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OU swimmers qualify for NCAA Championship

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Freshman Chris Sullivan (Rockford) is the first swimmer to qualify for the Men's NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship. He will swim the 50- and 100-yard freestyles at the men's national competition, which is March 28-30 in Athens, Georgia.

Sophomore Oksana Strelets (Kazakhstan) is the second women's swimmer from OU to ever qualify for the Women's NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship. She will compete in the 50 and 100 freestyle events at the women's meet, which is hosted by the University of Texas in Austin, Texas, on March 21-23.

"This is a real bonus for Oakland University to be represented by both the men and women at the NCAA Championships," said head coach Pete Hovland. "We are very excited for Chris and Oksana. They have worked hard all season and are being rewarded by competing against the top swimmers in the country. The whole coaching staff knows they will represent Oakland University in the upmost manner.

"This is just one of a long list of accomplishments we have had in a short span of time at the Division I level. "

Sullivan recorded his best times of the year in the 50 and 100 free at the National Independent Conference Championship, where he became the first OU male swimmer to brake the 20 second barrier in the 50 free, finishing first with a time of 19.96. He also qualified for the 100-yard freestyle at the NIC Championship, posting a time of 44.44.

Strelets led the OU women in the sprint freestyle events at the NIC Championship, finishing first in the 50 free with a time of 22.99, which qualified her for the NCAA Championship. Her time of 50.01 in the 100 freestyle at Notre Dame was good enough for the NCAA qualifying times as well.

For more information on OU's men's and women's swimming and diving teams, visit the [OU Athletics](#) Web site.

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