

AU outdoor track and field team members earn Empire 8 honors

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ALFRED, NY - The Empire 8 Conference today announced its 2005 All-Conference outdoor track and field teams, with several members of the Alfred University men's and women's teams earning recognition. All-conference selections were determined by using the performances of Empire 8 teams at the New York State Collegiate Track Conference championship meet May 6 and 7 in Rochester. Freshman Amman Siddeeq (New Hampton, NY/Goshen) was named First Team all-conference in the 100-meter dash and Second Team all-conference in the 200-meter dash. He logged his times (10.90 seconds in the 100-meters and 22.00 in the 200 meters) during the preliminary round of the state meet. He would later suffer a season-ending hamstring injury during the 4-by-100 meter relay, preventing him from competing in the 100-meter and 200-meter finals. Other members of the AU men's team earning First Team all-conference honors were: senior Ryan Bank (St. Johnsbury, VT/St. Johnsbury) in the 5,000-meter run (15:42.98); senior Casey Lesar (Mechanicville, NY/Mechanicville) in the triple jump (12.72 meters) and freshman Travis Cox (Bradford, RI/Westerly) in the hammer throw (42.96 meters). Lesar and Cox set new Empire 8 championship records with their performances. Earning Second Team honors from the AU men's team were: junior Nate Corney (Walworth, NY/Gananda) in the 400-meter hurdles (56.96 seconds), Bank in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:28.24), freshman Doug Fertig (Marlboro, NJ/Marlboro) in the pole vault (3.95 meters), sophomore Dan Ohart (Williamsport, PA/Williamsport) in the javelin (49.71 meters) and senior Steve Robin (Foster, RI/Ponaganset) in the decathlon (5,628 points). Sophomore Kate Ciccone (Brooktondale, NY/Ithaca) was the only member of the AU women's team to earn all-conference honors. She was a Second Team honoree in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (12:19.34).