

Alfred University ski teams advance to national championships

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ALFRED The Alfred University men's and women's Alpine ski teams competed over the weekend in the United States Collegiate Ski Association Mideast Regionals, with each advancing to the national championships next month in New Hampshire. The men's team placed second in the regionals, held Friday and Saturday in Syracuse and Morrisville. The Saxons finished second in the giant slalom on Friday and second in the slalom on Saturday. The women's team placed fourth overall after finishing second in the giant slalom and seventh in the slalom. The top four men's and women's teams qualified for the USCSA national championships, March 10-17 in Waterville, NH. It is the fourth straight year the women's team has qualified for nationals. The men have qualified each of the last three seasons. The top men's skier for AU at regionals was senior Conor Walsh (Mt. Morris/Mt. Morris), who posted a third place in the giant slalom and fifth place in the slalom to take second overall in the individual standings. Senior Tylan Calcagni (Yarmouth, ME/Gould Academy), sixth in giant slalom and ninth in slalom; and freshman Matt Seavey (Canandaigua/Canandaigua), fifth in giant slalom, posted Alfred's other top-10 finishes. Senior Becky VanOverbake (Mt. Morris/Mt. Morris) led the women's team with third-place finishes in both the giant slalom and slalom events, and was third overall in the individual standings. Sophomore Kelly Farrell (Meriden, NH/Kimball Union Academy) and junior Chrissy Botens (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) placed 11th and 13th, respectively, in the giant slalom.