

AU's Jackson earns all conference honors in women's basketball

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ALFRED, NY Melanie Jackson (Andover, NY/Wellsville), a junior guard on the Alfred University women's basketball team, has been named an Empire 8 all-star, the conference announced this week. Jackson was given honorable mention by the Empire 8 following a season in which she led the Lady Saxons with 247 points (11.8 per game) while grabbing a team-high 137 rebounds (6.5 per contest). Jackson finished the season with 39 steals and 40 assists. She ranked second in the conference in free throw percentage (83.3 percent), eighth in steals (1.86 per game), 10th in scoring, and 13th in rebounds. Each season, the Empire 8 honors students-athletes from each conference school, who play on teams sponsored by the conference, with Sportsperson of the Year awards. Honorees, chosen by their coaches, exhibited outstanding sportsmanship in keeping with the conference's mission of "competing with honor and integrity." Alfred's honoree from the women's basketball team is sophomore forward Alysha Dias (Rochester, NY/Greece Olympia).