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Amanda Beard says she’s just another student.

“Sometimes, they call roll in class and people will look when they hear my name, but they don’t put it together,” she says.

While the rest of the UA community gets ready for a week’s worth of semester-ending exams, the retail and consumer sciences junior is preparing for her own final, and it’s now just 99 days away.


The classroom: Athens, Greece.

“Right now, I’m very confident,” says Beard, who plans to compete in the 200-meter individual medley and the 200 200-meter breaststroke at the summer Olympics. “But you never know what’s going to happen.”

Beard didn’t know what would happen as a 14-year-old in 1996, when she won her first Olympic gold in the 400-meter medley relay in Atlanta. She also took home two silvers for the U.S. team that year.

She also couldn’t predict what would happen last July when she set the world record in the 200-meter breaststroke at the 2003 World Championships.

But if Beard manages to see her first test at next month’s U.S. Olympic trials in Long Beach, Calif., the 22-year-old can be certain her calendar will be booked for the week of August 13—the date of the opening ceremonies at the 2004 Olympic Games.

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Amanda Beard. a 1996 gold medalist, hopes to return to the Olympics in Athens this summer. Beard plans to compete in the 200-meter individual medley, and the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke.

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Four UA students have won nationally competitive scholarships for their excellence in the areas of science research and American Indian public policy.

UA students Marlene Benally and Bijiha Garrison were named 2004 Morris K. Udall Scholars, while Brianna Muhlenkamp and Justin Bijiibaa Garrison were named 2004 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

Karma Walter, assistant director of international studies and scholarships, said although the annual number of UA recipients varies, it is not unusual for the UA to have multiple winners.

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