

Alan Huang

INTERMEDIATE

Hello everyone! My name is Alan. I've been with the Mantas for about a decade and this will be my fifth year coaching. Over the years, I have competed in swim meets with the club as well as with the Burnaby North Swim Team. I will be graduating from UBC Sauder School of Business this May and returning to UBC in the fall to become a high school teacher. I'm excited to coach again this season and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Alex Campbell

SENIOR

Hey Mantas! I am very excited to be back for my second summer with the club. Prior to the Mantas I had been involved with BCSSA as a swimmer (with a little bit of water polo and diving mixed in), and coach from 1999-2013. My philosophy as a coach is not only success in the pool, but all around personal development for each athlete. Outside of the pool I like to run, hike, and explore our beautiful home. After graduating from SFU in 2016 I will be returning to school in the fall at UBC to become a High School Teacher.

Bonnie Cheung

INTERMEDIATE

Hi Mantas! I've been swimming with the Mantas for 12 years and this is my fourth year coaching. Throughout my time with the club, I have competed in multiple regional meets and qualified for provincial meets. Currently, I am a student at SFU in the Beedie School of Business and part of the human resources portfolio in the Business Administration Student Society. I'm excited to coach again this summer and grow with a new group of athletes!

Brian Bortignon

SENIOR

Hello Mantas! This will be my fifth year coaching with the club and first as Head Coach. My time with the Mantas spans 1999-2010 and 2016 to today. I have a deep appreciation for the club's role in my personal development, and was eager to return as a result. My primary focus in coaching is developing conscious confidence in my athletes, and I hope I can provide that same comfort to our team of coaches. Outside of swimming, I work for Provincial Health Services Authority and will soon be pursuing my Masters in Leadership.

Bryan Cheung

SENIOR

Oh hi there! I am Bryan, and I've been swimming with the Mantas for 15 years and this will be my sixth year coaching in the summer. Throughout my time here, I have grown to greatly enjoy the sport. I hope that carries on to all the swimmers in the club and you have fun while doing it. Outside of coaching, I study Civil Engineering at UBC and am working on co-op for the summer. Best of luck this season and see you all at the pool!

Cara Moretto

JUNIOR

Hi, my name is Cara and I have been swimming with the Mantas for 10 years and this is my second year of coaching. My involvement in a variety of sports over the years as both an athlete and a coach has provided me with experience in leadership and teamwork skills. In addition to being a swim coach I have experience in coaching volleyball and I am a certified gymnastics and ski instructor. Alongside my involvement in coaching sports, I am a Lifeguard for The City of Vancouver. See you around the pool!

Colin Lai

JUNIOR

Hello Mantas! My name is Colin and I have been with the club for around 9-10 years, this will be my third year coaching. I've competed in swim meets with the club and have made some of the greatest memories with my fellow Mantas. I am excited to return for the summer and give the swimmers a season to remember. Apart from swimming, I enjoy listening to music and watching movies. I am currently studying Kinesiology at SFU and working towards being a dietitian.

Conor McDonnell

INTERMEDIATE

Hello Mantas! This is my 10th year coaching in BCSSA and first with the Mantas; I previously coached with the Coquitlam Sharks for 9 years as well as being their head coach for 5 years. I have swam in BCSSA for almost 20 years and I also swam with the Haney Seahorses for a number of years. My hope is that my passion for swimming rubs off on the kids and they want to be their very best in and out of the pool. I have my degree from UFV and am currently pursuing a career in law enforcement. I'm very excited for this season!

Daniel Kim

MINI

Hi Mantas! My name's Daniel and this summer will be my first year coaching but sixth season swimming with the club. With the mantas, I have competed at many meets and qualified for provincials 5 times. During these past years, I learned many valuable skills that I hope I can share with the younger swimmers. Outside of club, I am a grade 11 student at Burnaby North secondary who plays many sports and is involved in student government. Excited to see everyone around this summer!

Davis Li

DEVELOPMENT

Hey Mantas! This year will be my eleventh year in Mantas and the first as a coach. Through my eleven years in this club, I have developed a profound passion for swimming that I will strive to pass on to the other swimmers. The main focus I have as a coach is to foster a balanced relationship between performance and enjoyment for the sport within the swimmers. When I am outside of the pool, I am a grade 12 student at Burnaby North Secondary, planning to pursue my studies at the Sauder School of Business in UBC.

