

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

LYNN STANDOUT MAKES WAVES AT SSCC Transfer Sophomore Discusses High Goals For Swimming Future

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International student Laia Coma has made an impact in Lynn Athletics in her brief time on campus already.

Coma, originally from Barcelona, is a transfer sophomore from Limestone College. Back in Spain, Coma was a part of the swimming club Olot. She was 5-years-old when she began swimming. "I started because my sister, who is two years older than me, was already swimming. So, I decided to start as well and swam in the group with her," said Coma.

Coma came to America to swim because she wanted to be a student athlete. "If I stayed in Spain, I would have to stop swimming," said Coma. She wanted to be able to get her degree and continue to pursue her passion of swimming.

Coma transferred from Limestone College after her freshman year. She expressed that the academics are a bit harder at Lynn than at Limestone. She also witnessed that the Limestone swim team consisted of both boys and girls, as opposed to Lynn's all-girl team. The team at Limestone was at least twice the size of Lynn's.

Coma's major is sports management. Looking forward, she hopes to stay in the US after graduation. She expresses a desire to get a job in the sports management field anywhere in America.

Coma is best known for utilizing the backstroke. Her strongest



Above: Coma puts her best on display while competing at the Sunshine State Conference Championships this past season. LU Photos.

events include the 100 yard backstroke and 200 yard backstroke. Overall, her best time in the 100 yard backstroke and 200 yard version are 58.5 and 2:05.1 respectively.

Coma hopes to improve her

times next season. Ideally, her best times will occur at the Sunshine State Conference Championships next year.

The ultimate end of season goal for Coma, she says, is to make the NCAA DII Nationals.