

## **AU s Collins earns top diving honors from Empire 8 Conference**

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ALFRED, NY Erin Collins (Owego, NY/Owego), a senior on the Alfred University women's swimming and diving team, has been named the top diver by the Empire 8 Conference. Collins earned Diver of the Meet honors for her performance at last weekend's New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Conference (NYSWCAA) championship meet in Syracuse after being named a First Team Empire 8 all-star in 3-meter diving and a Second Team all-star in 1-meter diving. Collins, a standout diver for AU the last four seasons, placed second in 3-meter diving and third in 1-meter diving at the state meet. The Empire 8 determines its all-stars using the performances of Empire 8 athletes at the state championship meet. In addition to her all-conference honors, Collins was named the AU swimming and diving team's Empire 8 Sportsperson of the Year. Each season, the Empire 8 honors students-athletes from each conference school, who play on teams sponsored by the conference, with Sportsperson of the Year awards. Honorees, chosen by their coaches, exhibit outstanding sportsmanship in keeping with the conference's mission of "competing with honor and integrity."