



Christine Magnuson ...at a glance



Swimming

Career Highlights

- 2009 SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year
- 2-time Olympic Medalist (Silver: 100m butterfly, 4x100m medley relay)
- 2008 NCAA National Champion (100y butterfly)
- 2008 SEC Women's Swimmer of the Year
- 23-time NCAA All-American
- SEC Academic All-American

Community Involvement

- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Relay for Life
- Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Vital Statistics

- Born:** October 17, 1985
- Hometown:** Tinley Park, Illinois
- Resides:** Tucson, AZ
- Height:** 6' 1
- Education:** University of Tennessee '09-
Exercise Science

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getting to know...

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Biography

The sport of swimming had some competition before it gained Olympic double-medalist Christine Magnuson's full attention. A fierce competitor with a love for athletics, Magnuson wanted to participate in as many sports as possible, but a rule set by her parents limited her to one at a time. A rotation between basketball, volleyball and swimming kept her busy year round in her youth.

Now, Magnuson still dedicates her entire year to athletics, but she is focused on one sport, swimming. The daughter of a swim coach and in the pool since she was three, Magnuson turned her dedication to the sport into international success. Having found her niche, Magnuson took silver medals in both the 100-meter fly and the 4x100 medley relay at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Magnuson burst onto the scene by winning the 2008 NCAA National Championship in the 100-yard fly. Just months later the Tennessee Volunteer would win the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100-meter butterfly, with a late push in the final 50-meters to beat out 2004 Olympic medalist Rachel Komisarz. Setting an Olympic Trials meet record and posting the third fastest time in the world and seventh fastest time in history, Magnuson won the preliminaries, semifinals and finals.

VOLUNTEER LEADER

A captain for the University of Tennessee swim team, Magnuson's work ethic and leadership were legendary. While a specialist in the fly and freestyle, she was known for her ability to swim strong in every event.

In a sport made up of individual components, Magnuson developed best in a team atmosphere. Willing to help the team in any way, she would compete in as many relays as possible. Her dedication to the program helped elevate the swim team to new heights. When she arrived as a freshman, the school was ranked 24th in the nation, she left the Volunteers as one of the most illustrious swimmers in school history, on a top-10 squad.

In her collegiate career, Magnuson earned 23 All-American honors while being named the 2008 SEC Women's Swimmer of the Year and posting eight school records. Magnuson puts equal effort into her studies as she does her training, earning SEC All-Academic honors and the honor of 2008 SEC Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Christine recently completed her degree in Exercise Science at Tennessee. While continuing her competitive swimming, she helps run swim camps, works with companies to help drive media and revenue and makes numerous media appearances across the country.

While at Tennessee she was active in the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Her role in the SAAC led her to participate in numerous community service programs, including: Relay for Life, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, student voting initiatives and numerous other events.

Magnuson was raised in Tinley Park, Illinois and is a two-time individual state champion in swimming. She is passionate about supporting the city of Chicago in their candidacy for the 2016 Olympic Games.

