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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RECEIVES TWO MORE COMMITMENTS FOR 2008-09**

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced on Tuesday, July 29 that two student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to join the Great Danes in the 2008-09 academic year. **Delaney Cohan**, a 6-foot-1 forward from Boothwyn, Pa. (Chichester H.S.) and **Shelby Coon**, a 6-foot-1 forward from Briarcliff, N.Y. (Briarcliff H.S.), each made a commitment.

Cohan was named one of the top five players in the Delaware Valley League by the *Philadelphia Inquirer* after averaging 15.2 points and 10.1 rebounds per game this past winter. She also garnered all-county and all-conference honors. As a junior, she earned honorable mention all-county and all-conference laurels while averaging 10 points and seven rebounds per contest. Cohan, who intends to major in biology at UAlbany, took all honors courses at Chichester High School and graduated with a 3.2 grade point average.

"Delaney is a highly skilled forward," said Patterson, who is beginning her seventh season as head coach. "She has a high basketball IQ and the ability to stretch the defense with her long-range shooting."

Coon led her high school team to a 28-1 record and the 2008 New York State Federation Class B championship. For her efforts, she earned all-tournament honors after averaging 13.5 points and 15.6 rebounds per game. Furthermore, Coon was named league MVP and to the all-state first team. She set a sectional record by grabbing 470 boards, which also ranked fourth in the state and 19th in the country. As a junior, the forward was named fifth-team all-state, all-section and all-conference. Her team was co-league champions with an 18-2 ledger. Coon plans to major in business administration at UAlbany.

"Shelby plays the power forward position," Patterson stated. "She is fundamentally sound, rebounds well, and is an outstanding defender."

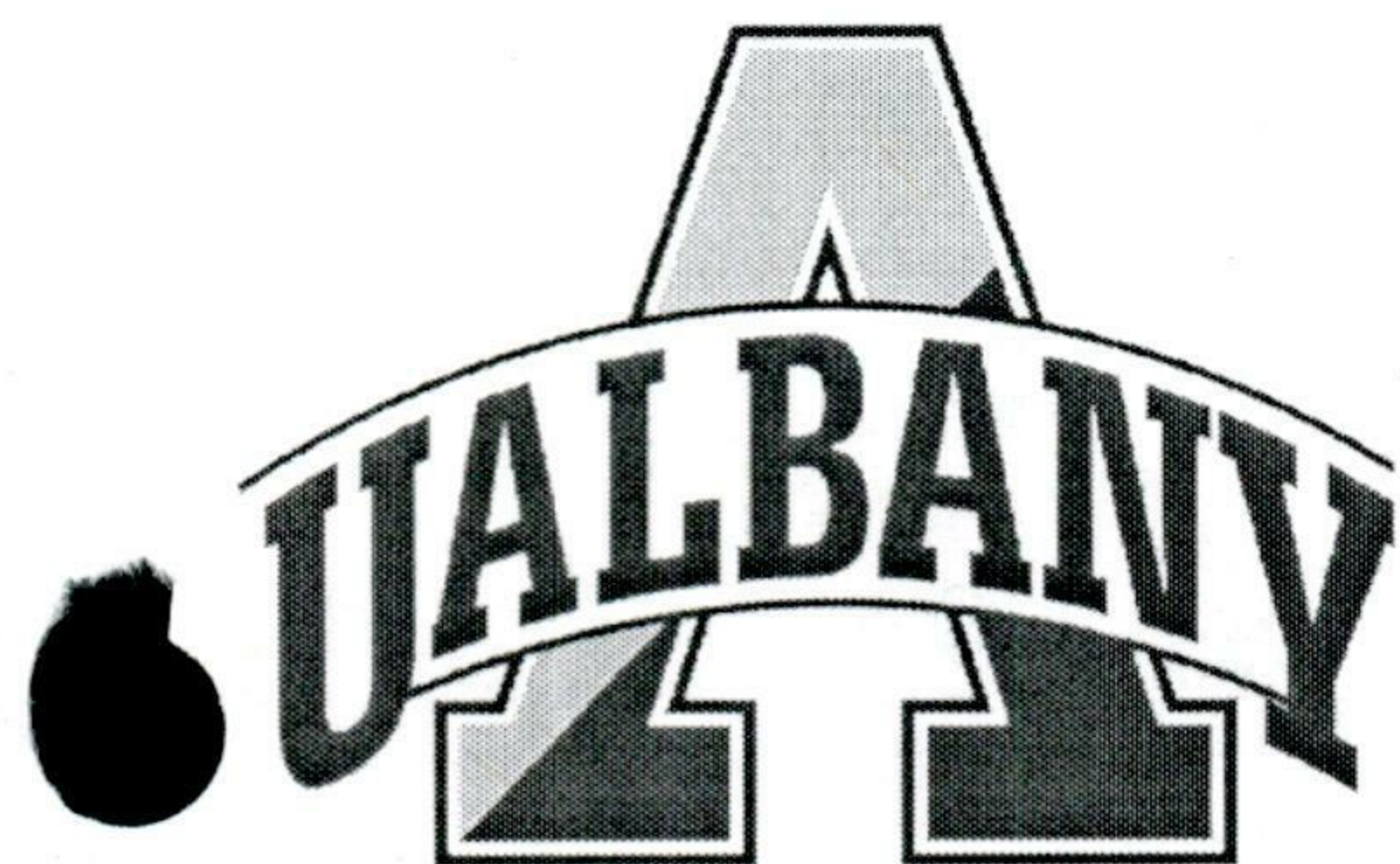
Kate Cronin, a 5-foot-10 forward from Amityville, N.Y., Adrienne Jones, a 5-foot-7 guard from Waldorf, Md., and Tabitha Makopondo, a 6-foot-1 forward from Gainesville, Fla., previously signed during the November period.

