



For Immediate Release
Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Gregory Pellegrino
gpellegrino@northeast10.org

Northeast-10 Sending 23 Athletes to Swimming & Diving Championships at the D-II Winter Festival

South Easton, Mass. – A total of 23 athletes from the Northeast-10 have qualified for the NCAA Division II Swimming & Diving championships, which will be held in Houston, Texas as part of the Division II Winter National Championship Festival. Hundreds of swimmers and divers across Division II will hit the pool starting Wednesday, March 11 at the University of Houston.

Southern Connecticut State University leads the NE-10 with 18 swimmers and divers (9 men and 9 women) that qualified for the national championship. Junior **Cody Hall (Parker, Colo.)** highlights a list of Southern Connecticut swimmers and will be competing in seven individual events, including a couple of relays. Hall is seeded first in the 500-yard freestyle event.

Bentley University sophomore **Anne Kaduboski (Dedham, Mass.)** is the first Bentley swimmer to compete at the national championship and will be participating in three events, including the 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly. The College of Saint Rose will be represented by two freshmen at this year's national championship. **Ryan Braur (Clifton Park, N.Y.)** and **Vadim Yafeyev (Albany, N.Y.)** qualified for the 400-yard IM and have also earned a combined nine 'B' cut qualifying times.

Le Moyne College will be sending two athletes to nationals as well. Freshman **Katie O'Donnell (Delmar, N.Y.)** and senior **Ricky Chidsey (Liverpool, N.Y.)** will represent the Dolphins as both athletes will be competing in three events each. O'Donnell will swim in the 200-yard IM, 100 and 200-yard backstroke, while Chidsey will compete in the 50 and 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke.

On the diving side of the championship the Northeast-10 will have three athletes competing, including the NE-10 Championships diving MVP's **Amanda Burden (Orange, Conn.)** from Southern Connecticut and Bentley's **Jon Andrews (Southbury, Conn.)**. Also competing is Southern Connecticut sophomore **Greg Simoneau (Sandy Hook, Conn.)**.

With 15 member institutions the Northeast-10 is the second largest NCAA Division II athletic conference in the nation. Its 23 championship sports provide athletic opportunities for over 5,500 student-athletes, the largest such program of any Division II conference.

- NE-10 -