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**[Friendswood Girls Team Region V-5A Champions; 14 Qualifiers Head to State;  
5 records broken]**

By: FISD Communication Department

On February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the Friendswood High School Girls Swim Team dominated and brought home the Region V-5A Championship Title with the Boys Swim Team taking home Runner Up Champions. Thirty FHS swimmers and 1 FHS Diver competed against athletes from 22 Region schools. Most of the thirty FHS swimmers advanced from the Preliminary meet on Friday to the Championship meet on Saturday as the top sixteen swimmers per event. The top two places from the Region Championship automatically advanced to the State Championship on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at The University of Texas in Austin. In each event, after all 8 Regional meets were complete, the UIL “Calls Up” the next fastest 8 times in each event from around the state in which one additional FHS swimmer qualified. Friendswood has 13 swimmers and 1 diver heading to State: Olivia Esbeck, Edi Jakob, Andi Jeanes, Carmen Laurito, Kk LeBlanc, Paige McCray, Lauren Tillman, Taylor Welch, Nick Hardt, Nate Henderson, Simon Kinsworthy, Caleb Livesay, Jovan Stojkovski, and Grayson Wells.

Congratulations to senior Kk LeBlanc on breaking FIVE Region, Don Cook Natatorium pool, and FHS Mustang records:

Girls 200 Free – Region, Don Cook pool, and Mustang record of 1:47.06  
Girls 100 Free – Don Cook pool and Mustang record of 49.22

Kk LeBlanc was named Girls Regional Swimmer of the Meet for the third year in a row. Coach Craig Sikkema was named Girls Regional Coach of the Meet.

GIRLS			BOYS		
Place	Team	Points	Place	Team	Points
1st	Friendswood	550	1st	Fort Bend Kempner	337
2nd	Fort Bend Kempner	338	2nd	Friendswood	322.5
3rd	Angleton	243	3rd	Angleton	274
4th	West Brook	141	4th	Spring Woods	193
5th	Barbers Hill	130	5th	Westbrook	179
6th	Galveston Ball	121	6th	Randle	133

Region Relay Results - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place advance automatically to the State 5A Swim Meet:

**Girls 200-yard free relay:** (1<sup>st</sup>) Friendswood – Kk LeBlanc, Paige McCray, Andi Jeanes, Lauren Tillman

**Girls 400-yard free relay:** (1<sup>st</sup>) Friendswood - Paige McCray, Edi Jakob, Andi Jeanes, Kk LeBlanc

**Boys 200-yard medley relay:** (2<sup>nd</sup>) Friendswood – Caleb Livesay, Nick Hardt, Nate Henderson, Jovan Stojkovski

**Boys 200-yard free relay:** (3<sup>rd</sup>) Friendswood – Caleb Livesay, Nick Hardt, Nate Henderson, Zach Sakahara

**Boys 400-yard free relay:** (4<sup>th</sup>) Friendswood – Noah Givens, Shiv Malkani, Keegan Reeves, Simon Kinsworthy

Individual places for FHS by order of event (yards) - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Swimmers, and 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Divers, advance automatically to the State 5A Swim Meet:

**Girls 200 Free:** Kk LeBlanc (1<sup>st</sup> – **Region, Don Cook pool, and Mustang record**), Paige McCray (2<sup>nd</sup>), Julie Rupp (5<sup>th</sup>), Peyton Robbins (7<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys 200 Free:** Noah Givens (5<sup>th</sup>), Shiv Malkani (8<sup>th</sup>)

**Girls 200 Individual Medley:** Edi Jakob (1<sup>st</sup>), Carmen Laurito (2<sup>nd</sup>), Erin Voelker (5<sup>th</sup>), Olivia Gallagher (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys 200 Individual Medley:** Nick Hardt (1<sup>st</sup>), Jovan Stojkovski (5<sup>th</sup>), Keegan Reeves (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Girls 50 Free:** Lauren Tillman (2<sup>nd</sup>), Olivia Esbeck (4<sup>th</sup>), Zoe Worthey (6<sup>th</sup>), Annika Ackerman (10<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys 50 Free:** Caleb Livesay (3<sup>rd</sup>), Nate Henderson (7<sup>th</sup>), Simon Kinsworthy (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Girls 100 Butterfly:** Taylor Welch (3<sup>rd</sup>), Andi Jeanes (4<sup>th</sup>), Annika Ackerman (7<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys 100 Butterfly:** Jovan Stojkovski (8<sup>th</sup>), Zach Sakahara (16<sup>th</sup>), Jackson Lewis (17<sup>th</sup>)

**Girls 100 Free:** Kk LeBlanc (1<sup>st</sup> – **Don Cook pool and Mustang record**), Lauren Tillman (2<sup>nd</sup>), Emma Brueggeman (3<sup>rd</sup>), Zoe Worthey (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys 100 Free:** Nate Henderson (9<sup>th</sup>), Simon Kinsworthy (11<sup>th</sup>), Keegan Reeves (14<sup>th</sup>)

**Girls 500 Free:** Paige McCray (1<sup>st</sup>), Edi Jakob (2<sup>nd</sup>), Julia Rupp (3<sup>rd</sup>), Olivia Gallagher (5<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys 500 Free:** Noah Givens (6<sup>th</sup>), Shiv Malkani (7<sup>th</sup>), Ben Cyr (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Girls 100 Backstroke:** Carmen Laurito (2<sup>nd</sup>), Olivia Esbeck (3<sup>rd</sup>), Emma Brueggeman (4<sup>th</sup>), Peyton Robbins (7<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys 100 Backstroke:** Caleb Livesay (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jackson Lewis (10<sup>th</sup>), Darius Patterson (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Girls 100 Breaststroke:** Taylor Welch (1<sup>st</sup>), Erin Voelker (5<sup>th</sup>), Kate Duggleby (7<sup>th</sup>), Brooke Davis (9<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys 100 Breaststroke:** Nick Hardt (1<sup>st</sup>), Ethan Le May (22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Boys 1 Mtr Dive (11 dives):** Grayson Wells (3<sup>rd</sup>)

The Mustang Swim and Dive Team is coached by Head Coach Sikkema and Varsity Assistant Coach Smith. Thank you to our officials, parent volunteers, and photographers for their ongoing support.