



## Speaker Introduction

**Pronunciation: Sky'-ler Bāy'-lār** 🗣️

Schuyler Bailar graduated from Georgetown Day School in Washington, DC in 2014 as a top student and an award-winning swimmer. He was aggressively recruited by most of the Ivy League and eventually committed to swim for Harvard University.

Schuyler is also the first openly transgender athlete to compete in **any sport** on an NCAA Division 1 men's team.

Schuyler swam by the time he was 1. He competed in his first meet at age 7. By 15, Schuyler was ranked one of the top 20 15-year-old breast stroke swimmers in the country. In high school he achieved two All-American designations. At the 2013 USA Swimming National Championships, Schuyler's 400-yard Medley Relay Team was the fastest 15-to-18-year-old relay team ever, setting the National age group record.

Schuyler's difficult choice – to be true to himself while potentially giving up the prospect of being an NCAA Champion – was historic and timely. His story hit Facebook's top-trending news and has been recounted in hundreds of outlets from *The Washington Post*, to *60 Minutes* and *The Ellen Show*.

In 2019, Schuyler graduated from Harvard, having swum 4 years on the winningest Harvard team in 50 years – with 3 consecutive Ivy League Championships and finishing as the 8<sup>th</sup> fastest team at the 2019 NCAA Championships. He was the third-fastest breast-stroke swimmer of his final season for Harvard. In February of 2019, his final swim ranked him in the top 34% of D1 swims and the top 15% of the NCAA overall.

At the 2019 Harvard Lettermen's Dinner, Schuyler was awarded the prestigious Director's Award, an award not given annually, but only when an athlete makes outstanding contributions to athletics through education. He is the 7<sup>th</sup> recipient in its history and the first swimmer, trans & LGBTQ recipient.

He is here today to share his journey, insights, and perspectives.

He will briefly tell us his story, but the majority of the session will be an interactive Q&A – so get your questions ready.

Please join with me in welcoming Schuyler Bailar.

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