



Facilities

The women's swimming and diving team competes at the Art Linkletter Natatorium in the Physical Education Complex. The facility includes a six-lane, 50-meter pool in addition to a diving area which features two one-meter cheese boards and a three-meter tower containing two cheese boards. The site has been the host of regional and national championships, also serving as the training grounds for Olympic competitors.



SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE ATHLETICS Women's Swimming and Diving 2007-08

2007-08 Season Preview

The 2007-08 Springfield College women's swimming and diving team returns six national participants from last season's squad and will be led by junior All-American and NEWMAC Swimmer of the Year **Moira Price**. Price was the national runner-up in the 200 breaststroke, finished seventh in the 100 breaststroke, and 13th in the 50 free. Junior diver **Erin White** earned honorable mention All-American honors last season by finishing 16th in three-meter diving.

Head Coach **John Taffe**, who enters his 19th year at Springfield College, will begin this season as a five-time NEWMAC Coach of the Year. Taffe believes that this year's team possesses the appropriate mix of experience, depth, and youth. Taffe has high hopes of being able to contend for his eighth consecutive NEWMAC title and to continue to improve at the national level.

Senior captain **Emily Sheahan**, junior **Kallie Pottle**, sophomore **Michelle Reggio**, and senior **Melissa Nelson** all return with national experience after participating in the NCAA Division III meet and should lead an experienced squad this season.

Other returners that will play important roles on this year's team include senior **Kelley Ockerbloom**, juniors **Kristen Schadow** and **Liz Belmont**, and sophomores **Megan Cooney**, **Meghan Feran**, and **Meghan Kijanka**. Newcomers who will have an immediate impact include **Aimee Doe** and **Meredith Trumbull**.



sophomore diver
Michelle Reggio

Varsity Records

Event	Name	Record	Year
50 Freestyle	Moira Price	24.22	2007
100 Freestyle	Jessica Defoe	53.31	2003
200 Freestyle	Megan Skinner	1:54.23	2003
500 Freestyle	Brenda Bradley	4:58.43	1991
1000 Freestyle	Brenda Bradley	10:10.98	1991
1650 Freestyle	Brenda Bradley	16:53.35	1991
100 Backstroke	Megan Skinner	57.59	2005
200 Backstroke	Megan Skinner	2:03.46	2003
100 Butterfly	Mary Boiczuk	57.92	1999
200 Butterfly	Mary Boiczuk	2:06.95	1999
100 Breaststroke	Moira Price	1:05.26	2007
200 Breaststroke	Moira Price	2:19.37	2007
200 I.M.	Belinda Perry	2:07.55	1994
400 I.M.	Belinda Perry	4:30.23	1994
1-Meter Diving (6)	Nora Kelly	284.85	1998
1-Meter Diving (10)	Melissa Nelson	455.75	2007
1-Meter Diving (11)	Julie Killion	441.20	1992
3-Meter Diving (6)	Alison Mellage	310.88	2001
3-Meter Diving (11)	Alison Mellage	533.80	2002
200 Medley Relay	Skinner, Byron, DeFoe, Hart	1:50.05	2004
400 Medley Relay	Pottle, Price, Schadow, Phillips	4:00.45	2006
200 Freestyle Relay	Price, McCormick, Hart, Phillips	1:37.46	2006
400 Freestyle Relay	O'Hara, Price, McCormick, Phillips	3:33.79	2006
800 Freestyle Relay	DeFoe, S. Strout, Kuliga, Skinner	7:46.79	2004

FAST FACTS:

- ▼ Springfield College is considered one of the best collegiate swimming and diving programs in the nation (Division III).
- ▼ Head swimming coach **John Taffe**, who enters his 19th year at Springfield College, begins the 2007-08 season as a five-time NEWMAC Coach of the Year.
- ▼ The Pride won its seventh consecutive NEWMAC title in 2007.
- ▼ Head diving coach **Peter Avdoulos**, in his 23rd season as coach, is a four-time NCAA Division III Women's Coach of the Year. He is also a four-time NEWMAC Coach of the Year.
- ▼ Affiliations: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)
- ▼ Home Facility: Art Linkletter Natatorium



senior captain
Heather McMahon

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Head Swimming Coach John Taffe

John Taffe will be entering his 19th season as the head coach of the men's and women's swimming teams at Springfield College. He also serves as an assistant professor of physical education.

