as the school's outstanding graduating male athlete in 1970, he was the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League's champion in the 200 backstroke in 1968-69 and the 500 freestyle in 1969. He lost only once in the 200 backstroke during dual meets in his three-year career. During his time at Rutgers, he held four individual school marks (500 and 1000 freestyle and 100 and 200 backstroke) and he was the team captain his senior season. In his sophomore year, he won the James Reilly Trophy for leadership and loyalty and in 1970, he was the August Heinzman Trophy winner for competitive spirit and sportsmanship. A native of Sacramento, CA, Anderson Scored 105 points in his senior year with 15 dual meet wins and 10 more finishes in the top three. He was selected as a Loyal Son of Rutgers in 1991.

## Rutgers Men's Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame



### **FRANK ELM**

#### **INDUCTION: 1998**

A 31-year veteran of the coaching ranks at Rutgers, Frank Elm was recognized as one of the finest swimming and diving coaches in America. Three times he was named to the coaching staff of the U.S. Olympic team; twice as an assistant (1968 and 1976) and in 1980 he was named head coach of the U.S. team, the largest American swimming and diving team assembled at that time. He also coached the 1967 U.S. Pan American Games team, and two U.S. National Teams that toured Japan in 1975 and the Soviet Union in 1981. At Rutgers, Elm can best be described as the driving force in the development of the swimming and diving program. He developed 10 Olympic swimmers- two gold medal winners, several Pan Am Games swimmers, five of whom won gold medals. He also tutored several individual and national championship swimmers as well as national relay champions. He oversaw the development of the women's swimming and diving program at Rutgers, a team that went undefeated from 1973-75. Near the end of his career, he was able to help oversee the construction of the Sonny Werblin Recreation Center, one of the finest swimming and diving facilities in America. Elm received the Master Coaches Award from the Swimming Coaches' Association of America in 1973 and was bestowed with the honor of Loyal Son in 1992 by the Rutgers Alumni Association.

## Rutgers Men's Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame



### **ROBERT GALBRAITH**

**CLASS: 1924**

**INDUCTION: 2023**

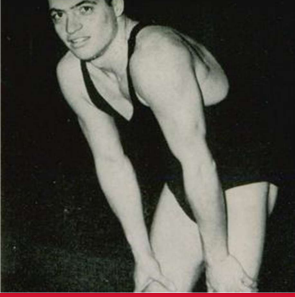
Robert Galbraith was Rutgers' first-ever national champion. A star of the Rutgers swimming team, Galbraith was one of two Scarlet Knights to participate in the inaugural Men's Swimming NCAA Championship and was crowned the 1924 NCAA "fancy diving" champion.

Galbraith was one of six to qualify for the finals with two from Princeton and Yale as well as one qualifier from Penn.

During the season, Galbraith helped Rutgers win all but one meet and capture the Eastern Collegiate Championship.

Rutgers' annual Diver of the Year award is named in Galbraith's honor.

## Rutgers Men's Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame



**CHARLES GANTNER**

**CLASS: 1943**

**INDUCTION: 2001**

**Charles Gantner** won varsity letters in both track and swimming during his four years at Rutgers. A four-year letter winner in swimming, Gantner won the 200m breaststroke, 300m medley relay, and the 400 freestyle relay at the 1942 and 1943 Eastern Collegiate Championships, and placed third in the 200m breaststroke at the 1942 NCAA Championships. In 1943, he again excelled in the 200m breaststroke, becoming a National AAU and Eastern Intercollegiate Champion in the event. He also set a world record in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1943 with a time of 0:58.00. A Marine Corps veteran who served at Okinawa, Gantner was also a two-year letter winner in track, specializing in sprints.

## Rutgers Men's Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame



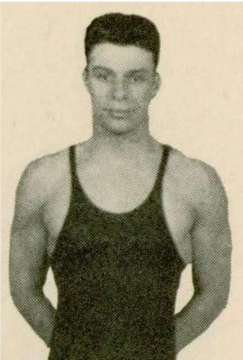
**GEORGE KOJAC**

**CLASS: 1931**

**INDUCTION: 1995**

**George Kojac** was perhaps the pioneer record-setter for Rutgers swimming and never lost a race in a dual meet in his college career. Primarily a freestyle and backstroker, he was the National Collegiate 100-yard freestyle champion in 1931, he established nine school records in the 1928-29 season. In 1930, he broke four of those same records. He was the Intercollegiate Swimming Association 100 and 200-yard freestyle champion in 1931. Kojac was the world and intercollegiate record holder in the 440-yard freestyle, 440-yard relay, and the 300-yard medley relay. Kojac served as team captain in 1929-31 when Rutgers was 24-5 in dual meets.

