

Women's swimming and diving team takes third at state championships

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SYRACUSE -- The Alfred University women's swimming and diving team finished third at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) championships, which concluded Saturday evening at Nottingham High School in Syracuse. AU finished the three-day meet with 861 points, behind champion Ithaca (1,483 Points) and runner-up LeMoyne (1,005). The top performer for Alfred Saturday was junior Sara Thompson (Batavia/Batavia), who finished second in the 200 breaststroke in a time of 2:26.83. The time was good enough to earn Thompson an NCAA "B" cut. Thompson also earned a "B" cut when she won the 100 breaststroke on Friday. Other top-eight swimmers for Alfred were junior Becca Coppola (Takoma Park, MD/Montgomery-Blair), fifth in the 1650 freestyle (18:50.23) and eighth in the 200 butterfly (2:21.83); sophomore Lacy Clifford (Oil City, PA/Oil City), fifth in the 200 backstroke (2:16.13); and freshman Rachel Saroka (Groton/Groton), eighth in the 200 backstroke (2:19.96). The team of Thompson, senior Anne Martin (Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills), senior Carrie DeMay (Canandaigua/Canandaigua) and Saroka placed sixth in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:43.59. The team will now wait to see which swimmers qualify for next month's NCAA Division III meet.