Duneland Swim Club Senior State Bids Farewell to Coach Kinel with Top Ten Finish at Indiana Senior State

In what would be Coach Kevin Kinel’s last Senior State Championship, his senior swimmers garnered an eighth place finish, presented him with several outstanding individual and relay performances and looked on with gratitude when Indiana Swimming stopped the meet to pay special tribute to Coach for his four decades of work in developing outstanding swimmers and terrific human beings, both locally and nationally.

The 721 points that Duneland Senior Club posted wrapped up the club’s 5th straight top 10 finish at the Long Course Meter championship. Duneland’s 15-over women outpaced the 15-over men by 1 point, 361-360. Leading the way for the women were Lauryn Kallay with 65 points, Maisyn Klimczak with 57, and Alana Jardenil with 48. Kallay, a sophomore at West Virginia University, won medals in the 200 Free and 800 Free and tallied points in the 100 Free and 400 Free. Klimczak won the gold in the 800 Free and added to her club’s point total in the 1500 Free and 200 Back. Jardenil snagged a 7th place medal in the 200 Breast and had top-24, point-earning finishes in the 400 Individual Medley and 100 Breast. Veronika Ozimek and Lauren Unruh made contributions to Duneland’s total in the 200 Free and 400 IM, respectively.

The Duneland women’s quartets of Kallay, Ozimek, Klimczak, Unruh snagged medals in the 800 Free Relay and of Kallay, Ozimek, Sofia Gill, Jardenil medals in the 400 Free Relay. The team of Klimczak, Jardenil, Ozimek, Kallay placed 10th in the 200 Medley Relay and 14th in the 400 Medley Relay. Finally, the foursomes of Ozimek, Kallay, Klimczak, Gill, of Jardenil, Abi Raines, Gill, Olivia Piunti, and of Raines, Unruh, Klimczak, Madi Elliott put points on the board in the 200 Free Relay, in the 800 Free Relay, and in the 400 Free Relay, respectively.

Duneland’s 15-over men were led by Andrew Alders with 63 points. Alders made the Top-8 medal podium in the 200 IM and 400 IM and added points in the 100 Breast and 100 Fly. Also medaling was Bryce Scott in the 800 Free. Ethan Wing, who will begin college at Xavier University this fall, posted points-earning times in the 400 Free, 200 Free and 50 Free. Gabe Eschbach’s 800 Free and 1500 Free added to Duneland’s total. Lucas Piunti had top 16 finishes in the 200 IM and 400 IM, as did Eric Carlson in the 800 Free and 1500 Free. Alejandro Kincaid’s times in the 200 Back and 200 IM produced points, as did Connor Casbon’s in the 100 Fly

The relay teams of Wing, Alders, Piunti and Kincaid earned top 16 finishes in the 800 Free and 400 Medley; of Wing, Alders, Piunti and Eschbach in the 200 Free and 400 Free; and, of Wing, Alders, Piunti and Casbon in the 200 Medley. Wing’s 100 Free lead-off time in the 400 Free Relay of 53.18 assured Duneland 15-over men a 2019 Summer Junior National’s 400 Medley Relay cut based on the aggregate times of Wing, Alders in the 100 Breast (1:05.37), Casbon in the 100 Fly (58:21) and Kincaid in the 100 Back (59.97). In addition to the relay cut, Duneland’s Alders made a Junior National cut in the 100 Breast.