

Men's Swimming & Diving



A young squad peaked at the right time in 2008–09, as the Lyons broke nine school marks while taking fifth at the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Championship. Balfour Natatorium has become one of the marquee pools in the league, as Wheaton hosted the meet for the third time in the last four years. A 4–12 dual meet record obscures the fact that the Lyons came within five points of the fourth-place team at the NEWMAC Championship. Wheaton posted its highest league meet point total since 2006 despite completing the year with 16 swimmers and one diver, among them just one upperclassman.

With no losses to graduation, the 2009–10 Lyons appear poised to continue making positive strides. Sam Dean-Lee '11 played a hand in four school marks during NEWMACs, swimming to freestyle standards at 500, 1,000 and 1,650 yards. He also anchored the record-breaking 800-yard freestyle relay quartet, which took fourth. Corey Best '11 came within one placement of an all-conference honor in the 400-yard individual medley, taking third while eclipsing Wheaton marks in both the 200 and 400 IM events and the 200-yard butterfly. His younger brother, Devon Best '12, hurdled a standard in the 200-yard backstroke while swimming on the 800 free relay. Zach Fichman-Klein '11 broke the 100-yard butterfly mark.

All-Time Records

Event	Athlete(s)	Result	Year
50 Free	Barrett Roberts	20.36	2007
100 Free	Barrett Roberts	44.96	2007
200 Free	Barrett Roberts	1:42.01	2007
500 Free	Sam Dean-Lee	4:48.02	2009
1,000 Free	Sam Dean-Lee	10:13.28	2009
1,650 Free	Sam Dean-Lee	16:54.09	2009
50 Back	Matt Jordan	24.48	2007
100 Back	Matt Jordan	52.62	2005
200 Back	Devon Best	1:57.82	2009
50 Breast	Matt Hurley	27.57	2008
100 Breast	Matt Hurley	1:00.10	2005
200 Breast	Matt Hurley	2:11.80	2005
50 Fly	Barrett Roberts	23.86	2007
100 Fly	Zach Fichman-Klein	52.16	2009
200 Fly	Corey Best	1:57.50	2009
100 IM	Matt Jordan	56.13	2006
200 IM	Corey Best	1:58.92	2009
400 IM	Corey Best	4:15.16	2009
200 Free Relay	B. Roberts, M. Jordan, T. Sponzo, C. Romilly	1:24.75	2006
400 Free Relay	M. Jordan, T. Sponzo, C. Romilly, B. Roberts	3:10.28	2006
800 Free Relay	E. Gillie, D. Best, C. Larson-Whittaker, S. Dean-Lee	7:10.18	2009
200 Medley Relay	M. Jordan, M. Hurley, C. Romilly, B. Roberts	1:34.74	2006
400 Medley Relay	M. Jordan, M. Hurley, C. Romilly, B. Roberts	3:31.07	2006
1M Diving	Matt Squires	333.90	2001
3M Diving	Matt Squires	347.60	2001



Sam Dean-Lee '11

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Head coach
Jean-Paul Gowdy

Jean-Paul Gowdy begins his seventh season at the helm of the men's and women's swimming & diving programs. On the men's side, Gowdy has twice helped the Lyons finish as high as fourth place during the NEWMAC Championship while leading the squad to the school's victories mark on two occasions. In 2005, Wheaton had its first swimmer garner NCAA All-America honors at the national championship. In 2007, Gowdy earned an American Swimming Coaches

Association (ASCA) Certificate of Excellence.

Gowdy came to Wheaton from Springfield College, where he served as a graduate assistant swim coach. At Springfield, he was responsible for coaching sprinters, coordinating the recruiting process and teaching undergraduate-level physical education courses. During his time there, the Pride captured the women's conference championship for the third straight year in 2003.

In his 14 years of coaching competitive swimming, Gowdy has worked summer camps at national power Kenyon

College between 2000 and 2008 and Stanford University in 2001. Additionally, he was the assistant coach at Washington College in 2000–01, age group coach at Green Mountain Aquatics from 1995–1999 and swim lesson coordinator and teacher at Middlebury College from 1996–1999.

An elite athlete in his own right, Gowdy earned USA Triathlon All-America honors in 2003 and 2005. He trained with Canada's national swim team at the University of Calgary in 1999–2000 and competed at the Olympic trials, where he qualified for the

semifinals in three events. At Middlebury, Gowdy was a national champion in the 400-yard individual medley, a 17-time NCAA All-America athlete and two-time MVP of the New England Conference.

Gowdy is a 1999 graduate of Middlebury, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics with minors in political science and history. In 2008, Gowdy completed work at Springfield on a master's degree in physical education with a specialization in advanced-level coaching.

Men's Swimming & Diving Quick Facts



Head Coach	Jean-Paul Gowdy (7th Year)
Phone	(508) 286-3989
E-mail	gowdy_jp@wheatoncollege.edu
Home Venue	Balfour Natatorium
Affiliations	NCAA Division III, Eastern College Athletic Conference, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
2008–09 Overall (NEWMAC)	4–12 (5th)
NCAA Appearances (last)	4 (2007)

All-Americans

Barrett Roberts	2005
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Major Conference Awards

Barrett Roberts	NEWMAC Swimmer of the Year (2006)
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Wheaton

Location	Norton, Massachusetts
Founded	1834
Enrollment	1,550
Colors	Blue & white
President	Ronald A. Crutcher
Athletic Director	Chad Yowell

Wheaton at a glance

- Four-year, private liberal arts college located in Norton, Mass.
- 35 miles from Boston and 20 miles from Providence, R.I.
- A student body of 1,550 students
- Student-faculty ratio of 10:1 and average class size between 15 and 20
- Cross-registration opportunities with nearby Brown University
- 45 study abroad programs
- Over 40 academic majors and 50 minors
- More than 80 student clubs and organizations

Admission & Financial Aid

- No fee for online application.
- Submission of standardized test scores (SAT or ACT) is optional.
- The comprehensive fee for 2009–10 is \$49,440.
- Wheaton offers both merit and need-based financial aid.
- Approximately 60 percent of students receive some form of financial aid.
- The Evelyn Danzig Haas Athletic Center is one of the finest NCAA Division III athletic facilities in New England with 102,000 square feet of space with a field house, gymnasium and indoor pool.
- Elsewhere on campus, Wheaton has an impressive \$20 million arts building, National Science Foundation–funded digital imaging center, and state-of-the-art library and language labs.
- The Balfour-Hood Campus Center houses campus activities, as well as a café, pub, game room and fitness center.
- Wheaton's unique Connections program links courses across academic disciplines, allowing students to explore diverse areas of knowledge and approach topics from multiple perspectives.

Fall Application Deadlines

Early Decision I: November 15
Early Decision II: January 15
Regular Decision: January 15

Questions?

Contact the admission office at 1-800-394-6003 or e-mail admission@wheatoncollege.edu. For information about Wheaton and its athletic programs, visit athletics.wheatoncollege.edu.

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