

Mark DeBruhl Volunteerism Award

Award Description:

Mark dedicated 30 years of his life to public service with the Virginia State Corporation Commission and Hanover County Department of Public Utilities. Following his retirement, Mark obtained a Virginia Teaching License and continued giving back to his community as a substitute teacher at Atlee High School. Mark was a dedicated volunteer and meet official for both our Pebble Creek Swim Team (Greater Richmond Aquatic League) and Hanover Hurricanes (Virginia Swimming). Affectionately called “Dr. DQ”, Mark relished the opportunity to teach the proper way to swim and never shied away from providing feedback to swimmers. He lived his life full of spirit and love, touching the lives of everyone he met. Never one for making grand gestures, Mark preferred to work quietly to encourage friends, students, and swimmers to be the best they could be. It is with that same spirit that the Pebble Creek Swim Team Board, with support from his wife, Jennifer, and his son, Jordan, establishes the Mark. R. DeBruhl Spirit of Volunteerism Awards. Mark loved to sail his boat “Legacy” along the Chesapeake Bay, and we could not think of a finer way to celebrate his legacy than with an award that honors commitment to the Spirit of Volunteerism, befitting of the husband and father that embodied those qualities.

Purpose of Award: To recognize a member of the swim team who carries on Mark’s selflessness and dedication to the swim team and community.

Nomination Categories:

- **Spirit of One:** This award is designed to honor the services and commitment of an individual adult volunteer 19 years of age or older.
- **Spirit of Youth:** This award is presented to an exceptional youth volunteer who is 18 years of age or younger or still attending high school.
- **Spirit of Family:** This award is designed to honor the volunteer activities of two or more family members working together for a common purpose.

Eligibility requirements:

- Not a board member
- Member of the Swim Team

Award:

Award Recipients will Receive:

- A certificate of recognition
- An commemorative medal
- Public recognition during the end of year party

Frequency:

Awarded Annually, during the end of year party

Evaluation factors.

- Member or board recommendations
- Coach recommendations
- Volunteer hours / opportunities above and beyond the required

Administration and selection process.

- The PCST Board will select a list of nominees for each nomination category along with reasons for each selection. Candidates and reasons will be sent to Jen DeBruhl for her thoughts and recommendations of the award recipient.

Selection Process:

- A. If a nominee receives a majority of the votes from the committee then the nominee receive the award for that nomination category.
- B. If we have multiple categories that meet the above criteria, then we award each nomination category that got that number of votes.
- C. If no category reaches the majority threshold, then the category with the most will get the award.

JUDGING: The Mark DeBruhl Volunteerism Award(s) judges consist of the Pebble Creek Swim Team board in consultation with the DeBruhl family.