

Empire 8 Conference recognizes Alfred University student-athletes

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ROCHESTER, NY - Thirty-four Alfred University student-athletes were named to the Empire 8 Conference Presidents' List for the Spring 2005 semester, the conference announced this week. Presidents' List recipients must earn a 3.75 grade point average or higher and have participated in athletics at one of the conference's eight member institutions. In addition, the student-athlete must display positive contact on and off campus and be enrolled full-time at the member institution. The Empire 8 also cited four Saxon varsity athletic teams for excellence in the classrooms. The AU men's soccer, equestrian, women's tennis and women's cross country teams had cumulative GPAs of 3.20 or higher and were awarded Empire 8 Team GPA Awards. "The academic achievement by these student-athletes is truly impeccable," said Empire 8 Commissioner Chuck Mitrano. "We are proud of their distinction and of our member institutions' commitment to academics first and foremost." Following are the AU student-athletes named to the Spring 2005 Presidents' List: Molly Amrogi-Yanson (Pittsford, NY/Pittsford-Mendon), women's lacrosse, French. Heidi Brooks (Wayland, NY/Wayland-Cohocton), softball, accounting. Charles Crowell (Wayland, MA/Wayland), men's swimming, business administration. Kelly Donohoe (Glen Mills, PA/Garnet Valley), women's tennis, fine arts. Shane Drew (Port Orchard, WA/Charles Wright), men's soccer, physics. Denis Eagan (Maplewood, NJ/St. Peter's), men's swimming, environmental studies. Kristen Egan (Robesonia, PA/Conrad Weiser), women's cross country/track, art and design. Daniel Gagnon (Woonsocket, RI/Woonsocket), men's cross country, art and design. Lianna Girshman (Conway, MA/Frontier Regional), equestrian, English. Brittany Higgins (Johnstown, NY/Johnstown), women's soccer, undecided. Brenden Hill (Belfast, NY/Cuba-Rushford), men's cross country/track, ceramic engineering. Jonathan Hudack (West Seneca, NY/St. Francis), men's cross country/track, English. Tristan Hujer (Hamburg, NY/St. Francis), men's lacrosse, history. Ashley Johnson (Silver Lake, PA/Montrose), women's cross country/track, mechanical engineering. Justin Kratz (Lansdale, PA/North Penn), men's cross country/track, electrical engineering. Renee LaPorte (Shaftsbury, VT/Mt. Anthony Union), women's tennis, art and design. Lauren Mastin (Springwater, NY/Wayland-Cohocton), softball, accounting. Anna McClagherty (Alliance, OH/Alliance), women's cross country, English. Bonnie McDermott (Grand Island, NY/Mt. St. Mary), women's swimming, elementary education/math. Elizabeth Meissner (Churchville, NY/Byron-Bergen), women's swimming, mechanical engineering. Rian Morgan (Byron, NY/Byron-Bergen), men's soccer, mechanical engineering. Kenneth Moss (Johnson City, NY/Maine-Endwell), men's cross country/track, history. Triona Moynihan (West Newbury, MA/Pentucket Regional), women's soccer, art and design. Matthew Oakes (Ellington, NY/Falconer), men's track and field, athletic training. Justin Parietti (Altamont, NY/Guilderland), men's cross country/track, undecided. Mae Pennisi (Alfred Station, NY/Alfred-Almond), equestrian, undecided. Rebecca Pociask (Henniker, NH/John Stark Regional), women's soccer, athletic training. Diane Rumbold (Simsbury, CT/Simsbury), softball, undecided. Anna Rung (Colden, NY/Springville), skiing, business administration. Elizabeth Sanger (Greece, NY/Greece Arcadia), volleyball, chemistry. Matthew Seavey (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua), skiing, master's of business Administration. Brandon Striker (Caledonia, NY/York), men's swimming, ceramic engineering. Desiree Woods (Bradford, PA/Bradford), women's tennis/track, athletic training. Sandy Yuen (Brooklyn, NY/Midwood), volleyball, art and design.