

AU men's skiers in 14th place after first day at USCSA nationals

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WINTER PARK, CO The Alfred University men's Alpine ski team placed 14th in the giant slalom competition at the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard (USCSA) national championship, held Thursday in Winter Park, CO. The AU men's team, which last week placed third at the USCSA Mid-Atlantic Regional title, is among 19 squads competing at the USCSA nationals. This season marks the first time since 2005 the AU men have competed at the national championships. Junior Lincoln Steele (Keene, NH/Keene) was the Saxons' top skier in the giant slalom, placing 44th out of roughly 110 skiers. Sophomores Robbie Ryminski (Warwick, NY/Warwick Valley), Joel Buchanan (Almond, NY/Scio) and Chet Farnum (Farmington, ME/Mt. Blue) were 55th, 72nd and 78th, respectively. Senior Ben Cantor (Concord, NH/Kimball Union Academy) did not finish his second run. The men's competition concludes Saturday with the slalom races. The AU women's team, in 19th place after Wednesday's giant slalom, competes in the slalom today.