Claire Donahue

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Anchor Intro: A former WKU swimmer has her sights set on the 2012 Olympics.

In this week’s View from the Hill, Amy Bingham talks to Claire Donahue about her childhood goal as well as her other accomplishments on the hill.

Claire Donahue started swimming when she was six years old.

 “I wasn’t great or even good but I liked it.”

She eventually moved from summer to club swimming which had her in the pool year round.

 “I would go three times a week, nothing serious.”

But it quickly got serious. The Lenior Tennessee native recently brought home a pair of gold medals from the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico.

 “I mean getting first was huge, my first international meet, it was very exciting.”

It’s been an exciting career on the hill for Donahue. She currently holds several school records including both the 100-yard butterfly and the 200 yard butterfly.

 “I guess I was about 13 when I started doing the butterfly but didn’t get good until high school.”

That high school success is what prompted WKU to recruit her and on the first visit, she was hooked.

 “Of course I fell in love with it just liked the campus, the school, the team itself and what they had done. Kind of a combination of things.”

 Now she has her sights set on another achievement.

Since I was ten, 8 or 10, I’ve wanted to go to the Olympics, that has always been one of my goals.”

So keep an eye out for Claire Donahue proudly representing WKU and USA in the 2012 Olympics.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

Donahue was also invited to swim at “Duel in the Pool” December 16th and 17th at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center. The event showcases the sports most exciting swimmers.

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