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Swimmer's 37th place is JMU's highest in NCAA Championships

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enior swimmer Shannon Dubay of South Windsor, Conn., became the second swimmer in IMU history to be invited to the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. Dubay qualified in three events for the NCAA Championships, garnering invites in the 100-yard breaststroke, 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley.

Dubay finished 37th in the 100-yard breaststroke and 62nd in the 200-yard individual medley at the 2014 Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on March 20-22. Her 37th-place finish is the highest finish by a JMU swimmer at the NCAA Championships.

"I am honored to represent my school and my program at the national level," Dubay says. "Being invited to attend NCAAs just goes to show how much my four years of swimming at JMU has excelled me in the pool, as well as outside of the pool. My JMU swimming and diving family has always supported me. I have all of my coaches to thank, going back to my summer league swimming days, because without them I wouldn't be the swimmer that I am today."



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Dubay joins junior Sin Hye Won of Springfield, Va., as the only swimmers from JMU to qualify for the NCAA Championships while former diver Kimberly Helfrich (2009-13) is the third member of the program to have participated at the national meet.

"I am proud of Shannon for qualifying

to the NCAA Championships," says head coach Richard Long. "She has worked hard all season and taken the tools she has practiced and applied them to her performance. Her performance at the CAAs was a great representation of what our goal was from day one, to be successful at the CAA Championships and qualify for the NCAAs." M