Desiree Wu

DEVELOPMENT

Hi Mantas, I'm Desiree! This will be my 9th year with the club and my first summer coaching. I am so excited to be able to return as a coach and am deeply passionate about swimming and coaching. As a coach, I am focused on striking a balance between having fun and performing well. Outside of Mantas, I am a Grade 11 student at Little Flower Academy and enjoy exercising and watching movies. I am looking forward to creating great memories and fun times in the summer!

Elva Yu

ASSISTANT – JUNIOR & DEV

Hello Mantas! My name is Elva. This is my 9th year swimming for the Mantas and my second year coaching. I began volunteer coaching in 2016 and started my official coaching career in 2017. I'm currently a grade 10 student at Burnaby Central Secondary School and am a coach for my school swim team. Although this is my first year coaching for Mantas, I'm super excited to be focused on training the younger generation and helping them develop their skills and love for the sport. See you at the pool!

Igor Lazic

JUNIOR

Hey Mantas! I am a current criminology student at SFU and will be joining the Mantas in a coaching capacity for the first time this summer. I have been swimming competitively as far back as I can remember, beginning with winter clubs and culminating with the SFU varsity swim team. I look forward to joining the Mantas and passing on my passion and knowledge of the sport to young Mantas swimmers. Above all, I am hoping to help swimmers achieve their competitive goals while having lots of fun doing so.

Jordan Pin

JUNIOR

Hi Mantas! My name is Jordan. I'm extremely excited to be coaching the Junior group this summer! This is my 8th year swimming at the club, and my second year coaching. As a coach, I strive to share my experience to the younger swimmers in a fun and engaging environment, developing their love for the sport. Outside of the pool, I enjoy exploring new places, and spending time with friends and family. I am also a grade 11 student at Burnaby North Secondary, where I coach the school swim team. I look forward to seeing everyone at the pool!

Lauryn Sartori

JUNIOR

Hi, my name is Lauryn. I have been a Manta since I was eight years old, volunteered with the club for two years, and this summer will be my third summer coaching. I attended Notre Dame Secondary where I was in charge of the school swim team for four years as well, and in the fall I am heading to Simon Fraser University to pursue a degree in Kinesiology. I have a passion for the outdoors and for swimming and I am looking forward to passing on my love for the sport to our new and returning Mantas this season!

Nicole Bodnar

DEVELOPMENT

Hello Mantas! My name is Nicole, and I'm looking forward to coaching this summer. I've been swimming with the Mantas for 7 years, was a volunteer coach for 3 years, and this will be my third summer as a coach! I'm also a certified lifeguard with the City of Burnaby, and am currently studying recreation at Langara College. I really enjoy singing, listening to music, and working with children. I'm excited to be coaching a Development group and meeting everyone, so bring your energy to the pool, and be ready to have some fun at the pool!

Selena Cui

MINI & DEV

Hi Mantas, my name is Selena and I am looking forward to my second summer season coaching at Burnaby Mountain Mantas! I have been swimming competitively with the club for nearly 10 years now, and I strive to inspire a passion for competition, team-spirit and athleticism in the young swimmers—while developing a love for the sport. I am also currently a grade 12 student at Burnaby North Secondary who will be graduating this June. Best of luck, and I can't wait for another great season of swimming!

Vincent Chung

SENIOR

Hi Mantas! I'm excited to be back for my 9th summer season coaching and my 17th year with the club. I am a UBC Engineering graduate, and a year-round swim coach in the North Shore. My greatest goal as a coach is to inspire the next generations of swimmers to love the sport as much as I do. I believe in long term athlete development, purposeful practice, and the power of dedication. I hope to support each athlete in building their confidence and pursuing their goals!

Ziyanna Vallani

MINI

Hello! I'm Ziyanna! I am super excited to be coaching mini mantas this summer! I started in mantas as a junior swimmer in 2010 and I have been swimming ever since! I have also volunteered at several Mantas events, meets and volunteer coached. In my spare time, I play and coach soccer as well as bake as a hobby. I can't wait to meet and work with the Mantas 2018 swimmers this summer! See you around the pool!

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