

## **AU swimmers begin competition at NCAA men's championships**

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ST. PETERS, MO -- The NCAA Division III men's swimming and diving championships begin today in St. Peters, MO. Five Alfred University swimmers will compete in nine events during the three-day championship meet, which runs through Saturday, March 20. Seniors Matt Weems (Arlington, VA/Washington & Lee) and Matt McNamara (Livonia, NY/Livonia), junior Kevin Martin (Conesus, NY/Livonia), sophomore Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland) and freshman Brandon Striker (Caledonia, NY/York) will swim at the national meet. Weems qualified to compete in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle and Martin in the 100 butterfly. AU will also compete in five relays: the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relays and the 200 and 400 medley relays. Weems, Martin, McNamara and Crowell will swim the 200 and 400 freestyle relays, while Striker, McNamara, Martin and Weems will swim the 800 freestyle relay. AU head coach Brian Striker will decide which of the five swimmers will make up the 200 and 400 medley relay teams. Preliminary rounds for all swimming events are held at 11 a.m. each day, with the finals held at 6:30 p.m. each evening. The top eight swimmers in the preliminaries qualify for the finals. Following is a schedule of the events in which Alfred swimmers are competing: Thursday, March 18 -- 200 freestyle relay; 50 freestyle; 400 medley relay. Friday, March 19 -- 200 medley relay; 100 butterfly; 200 freestyle; 800 freestyle relay. Saturday, March 20 -- 100 freestyle; 400 freestyle relay. The NCAA Division III championships are hosted by Principia (IL) College.