

Graudons wins women's pole vault crown, three women's records set, as AU track and field teams compete at state meet

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ITHACA, NY -- The Alfred University men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed at the New York State championship meet Friday at Ithaca College, with AU junior **Rebecca Graudons (Mayfield, NY/Mayfield)** claiming a state title in the pole vault and sophomore **Miasia Hilliman (Buffalo, NY/Hutch Tech)** setting two school records.

After the first-day's action at the two-day meet at Ithaca College, the AU men (seven points) and women (14 points) were both in eighth place. RIT leads the men's standings, while Ithaca is leading the women's.

Graudons claimed her title with a vault of 3.25 meters. Two other AU women scored points Friday: junior **Liz DeMonte (Melville, NY/Walt Whitman)** took seventh in the pentathlon (2,503 points); and senior **Kari Blatz (North Babylon, NY/North Babylon)** took eighth in the shot put (10.34 meters). The top eight in each event score point for their teams. DeMonte won the pentathlon high jump, setting a new school record of 1.58 meters.

The AU team of sophomores **Miasia Hilliman (Buffalo, NY/Hutch Tech)** and **Patricia Banahene (Rochester, NY/Brighton)**, junior **Corine Pettit (Strykersville, NY/Holland)** and senior **Jordyn Larkins (Rochester, NY/Harley-Allendale-Columbia)** finished eighth in the women's 4X200-meter relay in a school-record and ECAC-qualifying time of 1:49.78.

Hilliman qualified for the finals in two events, setting school records in each. She was fourth in the preliminaries in both the 60-meter dash (8.08 seconds) and the 200-meter dash (26.78 seconds). Both time met ECAC qualifying standards.

The AU men's 4X200-meter relay team also qualified for the ECAC indoor championships. Senior **Chris Lopez (Rochester, NY/Pittsford Sutherland)**, freshman **Tchabelino Azimyt (New York, NY/A. Philip Radolf)** and seniors **Randy Brito (New York, NY/Cardinal Hayes)** and **Jeremy Weaver (Lancaster, PA/Lancaster Catholic)** placed seventh in 1:33.27.

Freshman **Joe Deurmeyer (Corfu, NY/Pembroke)** was the lone member of the AU men's team to score in an individual event Friday, taking seventh in the shot put (13.58 meters). The team of junior **Eddie Potter (Lansing, NY/Lansing)**, Weaver, freshman **Ethan Foster (Bolivar, NY/Bolivar-Richburg)**, and sophomore **Nolan Rummel (Kings Park, NY/Kings Park)** finished sixth in the men's distance medley (10:39.94).

Two AU men completed the first four events in the heptathlon Friday. Senior **Shane Stadtmueller (Red Creek, NY/Red Creek)** stood in fifth place (2,398 points) and junior **Mykal Ferguson (Rochester, NY/Greece Olympia)**

was in sixth (2,392 points). The 60-meter dash, long jump, shot put and high jump were held Friday; the 60-meter hurdles, pole vault and 1,000-meter run will be held Saturday.

Other AU men finishing in the top 10 were: freshman **Phillip Caruso (Rome, NY/Rome Free Academy)** was ninth (12.73 meters) and Lopez, ninth in the long jump (6.37 meters).

The team of senior **Amy Morrissey (Hornell, NY/Hornell)**, freshman **Shannon Dalton (Hamburg, NY/Frontier)**, senior **Jennifer Miranda (Bronx, NY/Academy of Letters)** and sophomore **Tracie Forrester (Gainesville, NY/Letchworth)** were 10th in the women&s distance medley (14:07.68).

The championships continue Saturday morning at 9:30, when the men&s heptathlon resumes. Other track and field events will begin at 10 a.m. Alfred is among 12 schools competing in the two-day meet. A complete meet schedule, meet program and link to live results can be accessed at the [Championship Website](#).