

## **AU swimmers earn All-America honors on first day at NCAA championships**

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ST. PETERS, MO -- Four Alfred University swimmers earned All-America honors during the first day of competition at the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships Thursday evening in St. Peters, MO. Alfred's 200 freestyle relay team of seniors Matt Weems (Arlington, VA/Washington & Lee) and Matt McNamara (Livonia/Livonia), junior Kevin Martin (Conesus/Livonia) and sophomore Alex Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland) placed 14th with a time of 1:25.73. Swimmers earn All-America honors by placing in the top 16 at the national meet. After one day of competition, Alfred stands in 29th place with five points. Earlier in the day, during preliminary round action, Weems competed in the 50 freestyle and Weems, McNamara, Martin and Crowell in the 400 medley relay. AU failed to qualify for the evening's finals in those two events. The championships continue on Friday. Weems, McNamara, Martin and freshman Brandon Striker (Caledonia/York) will compete in the 800 freestyle relay, while Weems and Martin will compete in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly, respectively. Alfred will also have a team entered in the 200 medley relay. The meet concludes Saturday, with Weems competing in the 100 freestyle and the team of Weems, McNamara, Martin and Crowell competing in the 400 freestyle relay. The NCAA Division III championships are hosted by Principia (IL) College.