

Angel Martino

Year Inducted: 2001 Category: Aquatics

Born on April 25, 1967 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama....Arguably the most famous swimmer to ever hail from Georgia...In two Summer Olympic Games (1992 & 1996), the Americus native captured three gold and three bronze medals...Martino is the oldest U.S. swimmer to ever win a medal in the Olympics...Her gold success came in the 400-meter freestyle at the 1992 Barcelona Games in a world record time...She also garnered two golds at the 1996 Olympic Games in the 400-meter medley relay and the 400-meter freestyle relay in an Olympic and U.S. record time...Chosen as captain of the 1996 U.S. Women's Olympic Swimming team...She won 12 medals (eight gold) in her Pan-Pacific career and seven gold medals during the Goodwill Games...Martino collected four of those seven at the 1986 Goodwill Games...She became the first American woman to break the 55-second mark in the 100-meter freestyle...Seven-time U.S. national champion and nine-time NCAA All-American while earning an undergraduate business degree from Furman University...Won four individual national titles in 1986 at Furman – the first time in NCAA swimming history an athlete had accomplished that...Set three NCAA Division II records in 1986 at Furman University...Selected as the 1986 South Carolina Female Athlete of the Year.