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Photo Caption:
IRSC star swimmer Stefan Stojmenovic from Sweden is one of the outstanding international athletes on the IRSC championship Swimming & Diving Team.

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMERS EXCEL AT INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

The current of “The River” crosses oceans attracting outstanding swimmers and divers from around the world to Indian River State College. They are propelled by the College’s incredible winning streak – the longest unbroken championship record in intercollegiate sports. Recently the IRSC Swimming and Diving program closed out the 2015 NJCAA National Championships in Buffalo, New York with the men capturing their 41st consecutive
title and the women winning their 37th overall championship. The IRSC team won 38 of the 40 events.

Male Swimmer of the Year was Stefan Stojmenovic from Sweden, who solidified his place in the NJCAA history books by picking up 3 individual titles in the 100 yard backstroke, 200 yard backstroke and 100 yard butterfly all in national record times. He was also part of 4 national champion relay events, 2 of which broke also broke the national records.

Christina Loh, from Malaysia, dominated the field in her events winning both the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke. Earlier in the season, she broke the national record in the 100 yard distance.

The men’s breaststroke events was a fiercely contested battle between four IRSC athletes, including Serginni Marten of Curacao and Craig Emslie of South Africa, with Emslie coming out on top in the 100 yard by only .05 second. Emslie would also go on to win the 200 yard breaststroke in a new school record.

The women’s 200 butterfly saw another South African, Tayla Lovemore, pick up her third individual title of the meet. Earlier in the competition she was also victorious in the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard butterfly.

“IRSC student athletes share a common goal – to continue a winning tradition that has been around for over 40 years,” said IRSC Coach Sion Brinn. “Competing in college is a great experience, strengthening character and perseverance. The diverse composition of the IRSC team provides the additional opportunity to train and interact with peers from different cultures all striving toward a common objective.”

A native Jamaican and former IRSC swimmer from 1991-93, Coach Brinn was named Men’s Coach of the Year at the championship meet. Prior to joining IRSC, Coach Brinn served as Head Coach at Wright State University. He swam in two Olympic Games, in Sydney in 2000 and Atlanta in 1996.