

## Austin Williams

Austin Williams is a senior at Lee's Summit West High School. His gymnastics career began at the age of two with Wally Meierarend at the Great American Gymnastics Express. Austin moved from recreational gymnastics to the competitive team at age six. Wally Meierarend, who had encouraged Austin as a preschool gymnast was also the Men's Team coach and has trained Austin over his entire gymnastics career. Austin has achieved many successes as a gymnast including level 8 State Champion, and being named an Academic All-American Award recipient. Along with competing, Austin also coaches a boy's recreational class. Aside from gymnastics, Austin also excels in academics. His accomplishments include being awarded a "Bright Flight" scholarship for his score on the ACT and completing the International Baccalaureate or IB Diploma program. The IB Diploma is a special diploma given to scholars who complete a two year course of advanced classes with assignments graded on an international scale, 150 hours of community service, and a 2000 word research paper. Austin currently attends Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri where he has been awarded the Board of Governor's Scholarship.

