



Abraham "Tito" Solano

Tito has swum competitively for over 30 years and coached for over 20 years. His first major coaching job was as an Assistant Swim Coach at the University of Louisville (1993-1995) after he finished his intercollegiate career for the Cardinals as the Most Valuable Team Swimmer and Most Valuable Conference Swimmer. He then went on to coach at the Lakeside Swim Team from 1995 to 2003 as age group coach. While coaching the Seahawks he broke Kentucky State Records in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke. From 1984 to 2002 Tito represented his native Ecuador in international competitions all over the world. Highlights of his career include a 16th place finish at the World Championships in Rio de Janeiro (200 breaststroke) and 5 World Masters Records (200 breaststroke). In addition to those accomplishments Tito won gold, silver and bronze medals in international/regional games and championships competing for his country. He broke multiple national records in a variety of events during his career: including the breaststroke and the individual medley. As a master swimmer, Tito has broken dozens of Kentucky State Masters records in multiple age groups and more than a handful of US national records.

The most memorable coaching experience was when he coached his country's national team at the US (Texas) World Cup in 1998 and the 2004 World Championships in Indianapolis. His proudest moments as a coach have been: 2 of his former pupils participated at the Olympic Games: Katerina Klepkou represented Greece in 1996 and Caroline Burckle, won Bronze for the USA in 2008. Most recent, Clark Burckle, won the 200 yards breaststroke at the 2010 Division I NCAA Championships competing for the University of Arizona.

Abraham "Tito" Solano has been a Swim America Coach at Blairwood since 2002. His American Swimming Coaches Association (ASCA) Certifications are: Level 2 ASCA Swim Coach, Swim America Site Supervisor and Infant and Toddler.

Tito obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Minor in Sociology (1993). He then received a Master of Science in Social Work (1995) from the University of Louisville. He recently completed (2009) a Certification in School Social Work -post graduate specialization at U of L. He has a Rank I in his full time position at the Jefferson County Public Schools where he has worked since 1996 in and out of the classroom. He is fully competent in English and Spanish.