Under Taffe's leadership, the Pride is regarded as one of the best collegiate swimming and diving programs in Division III. The Springfield women's team won its seventh consecutive NEWMAC Championship in 2007 and finished 27th at the NCAA Division III Championships. Nine Pride squads have finished among the top 20 teams in Division III over the past 11 years. The 2005 men's team placed ninth, the highest ever recorded by a Springfield squad, at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Taffe has coached countless NCAA All-Americans and conference champions at Springfield College. He has been both the New England Men's and Women's Coach of the Year twice, and received NEWMAC Women's Coach of the Year five times.

Taffe served as the head coach for the Netherlands-Antilles squad at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, coaching Springfield All-American Howard Hinds, a 2000 graduate.

Taffe attended the University of Rhode Island, where he was a five-time New England swimming champion as well as a two-time All-New England water polo selection for the Rams. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from URI in 1985 and his master's degree in education from East Carolina in 1988.



Head Diving Coach Peter Avdoulos

Entering his 23rd year as the diving coach at his alma mater, **Peter Avdoulos** is regarded as one of the top diving coaches in the nation. Avdoulos was a standout diver as an undergraduate and received the Charles Batterman Award as the top New England performer over a four-year period.

Avdoulos has coached numerous All-New England and All-American divers, including All-American Lindsay Moore, the Division III Women's Diver of the Year in 2002.

On the men's side, Avdoulos coached All-American Mike Shaw, the first Springfield male diver to win a national title as he was named the 2005 NCAA Division III National Diver of the Year.

Avdoulos has been the NCAA Division III Women's Diving Coach of the Year four times in the last decade and the NCAA Division III Men's Diving Coach of the Year twice in the last five years. He was named the NEWMAC Men's and Women's Diving Coach of the Year for the 2002-2003 season. He was also named the Men's Coach of the Year in 2005 and 2006.

2006-07 Results

October

25	Holy Cross	W, 136-102
28	SCSU	L, 144-154
28	w/CCSU	L, 140-158

November

4	at Smith	W, 170-119
11	URI	L, 149-151
18	at Wheaton	W, 174-125

December

1-3	ECACs at East Meadow, N.Y.	5th/14 teams
9	Middlebury	L, 136-164

Home meets in **bold**

January

6	at Hartwick	W, 129-114
6	w/Union	L, 110-133
13	NYU	L, 111-132
14	at MIT	L, 124-176
14	w/Coast Guard	W, 181-118
20	at Williams	L, 111-186

February

3	Amherst	L, 105.50-130.50
16-18	NEWMAC Championships at Wellesley	1st/10 teams

March

8-10	NCAA Division III Championships at Houston, Texas	27th/52 teams
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2006-07 Honors

NCAA Division III All-American: Moira Price, 50 free, 100 breast, 200 breast ▼ **NEWMAC Women's Swimmer of the Year:** Moira Price ▼ **NEWMAC All-Conference First Team:** Moira Price, 100 breast, 200 breast, 400 free relay, 400 medley relay; Kallie Pottle, 100 back, 200 back, 400 free relay, 400 medley relay; Meaghan O'Hara, 400 free relay, 400 medley relay; Julianne McCormick, 400 free relay; Emily Sheahan, 1650 free; Kristen Schadow, 400 medley relay ▼ **NEWMAC All-Conference Second Team:** Moira Price, 200 free relay; Kallie Pottle, 200 free relay; Meaghan O'Hara, 200 back, 200 free relay, 800 free relay; Julianne McCormick, 200 free relay, 800 free relay; Emily Sheahan, 500 free, 800 free relay; Kristen Schadow, 400 IM, 800 free relay; Erin White, 1 meter dive, 3 meter dive ▼ **Maroon Club Athletes of the Week:** Nov. 13-Moira Price; Nov. 20-Kallie Pottle; Dec. 11-Erin White; Jan. 22-Melissa Nelson; Feb. 19-Emily Sheahan ▼ **NEWMAC All-Academic Team:** Kristen Schadow, Elizabeth Belmont, Melissa Nelson, Kelly Ockerbloom, Natasha Skowronski, Caitlin Studer-Sweetman

