

Alfred University appoints new women's basketball coach

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ALFRED, NY Alfred University announces the appointment of Heidi Metzger as head coach of women's basketball. Metzger replaces Michele Finn, who resigned following the 2004-05 season. Metzger, a 1996 graduate of Elizabethtown (PA) College with a bachelor's degree in social work, has coached women's basketball at the Division III level for the last 10 years. She was an assistant for one year at her alma mater before serving six seasons as an assistant at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. She was named head coach at St. Mary of the Woods (IN) College prior to the 2002-03 season and served two seasons there (compiling a 20-32 record) before returning as an assistant at Susquehanna for the 2004-05 campaign. During her seven seasons as an assistant at Susquehanna, the Crusaders had a 94-90 record and made an appearance in the NCAA Division III championship tournament (1998-99). She takes over an AU team that went 6-19 (1-13 Empire 8 Conference) last year. The Lady Saxons return four of five starters, including honorable mention conference all-star Meg Coddington, and eight of 11 letterwinners. "We're excited to have Heidi Metzger as our women's basketball coach," said Jim Moretti, AU athletic director. "She's an energetic coach with a wealth of experience who has been successful as a head coach and assistant. She will be a great addition to the Alfred University athletic staff." A native of Selinsgrove, PA, Metzger was a standout player at Elizabethtown College from 1991-95. She was MAC Northwest League Rookie of the Year as a freshman in 1991-02 and was a two-time MAC Commonwealth League First Team All-Star (1993-94 and 1994-95). As a senior in 1994-95, she was named an NCAA Division III Honorable Mention All-American. When her playing career ended at Elizabethtown, Metzger ranked second on the school's career scoring list with 1,674 points and she held school records for three-pointers in game (7), season (62, 1993-94) and career (191).