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**2008-09 University at Albany Women's Basketball Signings**

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown (High School)
Delaney Cohan	F	6-1	Boothwyn, Pa. (Chichester)
Shelby Coon	F	6-1	Briarcliff, N.Y. (Briarcliff)
Kate Cronin	F	5-10	Amityville, N.Y. (St. John's the Baptist)
Adrienne Jones	G	5-7	Waldorf, Md. (Westlake)
Tabitha Makopondo	F	6-1	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)





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## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY RELEASES 2008 MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced on Monday, July 28 the school's men's soccer schedule for 2008. The Great Danes will play a 17-match schedule, including tournaments in San Diego and Pittsburgh.

UAlbany kicks off its 10th season as a NCAA Division I program at the Robert Morris Invitational. The Great Danes open up against Pittsburgh on Friday, Aug. 29, at 2:30 p.m. Two days later, the team will face host Robert Morris. The following weekend, the Great Danes travel to southern California for the Courtyard by Marriott Central San Diego Tournament. UAlbany will face San Diego on Sept. 5 and San Diego State on Sept. 7.

The Great Danes stay on the road and square off against Rhode Island on Friday, Sept. 12, and Cornell on Wednesday, Sept. 17. The team's home opener at Varsity Field will be against crosstown-rival Siena on Sunday, Sept. 21. The club will then face Marist on the road the following Sunday.

UAlbany opens America East Conference play against 2007 NCAA Tournament participant Boston University on Saturday, Oct. 4. The Great Danes will play regular-season champion Binghamton in their conference home debut on Oct. 8. Conference opponents Stony Brook, UMBC and America East Tournament Champion Vermont will also visit Varsity Field. UAlbany also matches up against New Hampshire, Hartford and Maine on the road.

Head coach Johan Aarnio enters his ninth season in charge of the Great Dane program. He will oversee a club which returns nine starters and all of its goal scoring from a year ago. Senior goalkeeper Steward Ceus, who has been the team's regular starter in net since his freshman season, played every minute last year and finished with 83 saves, three shutouts and a 1.59 goals against average.

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### 2008 University at Albany Men's Soccer Schedule

August – 29 (Fri.), vs. Pittsburgh<sup>^</sup>, 2:30; 31 (Sun.), at Robert Morris<sup>^</sup>, 2:00;

September – 5 (Fri.), at San Diego<sup>+</sup>, 10:00; 7 (Sun.), at San Diego State<sup>+</sup>, 4:00; 12 (Fri.), at Rhode Island, 7:00; 17 (Wed.), at Cornell, 7:00; 21 (Sun.), Siena, 3:00; 28 (Sun.), at Marist, TBA;

