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TIGER SWIMMERS QUALIFY FOR STATE

Dripping Springs High School swimmers had a strong showing at the 5A Region V Championships Feb. 3, 2018, with 15 qualifiers advancing to the state meet -- the most ever in school history. In fact, all Tiger swimmers advanced from the preliminary round to the regional finals.

The Lady Tigers placed second in the team standings, behind Cedar Park High School. The DSHS boys' team placed fifth. Head Coach Andrea McCarthy was honored as the Girls' Regional Coach of the Year. Junior London Farris was the fifth-place overall swimmer.

DSHS swimmers won three regional titles: Lydia Evans in the 100-Yard Breaststroke, Keeley Vardeman in the 200-Yard IM, and the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay.

Qualifying in two individual events each were: Evans (500-Yard Freestyle and 100-Yard Breaststroke), London Farris (200-Yard Freestyle and 100-Yard Butterfly), Markus Egger (200-Yard IM and 500-Yard Freestyle), Katie Tuohy (200-Yard Freestyle and 100-Yard Backstroke), and Vardeman (200-Yard IM and 100-Yard Butterfly). Other individual qualifiers were Isabella Sites and Danny Henry in the girls' and boys' 500-Yard Freestyle.

The girls' relay teams were incredibly successful, marking the first time ever that all three Lady Tiger teams have qualified for the state championships. In addition to the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay team of Emily Warkentin, Sites, Lauren Kehm, and Vardeman winning the regional title, the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay and the 200-Yard Medley Relay teams both placed second. The 400-Yard team consisted of Farris, Warkentin, Evans, and Tuohy, and the 200-Yard Medley Relay team was made up of Tuohy, Evans, Farris, Vardeman.

