

AU announces appointment of women's basketball assistant

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ALFRED, NY Alfred University announces the appointment of Kristen Suatoni as assistant women's basketball coach. Suatoni is a 2008 graduate of William Smith College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in economics with a minor in public policy studies and was a four-year member of the women's basketball team. She will assist head women's basketball coach Jay Murphy, who takes over the women's program this season after 13 years as head coach of the AU men's basketball team. Her coaching experience includes work at basketball camps and clinics at William Smith in 2006 and 2007 and as an AAU coach in Syracuse in 2005. She also worked as a basketball camp counselor/advisor for the Town of Clay (Liverpool, NY) for summers from 2004-07. Suatoni was hired for the assistant women's basketball coaching position as part of the NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship Grant program. Under the guidelines of the two-year \$46,200 grant which provides for a 10-month, full-time position in the AU Athletic Department Suatoni will serve half time as assistant women's basketball coach and half time as facilities and events coordinator. While at William Smith, Suatoni served as an athletics event management intern during the 2007-08 academic year. She was a sports management intern for the Rochester Redwings minor league baseball team during the summer of 2007. As facilities and events coordinator, Suatoni will be responsible for scheduling the use of the University's indoor and outdoor athletic facilities (the McLane Center, Merrill Field, Tucker Field, Davis Gym and the outdoor tennis courts). In addition to overseeing the department's facilities which will include developing a year-long plan for facility use by varsity teams, intramural and club programs, faculty and staff, and the community she will also be responsible for securing and overseeing game-day operation, supervising approximately 50 student workers.