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USVI's Max Wilson Wins Multiple Gold Medals At 2019 Junior CARIFTA Swimming Competition In Barbados

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U.S. Virgin Islands athletes at CARIFTA games are bringing home medals for the territory, including top placements in the junior swimming championship competitions.

According to the [St. Thomas Swimming Association's Facebook page](#), Max Wilson, a 14-year-old native of St. Thomas, won a number of gold medals in his category at the competition, including the 400-meter individual medley and the 100-meter backstroke on Sunday. Then on Monday, Max won gold in the 200-meter individual medley and the 100-meter freestyle, according to results posted by the St. Thomas Swimming Association. All the competitions won by Max were in the boys 13-14 category.

Max's haul on Monday brought the number of gold medals the U.S. Virgin Islands captured at the competition this year to six: four gold and two silver medals, with Natalia Kuipers placing second on Monday in the girls 15-17 200-meter butterfly. The competition, which was held in Barbados this year, concluded Tuesday.



The CARIFTA Aquatics Championships is an annual, age-group aquatics championships for the Caribbean. It has been held since 1985, and is similar in form/origin to the track & field/athletics event: the CARIFTA Games. The event is held under the auspices of CANOC, the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees.