



## Speaker Introduction

**Pronunciation: Sky' -ler Bāy' -lär** 🔊

Schuyler Bailar graduated from high school 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 swimmers in the country. In high school he achieved two All-American designations. At the 2013 National Championships, Schuyler's Medley Relay Team was the fastest 15-to-18-year-old relay ever, setting the National age-group record.

Schuyler's difficult choice – to be true to himself and transition while potentially giving up the prospect of being an NCAA Champion swimming as female – 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 most successful Harvard swim team in 50 years – finishing as the 8<sup>th</sup> fastest team in the country. At the end of his swimming career, Schuyler was ranked in the top 15% of all NCAA breaststroke swimmers.

Schuyler was also awarded the prestigious Harvard 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.

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

He will start by telling us his story, and then open up for discussion – so get your questions ready.

Please join me in welcoming Schuyler Bailar.