



# 2018 U.S. Bank State Swimming & Diving Championships



## Albuquerque Academy Wins State Title for the 24th Time

The Eldorado Eagles hoisted the blue trophy overhead for the third straight year at the 2018 U.S. Bank State Swimming & Diving Championships. With the win, the Eagles collected their 10th boys' title, the first since 2015. Eldorado tallied 300 points on their way to the title, followed by Albuquerque Academy (272.5), La Cueva (272), Cibola (197) and Sandia (180).

Seven of the 12 events in the boys' state championship meet fell over the two-day event, including the 200-yard medley relay, the 200-yard freestyle, the 200-yard IM, the 500-yard freestyle, the 100-yard breaststroke, the 200 & 400-yard freestyle relays.

Darien O'Donnell, Tyler Thibodeau, Ben Waterman and Logan Ellis of Eldorado, broke the first record of the meet in the 200-yard medley relay in a time of 1:34.34, while Jake Hoagland of La Cueva captured gold in the 200-yard freestyle in record-breaking time of 1:38.07.

Josh Harlan of Cibola broke his own state record set back in 2017 in the 200-yard IM in a time of 1:48.04, over three seconds faster than his previous record time. Hoagland of La Cueva broke his second state record of the meet, this time in the 500-yard freestyle in a time of 4:28.19.

Sandia's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Maxwell Hawton, Cade Wintheiser, Joseph Jaramillo and Joseph Cecco was just under record time, touching the pad in a time of 1:25.95. Harlan also broke his set state record of the meet, this time in the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 56.29, breaking a record that had stood since 2012.

The championship ended with one final record-breaking performance by the Eldorado Eagles in the 400-yard freestyle relay. O'Donnell, Blaze Sheldahl, Ellis, and Waterman touched the pad in a time of 3:09.39.

Issaac Newman of Eldorado ran away with the 1-meter diving competition with a score of 555.95, followed by Jake Gatten (416.65). Newman's score set a new pool record and earned him his second straight diving title.

For the second straight year, Santa Fe Prep laid claim to the blue trophy, tallying 71 points overall. Taos (8) finished second.



## Chargers Hoist Blue Trophy for the Second Straight Year

The 2018 U.S. Bank Girls' State Swimming & Diving Championships came down to two teams battling for the blue trophy until the very end. When the dust settled it was the Albuquerque Academy Chargers standing atop the podium with a team score of 419, followed by the La Cueva (320). It was the Chargers' second straight state title in swimming & diving and their 17th overall.

Cottonwood Classical captured the A-4A State title, marking the first state championship in swimming & diving in school history.

One state records were broken during the 2018 State Championships, in the 200-yard freestyle. Albuquerque Academy's Sara Vianco broke the record in a time of 1:48.45, beating the old record by almost a full second. Vianco also took home the title in the 100-yard freestyle in a time of 50.69.

The 200-yard medley relay the La Cueva team of Madeline Mee, Anita Sumali, Chrysten Pacheco and Natalie Jones took home gold with a time of 1:47.11, over two seconds faster than their closest competitors. Lauren Burckel of Eldorado won both the 200-yard IM (2:05.00) and 100-yard breaststroke (1:02.20), defending her title in the breaststroke from the 2017 championships.

Natalie Jones of La Cueva was also a repeat winner from 201 winning the 50-yard freestyle in a time of 23.69. La Cueva's Chrysten Pacheco grabbed her second medal of the meet with a winning time of 56.0 in the 100-yard butterfly, while Allison Bernier of Albuquerque Academy stood atop the podium in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:05.85.

Las Cruces' Jacque Cervantes-Vanderlugt, Susan Gormley, Sierra Ortiz and Sarah Gormley won the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:3.24) just three-tenths off the state record, as Sandia's Fiona Trotz-Chavez took gold in the 100-yard backstroke in a time of 57.39.

The Bears dominated the relays during the meet, capturing the 400-yard freestyle relay in a time of 3:31.32.

Albuquerque Academy's Lillie Guo won gold in the 1-meter diving competition, tallying 471.45 points, besting Jessica Albanna of Albuquerque High who finished with 392.05 points. Guo captured her second state title in as many years.