2007-08 Roster

Name	Cl.	Event(s)	Hometown/High School
Elizabeth Belmont	Jr.	Free	Haverhill, Mass./Haverhill
Amanda Black	Fr.	Free, Breast	Wayne, Maine/Maranacook
Megan Cooney	Sr.	Breast, I.M.	Hummelstown, Pa./Hershey
Janine DiGennaro	Fr.	Breast, I.M.	Middletown, N.Y./Middletown
Aimee Doe	Fr.	Free, Fly	Haverhill, Mass./Haverhill
Katherine Ekberg	Jr.	Free, Breast	Surry, Maine
Lauren Fahey	So.	Back, Free	Berkeley, Mass./Cardinal Spellman
Kim Fanelli	Sr.	Free	Mahopac, N.Y./Lakeland
Meghan Feran	So.	Free, Fly	Haverhill, Mass./Haverhill
Kelsey Hallowell	Fr.	Fly	Bath, Maine/Morse
Meghan Kijanka	So.	Dive	Methuen, Mass./Methuen
Heather McMahon	Sr.	Fly, I.M.	Holyoke, Mass./Holyoke
Melissa Nelson	Sr.	Dive	Wallingford, Conn./Sheehan
Lianne Nihan	So.	Free	Reading, Mass./Reading
Kelley Ockerbloom	Sr.	Free, Fly	South Yarmouth, Mass./Barnstable
Kallie Pottle	Jr.	Back, Fly	Brewer, Maine/Brewer
Moira Price	Jr.	Free, Breast	Berkeley Heights, N.J./Governor Livingston
Michelle Reggio	So.	Dive	Brooklyn, N.Y./James Madison
Katrina Riberio	Fr.	Dive	Meriden, Conn./Platt
Kristen Schadow	Jr.	Fly, I.M.	Ballston Spa, N.Y./Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake
Emily Sheahan	Sr.	Free, I.M.	Erin, N.Y./Horseheads
Kacie Singleton	Jr.	Back	Leominster, Mass./Leominster
Caitlin Studer-Sweetman	Jr.	Free, Back	Layton, N.J./Kittatinny Regional
Meredith Trumbull	Fr.	Fly, I.M.	Merrimac, Mass./Pentucket Regional
Rannan Tyrrell	So.	Free	Torrington, Conn./Torrington
Erin White	Jr.	Dive	Glastonbury, Conn./Glastonbury

Head Coach: John Taffe (19th season, University of Rhode Island '85)

Diving Coach: Peter Avdoulos (23rd season, Springfield College '85)

Assistant Coaches: Beth DeLaRosby, Mike Shaw, Nate Chessey, Sarah Healy

Captains: Kim Fanelli '08, Heather McMahon '08, Emily Sheehan '08

junior diver
Erin White



2007-08 Schedule

November

3	Sat.	Smith	1:00 pm
10	Sat.	at URI	1:00 pm
17	Sat.	Wheaton	1:00 pm
30	Fri.	at Goodwill Games (ECACs)	TBA

December

1	Sat.	at Goodwill Games (ECACs)	TBA
2	Sun.	at Goodwill Games (ECACs)	TBA
8	Sat.	at Middlebury	1:00 pm

Home meets in **bold**

January

12	Sat.	Union w/Hartwick	1:00 pm
16	Wed.	at NYU	3:00 pm
20	Sun.	MIT/Coast Guard	1:00 pm
26	Sat.	Williams	1:00 pm

February

9	Sat.	at Amherst	1:00 pm
21-24	Thu.-Sun	NEWMAC Championships at Wellesley	TBA

March

11-14	Tue.-Fri.	NCAA Division III Championships	TBA
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