



# Matt Grevers ...at a glance



## Swimming

### Career Highlights

3-time Olympic Medalist (Gold: 4x100m free relay, 4x100m medley relay, Silver: 100m backstroke)  
 2007 World University Games Champion (4x100m relay)  
 Four-time NCAA National Champion (100m back-twice, 200m back, 4x100m medley relay)  
 27-time NCAA All-American  
 2003 Swimming World High School Swimmer of the Year

### Community Involvement

Matt recently launched a new program in conjunction with USA Swimming's "Make A Splash" initiative called the AT&T Voicemail Rewards Program. The Program encourages kids who participate in swimming lessons to hear active encouragement from Matt by texting a number and listening to a voicemail message "designed" just for them.

### Vital Statistics

**Born:** March 26, 1985  
**Hometown:** Lake Forest, Illinois  
**Resides:** Tucson, Arizona  
**Height:** 6' 8  
**Education:** Northwestern University '07

### Sponsors





## getting to know...

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### Biography

#### **Patriotic. Humble. A Gentle Giant.**

2008 Olympic gold medalist. Taller than some NBA players. "The Gentle Giant." The Chicago-native is a fan-favorite in the swimming world, known for his quick smile, easy-going personality, and extreme affable nature with young kids.

At any meet, it's easy to spot "Dutch" (his parents are from The Netherlands). He is the tall, friendly looking guy signing autographs, pictures, t-shirts, swim caps, and kickboards. He is one of the few swimmers in the country that appeals to both kids and parents -- affluent (graduated from Northwestern), successful (2 Olympic gold medals, 1 silver, 4 NCAA titles), and friendly (read the testimonials).

[Read more here.](#)

### **Get To Know Matt**

#### **President Bush Praises Matt Grevers**

*"...the story of Matt Grevers. Matt seemed like a long shot to qualify for the U.S. team in the 100-meter backstroke. Because his parents are Dutch, the Netherlands tried to recruit Matt to swim for his team -- offering him nearly a certain trip to Beijing. Instead he chose to compete for the U.S. team, and ended up qualifying in both the freestyle and backstroke. And when he swims in Beijing, it will be a proud citizen of the United States of America." --Present Bush*

#### **Matt Walks Us Through His Typical Day**

*Ever wondered what the typical day in the life of an Olympic athlete is? Watch this video (part of AT&T's Outside the Pool webseries) to find out.*

#### **Matt Shares His Message**

*Read about a recent trip Matt went on to promote AT&T's Rewards Program. He visited a small learn to swim school in Charlotte, North Carolina.*

### **Day In The Life of Matt Grevers**

## **Matt Talks About Making The 2008 Olympic Team:**