

AU women's swimming and diving fares well at NYSWCAA championships

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SYRACUSE The Alfred University women's swimming and diving team turned in some solid performances Thursday at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Swimming Championships. AU swimmers set two new school records during the first day of action at the state meet, being held through Saturday, Feb. 22, at Nottingham High School in Syracuse. Junior Sara Thompson (Batavia/Batavia) placed third in the 200 individual medley. Her time of 2:12.77 shattered her own school mark of 2:16.08, set at last year's state meet. The 400 medley relay team of senior Melissa McAllister (Hornell/Hornell), Sara Thompson, sophomore Lacy Clifford (Oil City, PA/Oil City) and senior Carrie DeMay (Canandaigua/Canandaigua) placed second with a time of 4:05.76, easily eclipsing the school-record time of 4:10.72 turned in at last year's state championships. The 200 freestyle relay team of Thompson, McAllister, senior Anne Martin (Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills) and DeMay placed fourth with a time of 1:41.62. Other top-10 finishes were turned in by DeMay, ninth in the 50 freestyle (25.60); junior Becca Coppola (Takoma Park, MD/Montgomery Blair), ninth in the 500 freestyle (5:23.80); and freshman Rachel Saroka (Groton/Groton), 10th in the 200 individual medley (2:19.63). The NYSWCAA championships resume today, with preliminaries in the afternoon and finals in the evening.