

Alfred University appoints new women's lacrosse coach

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ALFRED, NY Alfred University announces the appointment of Samantha Valder as the University's new women's lacrosse coach. She replaces Brianne Bastian, a graduate assistant who served one season (2005) as head coach. Valder comes to AU from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC, where she was head coach from 2003-05. Prior to that she served as assistant women's lacrosse coach at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, NY, from 2001-03. She played a season at SUNY Cortland before transferring to Finger Lakes Community College, where she played a year before finishing her collegiate playing career with two seasons at Division I Central Connecticut State University. She was a two-year starter at center attack at Central Connecticut, during which time she was second on her team in goals and points. Valder earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Central Connecticut State University in 2001.