

AU honors ski teams which competed in national championships

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ALFRED, NY Alfred University held a ceremony Tuesday evening honoring the Alpine ski teams which have competed in the national championships. Banners recognizing the achievements of both the men's and women's teams were unveiled at halftime of the men's basketball team's game Tuesday evening. The banners were hung on the wall of the McLane Center gymnasium. The men's ski teams have competed nine times in the United States Collegiate Ski Association (USCSA) national championships: in 1994, 1996-98, 2000-03 and 2005. The women's team reached the national meet five times: 1993 and 1999-2002. The Alfred University ski teams are coached by Kevin Walsh, who is now in his sixth season as head coach. The University has also placed a banner in the main lobby of the McLane Center, which recognizes the AU men's ski team's four-season unbeaten run. From 1999-2002, the Saxons went 40-0 in regular-season meets and won four USCSA Mid-Atlantic Region, Empire Conference championships. The 2001 team finished in ninth place overall at the USCSA meet, its best performance ever at nationals. The banner honoring the unbeaten teams was donated to the University by Phil Curran of the Alfred Sports Center.