

Save Duquesne Men's Swimming!



Go for 5!

Go for 5! Goals:

- *Save Duquesne Men's Swimming with support of the swimming community
- *Continue to address the loss of collegiate swim programs by saving "one program at a time"
- *Exemplify swimming values of determination, focus, discipline, team and endurance in order to promote collegiate swimming

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How to Go for 5!

1. Go to: <http://gofor5.org>
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Save Duquesne Men's Swimming
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The "Go for 5!" story: On January 25, 2010, Duquesne University Athletic Department announced the elimination of the men's swim team along with baseball, wrestling, and golf. The university cited funding and compliance with Title IX (gender equity) as reasons for the elimination.

In an attempt to save the Duquesne men's swim team, parents and students developed a funding campaign for an annual endowment. The initiative, called the "Go for 5!" and the resulting endowment will immediately benefit the Duquesne men's swim team.

The "Go for 5!" will be an email blast campaign to family, friends, prior Duquesne University swim alumni, and those sympathetic to collegiate swimming. Each swimmer and parent will issue the email to everyone they know requesting donations. The campaign goal will be to reach 1 million people with a request to donate money in increments of \$5.

Over the last 5 years, 46 Division 1 men's teams have been cut for funding and Title IX reasons. Once comprising over 65% of the Division 1 teams, men's teams now only comprise 40% of member associations. This is very difficult for these male student athletes who represent this sport and hold high academic standards for their respective schools. "This is not just about the Duquesne men's swim team, this is about saving one program at a time", says Clayton Dean, former Duquesne swim team alumnus. As quoted by a college coach. *"It is of great concern to me that administrations continue to not see the value of our sport. Swimmers and Divers are among the finest Student/Athletes on campuses and the NCAA continues to limit the opportunities for them. If this trend continues it will not be long before it starts impacting women's teams and then the sport will be gone."*

This is being felt by many in swim communities across the country. *"We don't know if we'll be able to get all the money needed for the endowment but we do know that we can make strong strides to support the program,"* says Dean. Once we achieve the main objective of saving the Duquesne men's swim team, our ultimate goal is to support men's swim teams across the country and the salvation of the sport. We also hope to shed light on the controversy surrounding Title IX. By removing funding as the main issue to support the team, we believe that this proves the Title IX inequity towards what was to once protect women and is now affecting men.

For more information about Duquesne Swimming, follow the Duquesne University Official Athletic site – click on Men's or Women's Swimming under the sports tab. A facebook page called "Save Duquesne Men's Swimming", a donation link (<http://www.gofor5.org>), and articles surround this topic. Anyone interested in donating to the endowment fund may do so through the above link or by sending an email to Clayton Dean, cdean14@gmail.com.