



Edwardsville's Bailey Grinter makes her verbal college choice: it's University of Tennessee

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Bailey Grinter said the coaching staff, other swimmers and the degree programs at University of Tennessee made her decision to attend the school easier.

“The coaching staff persuaded me and the team is also really fast right now,” she said.

April Grinter said the University of Tennessee has an amazing swim program and has placed high in the Southeastern Conference and NCAA Meets in recent years. The training facility is also “top notch” at Tennessee, Grinter said.

Bailey Grinter was an Olympic Trials qualifier in both the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke. She is shooting for tops in Illinois this season at the high school level in her events and is one of the most highly regarded swimmers in the country.

“I am glad she found a place she loves,” her mom said. “She likes all of the schools and making a decision was tough. There are so many amazing programs out there and it changes year to year. The University of Tennessee just stuck. She is really looking forward to it.”

April Grinter said Bailey’s visits to the different colleges across the country will likely impact her the rest of her life. April said she has made friends with many Olympic qualifiers and some of those friendships will last forever.

“She wanted to make this choice sooner rather than later because some doors close and there were a lot of coaches waiting,” April said.