

Madeira College Commitments

Senior Athletes Sign to Harvard, University of Kentucky, and Texas Christian University

Madeira seniors Maddie Heilbrun, Isabella Gati, and Jacey Albaugh, signed National Letters of Intent to play at the collegiate level next year. Heilbrun will swim at Harvard University, Gati will swim for the University of Kentucky, and Albaugh will ride for the Texas Christian University Equestrian Team.

Heilbrun, from Occoquan, Virginia, is a four-year member and current Co-Captain of the Madeira Varsity Swim and Dive team. During her junior year, Heilbrun interned on Capitol Hill in the office of United States Senator Ron Johnson as part of Madeira's Co-Curriculum experiential learning program. Heilbrun also competes year-round with Nation's Capital Swim Club.

Madeira Varsity Swim and Dive Co-Captain Isabella Gati, is also Co-Captain of the Red Team, one of Madeira's student-led spirit teams. In addition to her dedication to athletics at Madeira, Gati is also a member of Nation's Capital Swim Club. Gati worked on Capitol Hill while at Madeira, interning in the office of United States Senator John Boozman.

Gati and Heilbrun helped lead the Madeira Swim and Dive team to a perfect 9-0 dual-meet record, and third place in the state last winter. Both swimmers finished first in the state as members of the 200 Freestyle relay and the 400 Freestyle Relay, and set a new team record with an All-American time in the 400 Freestyle Relay. Gati claimed an individual title in the 100 Butterfly race as well. Gati and Heilbrun were selected as members of the 2016-2017 All-State Swim Team, and were also named to the 2015-2016 USA Swimming Scholastic All-America Team. Gati and Heilbrun both helped Madeira win the 2016 Independent School League (ISL) Swim and Dive Championship, and both have received All-American accolades in every season at Madeira.

Madeira Head Swim Coach, Rod Montrie, stated, "It's rare for a program to have an athlete of this caliber, and we are fortunate to have two! Izzy and Maddie are not only tremendous competitors with outstanding success in the pool, but also are so much fun to coach and have been fantastic teammates and leaders. They have left their mark on our program, and I am excited to see how they represent Madeira swimming at the next level."

McLean, VA resident, Jacey Albaugh, helped the Madeira Equestrian team win an International Equestrian Association (IEA) seventh place national finish in 2016 and a Reserve National Championship Title in 2017. As team Co-Captain, she helped the Madeira IEA team claim championship titles at their first five events this season. In addition to riding at Madeira, Albaugh has been competing up and down the east coast for the last ten years and currently trains at Code Four Show Stables with Guy and Tiffany Cambria.

Ian McCartney, Director of Equestrian Programs at Madeira, shared his excitement for Albaugh in saying, "Jacey is a supportive teammate and fierce competitor who has been an instrumental

part of the IEA team's success over the past few years. Her clutch performances in the post-season the last two years were key to the team finishing seventh in 2016 and second in 2017 at the National Finals. TCU is lucky to have her on their team, and I look forward to following her success in the future."

Beyond her riding accolades, Albaugh worked on Capitol Hill in the office of United States Congressman Ted Poe. During her senior year, she will be interning at Double H Stables in Wellington, Florida, home to the world's second ranked rider as well as the best-staffed stables in the country.

Founded in 1906, Madeira is a girls' boarding and day school, grades 9–12, located 12 miles outside Washington, D.C. in McLean, Virginia. Designed for girls who are bright, curious, and independent, Madeira is committed to providing an exemplary college preparatory education with a global emphasis and an experiential Co-Curriculum program offering off-campus Washington, D.C. and Capitol Hill internship opportunities for every student.

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