October – 4 (Sat.), at Boston U.<sup>\*</sup>, 7:00; 8 (Wed.), Binghamton<sup>\*</sup>, 4:00; 11 (Sat.), at New Hampshire, 4:00; 15 (Wed.), Stony Brook<sup>\*</sup>, 4:00; 18 (Sat.), UMBC<sup>\*</sup>, 1:00; 22 (Wed.), at Hartford<sup>\*</sup>, 7:00; 25 (Sat.), Bryant<sup>\*</sup>, 1:00; 29 (Wed.), at Maine<sup>\*</sup>, 3:00;

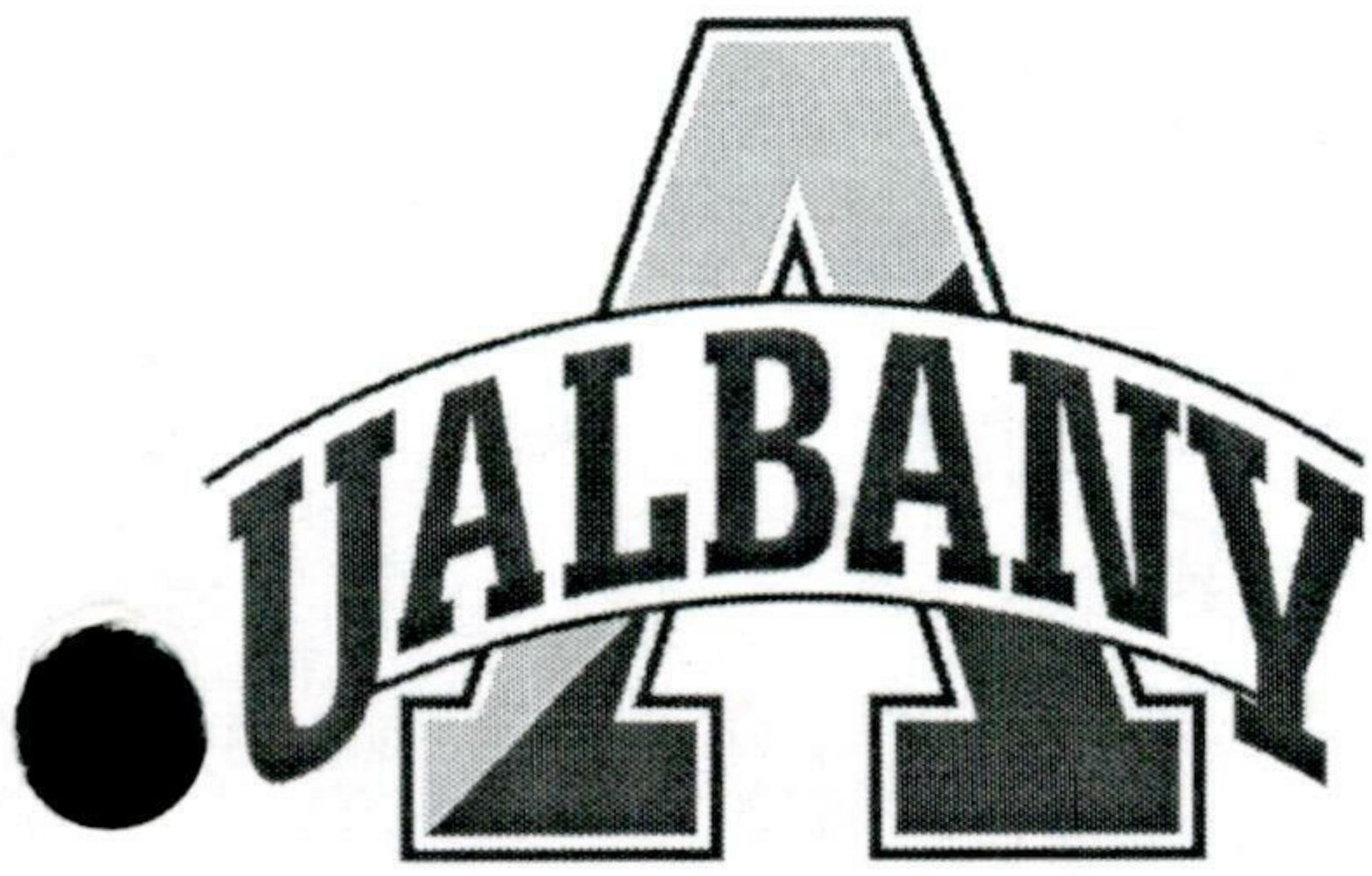
November – 2 (Sun.), Vermont<sup>\*</sup>, 1:00;

<sup>\*</sup>America East Conference Opponent

<sup>^</sup>Robert Morris Invitational

<sup>+</sup>Courtyard by Marriott Central San Diego Tournament





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## **UALBANY'S STEVE AMMANN NAMED AMERICA EAST LACROSSE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

Cambridge, Mass. – University at Albany's Steve Ammann has been chosen America East Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year in men's lacrosse for the 2008-09 academic year, as announced today by the conference office. He has a 3.83 cumulative grade point average in business administration with a concentration in finance and marketing.

