



Speaker Introduction – Middle School

Pronunciation: Sky'-ler Bāy'-lär 🗣️

Schuyler Bailar graduated from high school as a straight-A student and an award-winning swimmer. He was recruited by many top colleges in the country and eventually committed to swim for Harvard University.

Schuyler swam by the time he was 1 and competed in his first meet at 7. By 15, Schuyler was ranked one of the top breast stroke swimmers in his age group. In high school, Schuyler's Relay Team broke a national record as the fastest relay team of its kind – ever.

In 2015, Schuyler realized he was transgender and had to choose between giving up the success he had swimming as female or start over swimming as himself – as a man. He chose to be himself and became the first transgender athlete to compete in **any sport** on a Division 1 college men's team.

His story has been in the news and on TV, in *The Washington Post*, *60 Minutes* and *The Ellen Show*.

He is here today to share his journey with you.

He will start by telling us his story, but he really wants to have a conversation with you – so get your questions ready.

Please join me in welcoming Schuyler Bailar.