

AU relay team earns All-America honors on second day at NCAA championships

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ST. PETERS, MO -- Alfred University's 800 freestyle relay team of seniors Matt Weems (Arlington, VA/Washington & Lee) and Matt McNamara (Livonia/Livonia), junior Kevin Martin (Conesus/Livonia), and freshman Brandon Striker (Caledonia/York) earned All-America honors during the second day of competition at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships Friday evening in St. Peters, MO. The team placed 13th with a time of 6:59.79, finishing ahead of Gustavus, Hamilton, Hope, VW LaCrossse, and the College of New Jersey. Swimmers earn All-America honors by placing in the top 16 at the national meet. After two days of competition, Alfred stands in 27th place with 14 points. Earlier in the day, during preliminary round action, AU's 200 medley relay team of sophomore Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland), McNamara, Striker, and Martin took 17th place with a time of 1:38.85, missing the cut for the finals by less than a second. Weems competed in the 200 freestyle placing 22nd, while Martin placed 27th in the 100 butterfly. AU failed to qualify for the evening's finals in those three events. The championships continue on Saturday. Weems, McNamara, Martin, and Crowell will compete in the 400 freestyle relay, while Weems will compete in the 100 freestyle. The NCAA Division III championships are hosted by Principia (IL) College.