

Swimmers end reg. season; state up next

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Holyoke swimmers finished out a strong regular season at the Conference meet at Greeley Rec Center Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7.

Senior LeAnne McWilliams and sophomore Briar Bergner finalled in their individual events at conference, with McWilliams and Jordan Zeiler finaling in relays, as well.

McWilliams will advance to state as the backstroke swimmer on Sterling's 200 medley relay and also as a member of the 200 free relay.

Zeiler will serve as a 200 free relay alternate at the state competition Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13-14 at Mountain View High School in Loveland.

Holyoke coach Adria Colver said she felt LeAnne swam her best meet ever. She had to fill in for a Sterling swimmer who had a car accident, and swam the event in a new personal best time with great technique and focus. "She had an outstanding day," said coach Colver.

McWilliams finalled in every event she swam, including the 200 medley relay, which placed third; 200 free relay, placing fifth; 200 Individual Medley, placing 14th; and the 100 back, placing fifth overall.

Colver was especially pleased with McWilliams' fifth place in the backstroke, her highest conference placing ever, as she placed 16th in the conference meet the last two years.

As for McWilliams' finish in the 200 I.M., Colver noted she just recently began swimming the event, and did very well to place 14th.

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Bergner finalled in the 100 breaststroke and finished 15th overall.

Zeiler swam on the 200 free relay "A" team (with McWilliams and two Sterling swimmers), which also finalled at the conference meet, placing fifth.

Additionally, Pamela McWilliams swam another personal best time in the 100 butterfly, finishing a very strong season, noted coach Colver.

Freshman Amy Krogmeier swam both free and backstroke sprints and swam "exhibition" in finals on the Sterling 200 medley relay "B" team.

This was the first conference experience for Krogmeier and Zeiler, and Colver notes she looks for great progress for both next year.