

Wheaton College

Synchronized Swimming



During a season in which Wheaton finished among the top 10 at the U.S. Collegiate Championship for the 21st straight campaign, the 2008–09 Lyons surpassed Keuka College in moving one step closer to challenging the region's top team. Wheaton bettered Keuka four times in six meetings while tying once. Along the way, the Lyons won four events before finishing second at the East Collegiate Regional meet, posting their best finish there in six years. The Blue and White notched a ninth-place finish at the U.S. Collegiate Championship. With only one swimmer lost to graduation, seven are eligible to return, including four rising sophomores.

At the U.S. Collegiate Championship in March, a Lyon won the C figures national crown for the fourth time in six years, as Amanda Chils '12 turned the feat during her first season. Laura Montes '10 tied for eighth during solo, the team routine took 10th, and Sharada Strasmore '09 was 11th in B figures. As a tandem, Chils and Christiana Butera '12 advanced to the duet final. Wheaton had seven athletes qualify for April's U.S. National Championship, where Lyons completed solo, duet and team routines. Wheaton had a team and duet perform there for the first time since 1996 and 2002, respectively.

2009–10 Schedule

November 21	New England Figure Meet	TBA	TBA
January 30–31	Wheaton Invitational	H	2 p.m.
February 6	Canisius Invitational	A	2 p.m.
February 13	Keuka Tri-Meet	A	TBA
February 20–21	East Collegiate Regional/ECAC Championship (at Penn)	A	1 p.m.
March 11–13	U.S. Collegiate Championship (at Stanford)	A	8 a.m.
April 15–17	U.S. National Championship (at Huntersville, NC)	A	8 a.m.

Schedule subject to change. For the most up-to-date schedule information, visit athletics.wheatoncollege.edu.

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Head coach
Rebecca Story

Rebecca Story enters her third season as Wheaton's head synchronized swimming coach after pushing the Lyons to a top-10 finish at the U.S. Collegiate Championship for the 21st consecutive season during the 2008–09 school year. Story is the collegiate chair for U.S. Synchronized Swimming and education chair for New England Synchronized Swimming Association (NESSA). She also served on the NCAA subcommittee for the sport.

A four-year synchronized swimmer at regional rival Keuka College in Keuka Park, New York, Story was an assistant coach with the program in 2006–07. Her main tasks at Keuka included structuring practices and implementing new workout routines. She also coached and choreographed routines for the Keuka Kokanees Age Group squad from 2002 to 2007 and began designing routines for Keuka as a freshman.

A three-year captain at Keuka, Story advanced to the third phase of tryouts for

the U.S. Senior National team in 2007. She also coached a team at the Empire State Games in Binghamton, New York, in 2006.

Story was the Keuka program's recruiting coordinator during her freshman and sophomore seasons and, after her first year of college, served as the communications director of Keuka's synchronized swimming camp in the summer of 2003.

She was among the top seven soloists in the nation at the U.S. Collegiate Championship each of her fi-

nal three seasons and half of a top-11 duet on three occasions. Keuka recorded a top-10 finish each of her four years, placing as high as fifth during her senior campaign.

Story made an appearance at the U.S. National Championship as both a junior and senior. She was voted Keuka Athlete of the Year by her peers following her senior season. An organizational communications major, Story graduated from Keuka in May 2006.



Synchronized Swimming Quick Facts

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2009 Athletic Awards

USSS National Champion Amanda Chils
 USSS All-Collegiate Christiana Butera
 USSS All-Collegiate Laura Montes

2009 Academic Awards

USSS All-Academic Christiana Butera
 USSS All-Academic Amanda Chils
 USSS All-Academic Laura Montes

Figures National Champions

Gina Lighthall (B) 1996
 Elizabeth Corman (C) 2004
 Megan Kinney (C) 2005
 Sonvje Ryen (C) 2008
 Amanda Chils (C) 2009

Major USSS Awards

Gina Lighthall Collegiate Athlete of the Year (1999)

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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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