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### **DSHS Swimmers Qualify for State in 11 Events**

Thanks to a strong showing at the 5A Region V Swimming and Diving Championships Feb. 2, Tiger swimmers have qualified for the state meet in 11 events. Some qualifiers were based on their regional meet finish and others were "call-ups" based on their outstanding times.

Three relay teams, two individual female swimmers, and two individual male swimmers will head to the Lee and Joe Jamail University of Texas Swim Center Feb. 15-16 for the state championship meet. The Lady Tigers are the defending state 5A champions.

The girls' 200-Yard Medley Relay qualified after placing third in the region with a finals time of 1:53.08; members are Isabella Sites, Lydia Evans, London Farris, and Viktoria Pyka. Both the DSHS girls' and boys' 400-Yard Freestyle teams earned the right to advance: the Lady Tigers quartet of Sites, Addison Simons, Evans, and Farris placed fourth in the finals (3:44.0), while the boys' relay team of Danny Henry, Josh Dowdy, Rafe Vickery, and Steven LaFlamme was sixth (3:18.82). The boys set a new school record.

Individually, Lydia Evans and London Farris each qualified in two events. Evans was the regional champion in the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1:06.16. She also finished third in the 500 Freestyle in 5:09.08 and will advance in that event as well. Farris was second in the 200 Freestyle (1:53.14) and third in the 100 Butterfly (:58.82) to qualify for the state meet.

For the boys' team Danny Henry and Steven LaFlamme each moved on to state competition in two events. Henry was second in the 500 Freestyle (4:37.87) and fifth in the 200 Freestyle (1:46.40) to advance. His 200 time set a new schools record. Steven LaFlamme was fifth in the 100 Butterfly (:52.09) and sixth in the 100 Backstroke (:53.04), qualifying in both events.

Other DSHS team members who placed in the top six but did not qualify for state competition were: the boys' 200 Medley Relay team, diver Kevin Teague (fifth with a school-record total) and diver Jackson Climato (sixth).

DSHS fared well in the regional team standings, with the Lady Tigers placing fourth (188 points and the boys finishing fifth (189 points). The regional team competitions were won by LBJ High School on the girls' side and Georgetown High School on the boys' side. Individual standings also were compiled. Lady Tigers Evans and Farris tied for eighth in the girls' standings; LaFlamme was 12th and Henry was 13th in the boys' results.