

AU ski teams advance to nationals

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SNOW SHOE, WV After a solid showing in regional competition, the Alfred University men's and women's ski teams each advanced to next week's national championships. At the United States Collegiate Ski Association (USCSA) Mid-Atlantic Regionals, held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25, at Snow Shoe, WV, the AU men's team finished second and the women's team third. The top three men's and women's teams qualified for the USCSA National Championships, March 5-11 at Bogus Basin, ID. At Snow Shoe, junior Conor Walsh (Mt. Morris/Mt. Morris) was Alfred's top men's skier, finishing seventh in the giant slalom and second in the slalom for a third-place individual finish. Other top men's skiers for AU were junior Tylan Calcagni (Yarmouth, ME/Gould Academy), second in the giant slalom, and junior Cody Washburn (Deer River/Carthage), ninth in the giant slalom. The women's team finished with two other teams in a tie for first, but tiebreakers moved the Lady Saxons into third place overall. Junior Becky VanOverbake (Mt. Morris/Mt. Morris) turned in the best individual performance for AU, taking fifth overall after finishing fifth in the slalom and ninth in the giant slalom. Sophomore Chrisi Botens (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) placed eighth in the slalom and 13th in the giant slalom on her way to finishing ninth in the individual standings.