

## 2018 Swimming and Diving TISCA Championship

On November 30 and December 1, the Stratford qualifying swimmers and divers participated in the 2018 South Zone TISCA Swimming and Diving Championship, which took place at the Palo Alto College Natatorium in San Antonio Texas.

As noted, the TISCA is an invitational meet for those that qualify, and the meet includes dozens of schools from South Texas, nearly 50 in total.

Of note are those Stratford swimmers and divers who finished in the top three and thus took their place on the podium. Emma Stephenson had another tremendous meet with 1<sup>st</sup> place Gold in the 50 yard Backstroke, the 50 and 100 yard Freestyle, as well as the 200 yard Butterfly. Emma also helped the Spartan Women's team to a 1<sup>st</sup> place Gold in the 200 yard Freestyle Relay, swimming with Emma Venghaus, Kara Moss and Kaitlyn White.

In the Men's 400 grueling yard individual Medley, Luke Reed took home the 1<sup>st</sup> place Gold. In the Women's 200 yard Medley Relay, the Girls took home the Silver with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with Emma Venghaus on the Back, Kara Moss on the Breaststroke, Emma Stephenson on Butterfly, and Rachel Harkins anchoring the Freestyle. In the Men's 200 yard Backstroke, Max Zuanich took home the Silver with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish. The Men's 200 yard Medley Relay took the 3<sup>rd</sup> place Bronze with Max Zuanich on Back, Dean Rathgeb on Breaststroke, Luke Reed on Butterfly and Cole Oliphant anchoring the Freestyle.

In the 400 yard Medley relay, the Girls took home the 3<sup>rd</sup> place Bronze, with Emma Venghaus on Back, Kaitlyn White on Breaststroke, Emma Stephenson on Butterfly and Kara Moss anchoring the Freestyle.

In the Diving portion of the event, Kaivon Dixon took home the gold with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the Men's 3 meter Diving. Kaivon Dixon also took home a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Boys 1 meter diving. Congratulations to all the podium finishers.

Overall, for the meet, the Women's team and the Men's team each finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, but on a combined basis the Stratford swimming and diving team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In the other relays, the squad of Dean Rathgeb, Cole Oliphant, Jake Hyland, and Henry Genez took 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Men's 200 yard Freestyle Relay, while the Girls took home 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 400 yard Freestyle Relay the girls, with Kristin Kight leading off, and Ava Wylie, Laura Powell and Rachel Harkins rounding out the foursome.

Individually, In the Men's 100 yard Backstroke, Max Zuanich took 4<sup>th</sup> place. In the Men's 100 yard Freestyle, Dean Rathgeb took 6<sup>th</sup> place. In the Women's 200 yard Breaststroke, Kara Moss finished 6<sup>th</sup>, while in the Men's 100 Freestyle, Dean Rathgeb finished 14<sup>th</sup>. Kara Moss also finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the Women's 500 yard Freestyle. In the Men's 100 yard Breaststroke, Luke Reed finished 5<sup>th</sup> with Dean Rathgeb finishing 6<sup>th</sup>. In the Men's 200 yard Individual Medley Luke Reed took 6<sup>th</sup> place, while in the Women's 200 yard individual Medley, Kara Moss took 8<sup>th</sup> place. Kara Moss also finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the Women's 200 yard Butterfly.

On the Men's side, in the 200 Fly Keagan Firenza finished 10<sup>th</sup>, while Henry Genez finished 12<sup>th</sup>. In the Women's 50 yard Breaststroke, Kaitlyn White finished 8<sup>th</sup>, while Dean Rathgeb finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Men's 50 yard Breaststroke. In the Women's 100 yard Freestyle, Rachel Harkins and Laura Powell finished 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. In the Men's 50 yard Freestyle, Henry Genez

took 9<sup>th</sup> place and Henry also took 10<sup>th</sup> place in the Men's 100 yard Butterfly, while Kristin Kight took 14<sup>th</sup> place in the Women's 100 yard Fly. In the Men's 200 Freestyle, Keagan Firenza took 9<sup>th</sup> place. In the Women's 50 yard Butterfly, Ava Wylie took 12<sup>th</sup> place, with Kristin Kight and Kaitlyn White finishing in 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> place. On the Men's side, Henry Genez took 13<sup>th</sup> place, and Luke Reed took the 16<sup>th</sup> spot.

Sam Jones finished in 14<sup>th</sup> place in the Men's 1 meter Diving.

Congratulations to all the Spartan Swimmers and Divers, a great match as we head into the final portions of the swim season and prepare for the Districts, Regions and State Championship.