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SARASOTA, Fla. - Linn-Mar sophomore Stephanie Jenks captured first place in the triathlon at the PATCO North American Junior Championships Saturday morning at Benderson Park in Sarasota, Fla.

Jenks won the junior women's title in the 16-to-19 age group in 59 minutes, 57.1 seconds for a 13.9 second victory over Avery Evenson of the United States.

The event was by invitation only for the top triathletes from the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Jenks covered the 750 meter swim in 10 minutes, 18 seconds. She was timed in 31 minutes, 17 seconds for the 20 kilometer bike race. She ran the 5 kilometer race in 17 minutes, 16 seconds.

Jenks had the fastest time in the 5K race by 49 seconds, cementing her overall victory.

Jenks competes for the Linn-Mar track and swimming teams.