

The Senate State of Hawaii

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN D. NIELSEN 2005 HAWAII SWIMMING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

The Swimming Hall of Fame was founded in 2002 by the Hawaii Swimming Legacy Project to memorialize Hawaii's rich heritage of water sports and recognize swimmers, divers, and water polo players who have made important contributions to their sports. Its mission is to promote, preserve, and perpetuate the achievements of Hawaii's swimmers, divers, and water polo athletes. In order to commemorate Hawaii athletes' achievements in water sports, volunteers have gathered, preserved, and disseminated oral histories.

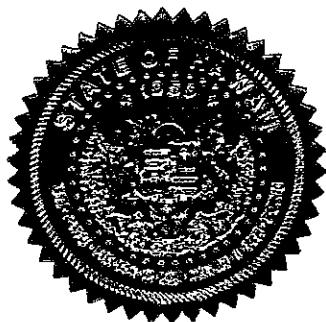
JOHN D. NIELSEN is one of Hawaii's greatest swimmers. John was one of the inductees into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame in 2005. He was honored for his outstanding contributions to the sport of swimming.

John's swimming career began at the age of thirteen at Iolani School under the guidance of John Wilcox. John became a Varsity goalie, the MVP, and the High School All American. In 1982, he was goalie during the United States Olympic Festival.

In addition to his water polo accomplishments, John excelled on the Iolani varsity swimming team, as well as the Occidental College swimming team, setting a new pool record as the conference champion in the 100 yard breaststroke.

John has also succeeded as a coach, as the Head Coach of the USA Water Polo's Olympic Festival South Team in 1986. Furthermore, John is also the Founder and Head Coach of Chaminade University Men's Varsity Water Polo Team, and Assistant Coach for the US National Olympic Women's Team Clinic in Honolulu.

The Senate of the State of Hawaii pays tribute to **JOHN D. NIELSEN** for his 2005 induction to the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame, recognizes his many achievements and contributions to the sport of swimming, and extends its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.



The 23rd Legislature
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State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii

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