

## Alfred University freshman Passaro named First Team ECAC Upstate softball all-star

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ALFRED, NY Ashley Passaro (Long Beach, NY/Long Beach), a freshman first baseman on the Alfred University softball team, has been named a First Team Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate softball all-star. Passaro had an outstanding freshman year for AU, leading the team in batting (.457) and on-base percentage (.504). Her 34 RBIs and 48 hits were both new school single-season records and she was second on the team with a .581 slugging percentage. Passaro was solid in the field as well, making only two errors in 220 chances for a .991 fielding percentage. Passaro is the first-ever First Team ECAC all-star at AU. She previously had been named a First Team Empire 8 Conference All-Star after helping lead the Saxons to a 24-13 record, which included an 8-4 mark in the Empire 8 (second place). The 24 wins represented a school single-season record. Alfred qualified for the Empire 8 Conference championship tournament for the second time in school history. The Saxons also competed in the ECAC Upstate Championships for a second straight year, making it to the title game before falling to Union. Passaro is one of nine starters who will return to the team in 2009.