## Rutgers Men's Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame



**NORMAN "NORM" KRAMER**

**CLASS: 1933**

**INDUCTION: 2003**

**Norm Kramer** was one of the most successful swimmers in Rutgers history and one of the earliest national champions for the Scarlet Knights. In 1931, Kramer earned two first-place finishes at the NCAA Championships, winning both the 400-yard relay (3:39.4) and the 300-yard medley relay (3:09.4) while taking second in the preliminaries of the 100-yard freestyle. In 1933, Kramer returned to NCAA Championship competition and once again took first in the 400-yard relay, registering an identical 3:39.04 time. He also advanced to the semifinals in the 100-yard freestyle, placing him among the top 20 in the country in that event. Kramer also recorded three first-place finishes at the Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association (ECSA) Championships in 1932, winning the 100-yard freestyle, the 200-yard relay and the 300-yard relay. He repeated that performance in 1933 as well, sweeping all three events. After completing his collegiate career, he was a major supporter of the men's and women's programs at Rutgers, donating the current record boards at the Sonny Werblin pool. Kramer passed away in 2000.

## Rutgers Men's Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame



### ROBERT NUGENT

**CLASS: 1952**

**INDUCTION: 1997**

**Robert Nugent**, a 1952 graduate, was one of the most versatile and successful swimmers in Rutgers history. He was a three-time All-American, and AAU National Champion and two-time All-East performer. In the 1948-49 season, Nugent won the AAU National Freestyle 100 yard Championship in the outdoor event, and placed fifth in the 100-yard freestyle in the NCAA Championships, which earned him All-America honors. He set the ECAC record in the 50-yard and was an All-East performer in the 50-and 100-yard at the ECAC Championships. In the 1950-51 season, Nugent placed second in the 50-yard freestyle at the NCAA Championships, earning All-America status; he also won the ECAC Championships in the 50-yd. and 100-yd. with record-setting performances to earn All-East honors. In the 1951-52 season, Nugent earned All-America honors in two events by placing third in the 100-yd. free and fourth in the 50-yd. free. Nugent, the team captain in 1952, also won the 50-yd. and 100 yd. freestyle, and the 100-yd. back at the ECAC Championship.

## Rutgers Men's Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame



### JIM REILLY

#### **INDUCTION: 1997**

The first coach to be elected to the Olympic Sports Hall of Fame, **Jim Reilly** was the first Rutgers swimming coach and held the position for 41 years. In his career, he led Rutgers to 223 wins compared to just 83 losses for a .729 winning percentage, one of the best in Rutgers history. Aside from the impressive record, Reilly coached many national champions and Olympians and is included in the class with one of his finest pupils, Walter Spence. Also in the Hall of Fame is another Reilly pupil, George Kojac, who was inducted in 1995. In his honor, the Rutgers Swimming program's loyalty trophy is named after him.

## Rutgers Men's Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame



### WALTER SPENCE

**INDUCTION: 1997**

**Walter Spence**, elected posthumously, could have had the most fascinating career of any Rutgers athlete in school history. Spence came to America from British Guiana as a 25-year-old with no professional training in technique and before all was said and done, he set new standards in swimming all over the world. In his first year of competitive swimming (1925), he broke five world records, set the U.S. record in the 300 IM, and boasted the highest point total in the U.S. at the National Championships. A tremendous natural swimmer, Spence won the U.S. National AAU Championship in the 200 yard breaststroke that same year, defeating the 1924 Olympic gold medalist in the process. In both 1928 and 1932, Spence earned a spot on the Canadian Olympic team in the 200 breaststroke and 100 freestyle, and won the swimmer's pentathlon in the U.S. nationals, beating Johnny Weismuller in the process. He entered Rutgers as a 30-year-old freshman in 1930 and set the collegiate record in the 100 yard free and won the NCAA High Point Trophy in 1934 for his performance in the National Championships. Also in 1934, Spence broke the world record in the 300 medley (no butterfly at that time). After his career at Rutgers, Spence continued to set standards in swimming, beating Weismuller in the 100 freestyle exhibition at the age of 38 in under the 51-second world record time. In 1939, Spence broke the world record in the 100 yard freestyle during a New York Athletic Club exhibition.