

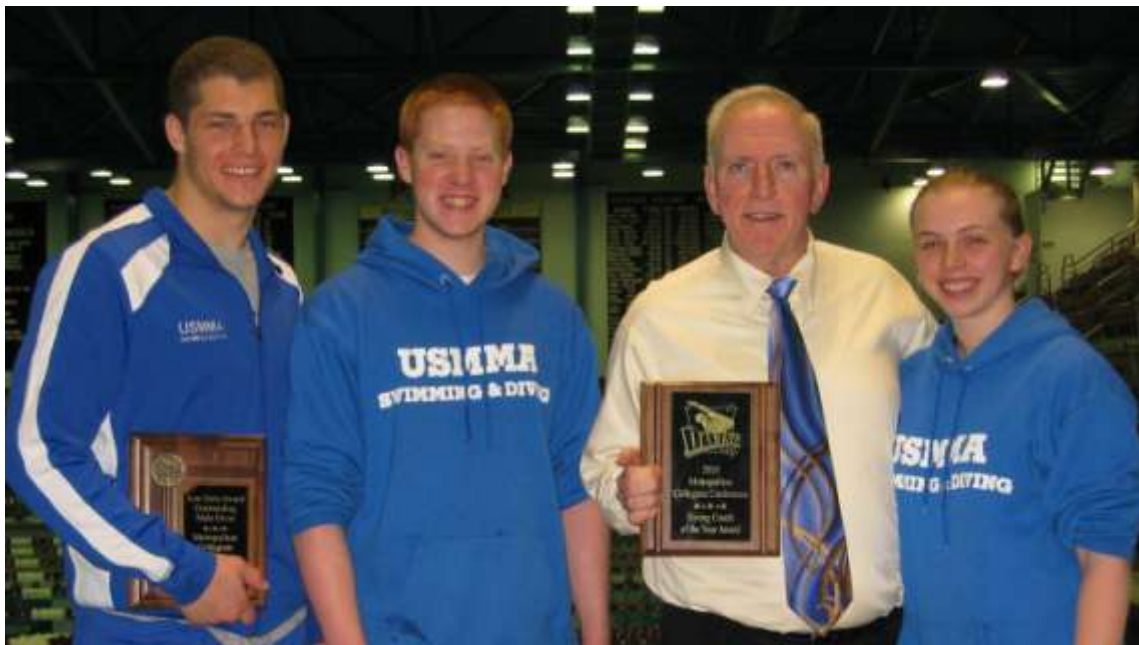


This was in a blog from [U. S. Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood](#):

"In [men's swimming and diving](#), an incredible 14 Kings Point Mariners were named to the All-Conference team this year, with senior John Murphy of Fairfax, VA, named Landmark Conference Swimmer of the Year with Head Swimming Coach Sean Tedesco, Head Diving Coach Kevin Ryan, and Assistant Coach Sean Raffile named Conference Coaching Staff of the Year. Moreover, diver Nicholas Halbach of Wheat Ridge, CO, will defend his NCAA Division III national title in the championships held next week. The junior already earned the Conference Diver of the year award.

And in [women's diving](#), the future looks promising as freshman [Kathryn Schmidt](#) of Westminster, CO, took home the Landmark Conference Diver of the year award for her outstanding *rookie* season. Needless to say, Kathryn also made the All-Conference team. That's quite a start to her career!"

From <http://fastlane.dot.gov/2010/03/kings-point-studentathletes-teach-lesson-in-excellence.html>



Colorado's Divers: Nick Halbach (left) and Kathryn Schmidt (right)

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Landmark Concludes Competition At NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - The two Landmark competitors at the NCAA Division III Swimming & Diving Championships concluded competition on Saturday with one athlete earning All-America honors for the second time at the meet.

USMMA junior Nicholas Halbach placed third in the one-meter diving competition to earn All-America honors for the second time in the meet. His third-place effort came two days after he placed second in the three-meter diving event. He earned a score of 520.70 points for his third-place finish, just 7.20 points behind the second-place diver.

Halbach, who was named the Landmark Conference Diver of the Year this season, continued to exhibit how strong USMMA's diving program is. Last season, the Wheat Ridge native was a national champion twice as he won both the one-meter and three-meter events. During his freshman season, the midshipman finished second on the one-meter board and third on the three-meter board. Halbach has now racked up six All-American awards. The Kings Point men's swimming and diving squad ranked 29th as a team this season. It is the eighth time the Mariners have finished in the Top-30 in the last nine years.

http://www.landmarkconference.org/sports/swimdiv/2009-10/news/LCswim_ncaachamps_3_20_10