

Alfred University appoints new softball coach

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ALFRED, NY Gino Olivieri has been appointed softball coach at Alfred University. He replaces Jaime McLaughlin, who resigned the position after the 2004-05 academic year. Olivieri is well known in softball circles around Western New York, having served the last 11 years as head coach of the Rochester Lady Lions, an elite 18-and-under travel team that competes in American Softball Association, National Softball Association and PONY tournaments throughout the country. His teams placed 20th and fifth, respectively, among more than 125 teams competing at PONY national championship tournaments in 2005 and 2004. Olivieri comes to AU from SUNY Brockport, where he served as assistant softball coach during the 2004-05 season. He also served as an assistant high school softball coach at the Aquinas Institute near Rochester from 1999-2002. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in political science in 1981 from the University of Delaware, where he was a three-year starting tailback for the football team. He was a member of the Detroit Lions for two seasons (1981 and 1982) before retiring in 1982 due to a shoulder injury. Olivieri served 20 years in the Monroe County Sheriff's Department as a canine handler, retiring in 2002. He and his wife, Janet, live in Brockport and have three children: Frank, 23; Gina, 21; and Michelle, 19. Gina and Michelle play softball at Division I University of Maryland-Baltimore County.