

AU swimming and diving teams place second at Geneseo Invitational

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ALFRED, NY The Alfred University men's and women's swimming and diving teams both placed second at the Geneseo Invitational Saturday, Oct. 30. Three teams competed in the meet, with the AU teams finishing behind host Geneseo and ahead of the College of St. Rose. Sophomore Brandon Striker (Caledonia, NY/York) paced the men's team with a win in the 200 freestyle and a second place in the 100 freestyle. Senior Patrick O'Neill (Warren, PA, Warren) took second in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Other top swimmers for the AU men's team were senior Kevin Martin (Conesus, NY/Livonia), second in the 100 butterfly and fourth in the 200 freestyle; freshman Page Beecher (Scarborough, ME/Scarborough), second in the 1,000 freestyle and fourth in the 200 individual medley; junior Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland), third in the 50 freestyle and third in the 100 freestyle; junior Brian Gotham (Syracuse, NY/Nottingham), second in the 100 breaststroke; and senior Bill Brown (Chaffee, NY/Pioneer), fourth in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle. AU fared well in the relays. The team of Martin, Beecher, Striker and Crowell won the 400 freestyle relay. Freshman Jon Wordingham (Prattsburgh, NY/Naples), Gotham, Brown and Crowell took second in the 200 medley relay. Martin, Striker, Gotham and Brown placed second in the 200 freestyle relay. The AU women's team was led by sophomore Erin Collins (Owego, NY/Owego) and freshman Danielle Sandy (Saratoga Springs, NY/Saratoga). For the second consecutive meet, Collins swept the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Sandy won the 1,000 freestyle and placed third in the 500 freestyle. Other top performers for the AU women's team were senior Lacy Clifford (Oil City, PA/Oil City), second in the 100 backstroke; freshman Nikki Williams (Radford, VA/Radford), third in the 1,000 freestyle; junior Bonnie McDermott (Grand Island, NY/Mt. St. Mary), third in the 100 breaststroke; sophomore Zara Racz (Morristown, NJ/Morristown), fourth in the 200 freestyle; senior Lauren McCormack (Norwich, NY/Norwich), third in the 50 freestyle; junior Rachel Saroka (Groton, NY/Groton), fourth in the 200 individual medley; junior Kathleen Wittich (Pine Bush, NY/Pine Bush), fourth in 1-meter and 3-meter diving; and sophomore Jamie Wingate (Groton, NY/Lansing), third in 3-meter diving. The AU team of Clifford, McDermott, Saroka and McCormack placed second in the 200 medley relay. Also placing second for AU was the 400 freestyle relay team of Racz, Clifford, Sandy and sophomore Jessica White (Palmyra, NY/Palmyra-Macedon). The team of McCormack, Saroka, junior Tara Mungro (Rochester, NY/Wilson Magnet) and White placed third in the 200 freestyle relay. Both AU teams are in action next on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m. at the RIT Invitational.