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Dave Garard, a senior at Missoula Sentinel High School who has made a name for himself state-wide and nationally as a competitive swimmer, has accepted a swimming scholarship from the University of Montana.

Grizzly swim coach Fred Stetson, whose teams have won the Big Sky Conference championship for the past four years, made the announcement this week.

Garard received the Little Sullivan Award from the Amateur Athletic Union as the outstanding Montana athlete of 1968. He also received awards as the outstanding male swimmer and the outstanding senior swimmer in Montana high school circles for last year.

He set the Montana high school record of 49.6 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle, and his state record time of 22.2 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle qualified him as Montana's first high school All-America in swimming.

"I am happy he has accepted a swimming scholarship at the University," Stetson said. "Dave has been swimming with me for the past seven years, and I am looking forward to having more Montana swimmers like him on future UM teams."

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