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 Joseph Peppersack has been placed on Team C for Team USA . He will swim in Indianapolis in April 2019. And Joseph continues to swim for the University of Mary Washington. Joseph was recently interviewed by Channel 6, with the reporter Lane Casadonte, out of Richmond. This important interview will air on many television networks on February 7th.

 Samantha Tubbs continues to train at the Olympic Training Center ni Colorado Springs. She attended the winter Can Ams in Tuczon, Arizona. Samantha has moved off the Emerging Team and she is now on the National Team C for Team USA. Samantha will attend the world series for Para Swimming in Indianapolis in April.

 Other VSI disability swimmers include Sean Harrington (currently working in Eastern Virginia and swimming regularly at his YMCA pool) and Emily Scovel ( swimming several times per week with her developmental group within the NCAP program in northern Virginia). The VSI Disability Committee is also most fortunate to have the expertise of NOVA Coach Anita Dillman, who has provided the guidance and motivation for several handicapped swimmer and has included them is regular VSI meets. We are also inspire by the leadership of our VSI coaches:

Art Anthony (from eastern Virginia), Jon Larson ( from Fork Union, and a member of the National USA Swimming Disability Committee), and Dalton Herendeen (Coach with an artificial or prosthetic limb who inspires so many swimmers).

 Our Athlete representatives on the VSI Disability Committee include Joseph Peppersack, Sean Harrington, Katy Nunez (able bodied swimmer) and Brieanne Romney (able bodied swimmer, who recently placed 19th in the 50 Freestyle and 24th in the 100 freestyle at Winter Nationals). VSI Disability Committee member officials include Jessica Simons, Pat Donohue, and Kim Downs; and VSI Disability parents include John Harrington , Jody Peppersack , Sandy Peppersack, and Ray Tubbs.

**Upcoming Paralympic Supported National Meets in 2019**

Indianapolis World Series,            Indianapolis,IN                  April 4-6

Bill Keating Memorial,                    Cincinnatti,OH                  May 11-12

Jimmy Flowers,                              Colorado Springs,CO       June 1-2

Fred Lamback,                              Augusta,GA                       Oct 19-20

Californian Classic,                       Yucaipa,CA                          Sep  22-23

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