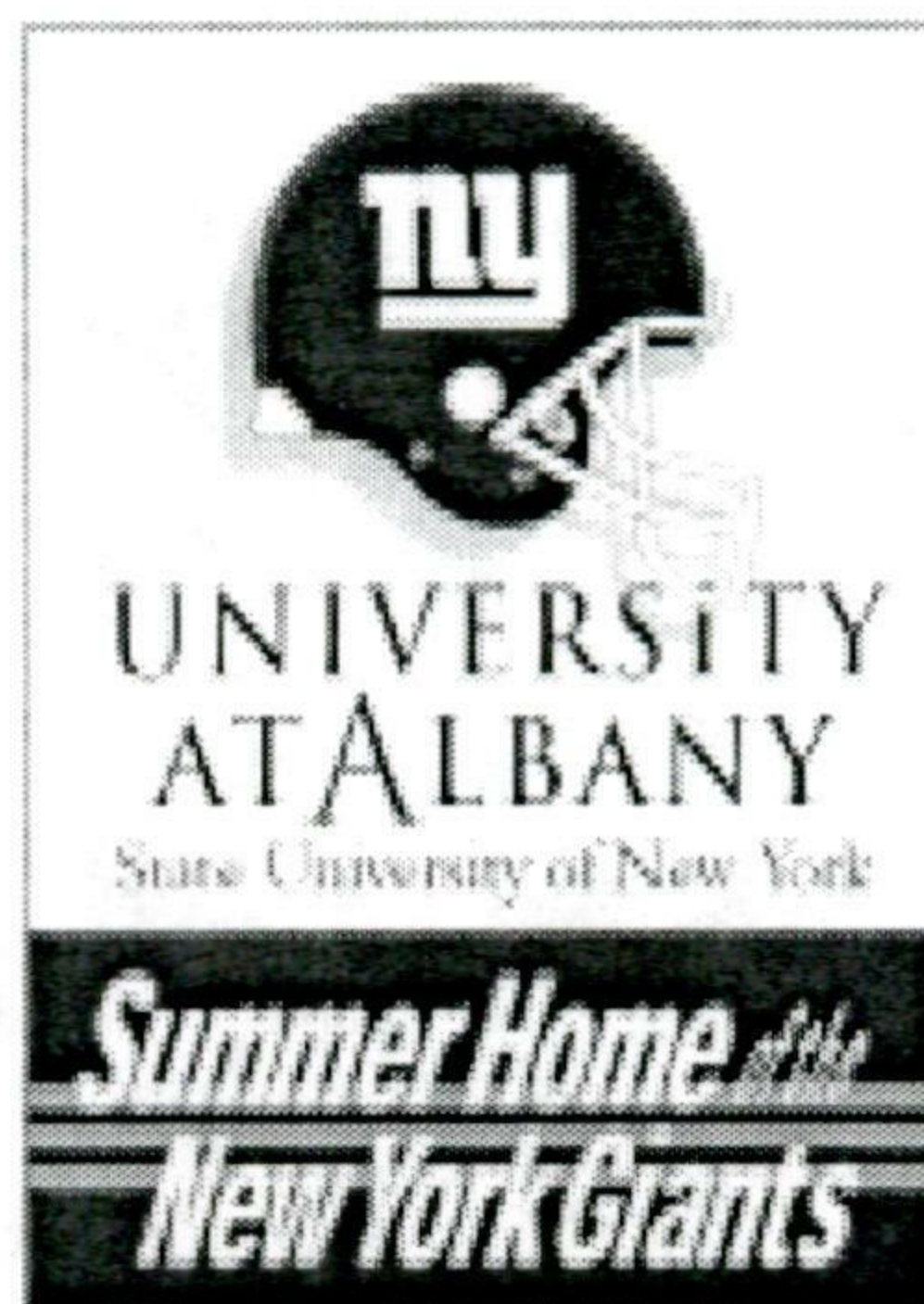
Ammann, a senior from Putnam Valley, N.Y., recently was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* District I All-Academic Men's At-Large Team. He earned UAlbany's Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award as the senior male athlete with the highest GPA and received the President's Award for Leadership. Ammann was a member of the conference all-academic squad for the second straight year and the America East Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

