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## **Darien Girls Swim and Dive Team Advances to State Finals on Tuesday**

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The Darien girls Swim and Dive Team will advance to State finals Tuesday, Nov. 16. But wait, it doesn't stop there — of all CT State finals competitions the top 24 times swimmers and the top 24 divers will head to Opens on Nov. 21 for one season-ending finale.

— *an announcement from the Darien Girls Swim and Dive Team*

After completing a season 7-1 and ending the dual meets as Eastern Division champs, Darien High School swimmers and divers took their heat to the pool on Saturday night, Nov. 6, a total of 15 DHS swimmers and 4 divers competed in the FCIAC finals.

A day in the life of a DHS swimmer and diver — wake up, eat, go to practice, eat, go to school, eat, go to

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practice, eat, do homework sleep and repeat! These girls practice six days a week and their work showed!

After a year of not being able to hold championships against other teams in person it was a competitive, and loud, night! DHS outperformed.

While the team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall (by 1 point), each individual laid down one gauntlet after another.

Highlights include:

200 Medley Relay: Meg Erickson(J), Miller Ward(S), Emily Kalvaitis(J), and Natalia Ferranto(J) Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and earning All-FCIAC 1.47.50

200 Freestyle Lily Bradbury (J) placing 5<sup>th</sup> 1.57.91 and Maggie Sedlak (S) placing 9<sup>th</sup> 1.57.20

200 Individual Medley Miller Ward (S) placing 2<sup>nd</sup> earning All-FCIAC 2.03.80 and Meg Erickson (J) placing 6<sup>th</sup> 2.11.32

50 Freestyle Natalia Ferranto (J) placing 2<sup>nd</sup> earning All-FCIAC 24.11

1 meter diving Megan Hayes (F) placing 7<sup>th</sup> 373.75 pts.

100 Butterfly Miller Ward(S)\* placing 1<sup>st</sup> earning All-FCIAC 54.88 and Emily Kalviatis (J) placing 4<sup>th</sup> 57.71

100 Freestyle Natalia Ferranto (J) placing 4<sup>th</sup> 53.90

500 Freestyle Meg Erickson(J) placing 3<sup>rd</sup> earning All-FCIAC 5.11.54 and Gracie Spataro placing 5<sup>th</sup> 5.16.48

200 Freestyle relay: Maggie Sedlak(S), Emily Kalvaitis(J), Lily Voigt(J), Natalia Ferranto(J) placing 4<sup>th</sup> 1.39.09

100 Backstroke Maggie Sedlak placing 5<sup>th</sup> 1.00.24

100 Breaststroke Erin Luecke placing 13<sup>th</sup> 1.12.09

400 Freestyle relay: Maggie Sedlak(S), Lily Bradbury(J), Meg Erickson(J), and Miller Ward(S) placing 4<sup>th</sup> 3.37.95

*All-FCIAC Individual is top 3 All-FCIAC in a relay is top 2. \*Breaking a 2001 DHS swimming record*