

## **Alfred University hires former Saxon star to head swimming and diving teams**

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ALFRED Brian Striker, a five-time All-America swimmer at Alfred University, has been hired as head coach of the AU swimming and diving team, athletic director James Moretti announced today. Striker, a 2000 Alfred graduate, replaces T.J. Davis, who left AU earlier this summer to accept a coaching position at Hamilton College. A four-year letterwinner and three-year captain for AU, Striker earned All-America certification in the 200 freestyle in 1999 and in the 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay and 800 freestyle relay in 2000. He was a member of the relay teams that hold school records in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. He finished his career with 55 dual meet victories. His brother, Todd, is a 2001 AU graduate who was a 10-time All-American swimmer. While at Alfred, Striker was named to the Dean's List all eight semesters. He earned the Alfred University Scholar Award and the ECAC Merit Award and was awarded a Presidential Scholarship. "I'm thrilled we could find someone like Brian. What he did here as a student-athlete and what he can do as a coach and teacher will only help the swimming and diving program at Alfred University," Moretti said. "I'm very excited to have him here." A native of Caledonia, NY, and a graduate of York High School, Striker earned a bachelor's degree in management information systems from AU in May 2000. Prior to accepting the coaching position at Alfred, he worked as a front-line support specialist for Bausch and Lomb in Rochester. Striker has extensive coaching experience. After graduating from Alfred, he served two years as assistant swimming coach for the Fairport Area Swim Team, a national level swim team and one of the largest and most successful in Western New York. He was also a varsity swimming coach at his high school alma mater, York High School, from November 1999 to 2002. While at AU, he served as counselor, instructor and coach at swim camps at Alfred University and the University of Rochester. Striker inherits men's and women's teams that last year turned in two of the most successful seasons in program history. Fourteen members return from a men's team which went 6-2 (3-2 Empire 8) and finished second in the New York State Championships. The women's team -- which posted a 5-5 record (2-3 Empire 8), placed sixth in the state championship meet and set 11 new school records -- returns 11 swimmers. A promising group of recruits will join the returnees for what is shaping up to be a solid 2002-03 campaign for both squads.