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## **El Camino College Professor Sets Another International Swimming Record in Montreal; Victory Confirms Her Spot Among the Fastest Women in the World**

Traveling to Montreal, Canada earlier this month, El Camino College professor and master swimmer Traci Granger set yet another world record and won three world championship swim races in the FINA World Masters 2014.

One of the fastest swimmers in the world in her age category, Granger, 56, secured the world record in the 50-meter butterfly with a time of 31.32. The world-class athlete competed at the event that drew more than 6,000 swimmers from more than 76 countries.

The victories continue a winning streak year for Granger, who already set several national and international speed records last year. This month's victory is her fifth world record. She is a national champion multiple times over and has bested many athletes in younger age brackets, claiming these victories after taking nearly one year off from competing due to hip surgery.

This spring, Granger, a San Pedro resident, was awarded a resolution from the Los Angeles City Council honoring her achievements as an educator and role model.

And yet, as a lifelong competitive swimmer, Granger does not set out to be a champion; she just enjoys daily workouts and the camaraderie of swimming with a group. She trains year-round at the Torrance Plunge with a group of South Bay masters swimmers called the Los Angeles Peninsula Swimmers, or LAPS.

The national and world champion does not like to talk about her victories; instead, Granger is looking forward to getting into the pool every day and working with students at El Camino College, where she teaches intermediate and advanced swimming, health, and first aid.

A faculty member at El Camino College since 1992, Granger was previously the head swim coach at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. At Cal Poly SLO, Granger developed several All-American and national qualifying athletes. As an athlete, Granger was an All-American sprinter and an NCAA Division II Championship finalist. She has a master's degree from Colorado State University, a bachelor's degree from Cal Poly SLO, and an associate degree from College of the Sequoias.

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