

Men's and women's soccer teams honored for their excellence inside the classroom

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The Alfred University men's and women's soccer teams have been recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) for excellence in the classroom.

The NSCAA recently announced its Team Academic Awards for 2013-14 and the Saxon men were among 286 men's collegiate teams (all divisions) nationwide to earn recognition. The AU women were among 595 women's teams nationwide to be honored.

To receive Academic Team Award honors from the NSCAA, a team must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. The AU men's team posted a team GPA of 3.20 in 2013-14, while the Alfred women's team GPA was 3.08. AU was one of only 208 schools in the country to have both its men's and women's teams honored.

In addition to earning academic honors from the NSCAA, the Saxons' men's team also placed senior [Jeff Thomas](#) (Canandaigua, NY/Canandaigua) on the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) Academic All-America all-district team.

The AU men are under the guidance of first-year head coach [Matt Smith](#), while the Saxon women's team is led by second-year head coach [Aileen Ascolese](#).