A second-team all-conference midfielder for the second year in a row, Ammann ranked fourth on the UAlbany team in scoring with 15 goals and 12 assists. He made 65 appearances and accounted for 36 goals, 35 assists and 80 ground balls as a collegian. He helped lead the Great Danes to a pair of America East championships and two NCAA berths in 2005 and 2007.

Ammann, who played alongside his brother, Mike, on the team's second midfield line, has been active in the community with Habitat for Humanity, Walk for Juvenile Diabetes and Adopt-A-Family. Prior to graduation last May, he served internships with Morgan Stanley and Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.



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## GUY ROBICHAUD RECEIVES CAPITAL DISTRICT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that Guy Robichaud will receive the Capital District Student Scholarship, sponsored by New York Giants Football, Inc. and UAlbany. Robichaud will be recognized as part of a welcome program at Giants Media Day on Wednesday, July 23.

The Giants Media Day program is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on the UAlbany campus' Dutch Quad Field. Giants head coach Tom Coughlin will meet with the media and then be part of a welcome event.

Robichaud, who will attend UAlbany in the fall and play football for head coach Bob Ford, was a consensus first-team All-Area selection by the *Albany Times Union*, *Daily Gazette* and *Troy Record*. Robichaud, a 6-foot-5, 290-pound offensive lineman from Rensselaer, N.Y., was named first-team All-Liberty Division. He made 67 tackles from his defensive line position as a senior. LaSalle Institute won its second Section II, Class AA championship in the last three years with a 9-2 record.

Robichaud plans to study sports medicine or sports management. His parents are Guy and Kathleen Robichaud. He has one brother, Patrick. His mother serves as Judge of the Rensselaer City Court.

The Capital District Student Scholarship provides Robichaud with a monetary award equivalent to the tuition costs of four years at the University at Albany. The Giants are training on the UAlbany campus for a record-setting 13th consecutive summer. The first practice sessions will be held on Friday, July 25 and continue through Sunday, August 17.

**TRAINING CAMP NOTES:** The Super Bowl XLII champion New York Giants have announced several special training camp events ... Player Autograph Night is scheduled for Monday, July 28 following the camp's first evening practice ... Giants Youth Day is Monday, Aug. 11 and Giants Albany Idol is Tuesday, Aug. 12 ... Giants training camp all-session parking passes are available through the University at Albany Athletic Ticket Office (PE 135) ... An all-session parking pass is \$15.00, while the daily parking fee is \$5.00 ... Dutch (Student Gold) Lot is the primary public parking facility ... For more information, call 518-442-4683 or 518-442-4522 ... The 2008 New York Giants training camp schedule can be accessed through [www.giants.com](http://www.giants.com) or [www.ualbanysports.com](http://www.ualbanysports.com).



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## UALBANY ANNOUNCES NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR 2008-09 SEASON

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics and Recreation Lee McElroy announced today the school's men's basketball non-conference schedule for the 2008-09 season. The list of opponents include defending national champions Kansas and Big East Conference members Villanova and DePaul. Perennial Ivy League power Pennsylvania comes to SEFCU Arena on Nov. 29.

The Great Danes meet Kansas at Allen Fieldhouse, a 16,300-seat facility, in Lawrence, Kan. on Tuesday, Dec. 30. The Jayhawks won their third NCAA championship last April with a 75-68 overtime win against Memphis. Sherron Collins returns for the Big 12 Conference champions. UAlbany will be playing the defending national champion for the first time and its second-ever Big 12 opponent.

UAlbany opens its schedule with a pair of Big East teams in Villanova (Nov. 14) and DePaul (Nov. 17). Villanova has made three regional semifinals and one Elite Eight appearance in the the last four years under head coach Jay Wright. The Wildcats, who finished 22-13 one year ago and lost to Kansas in the Mideast Regional semifinals, met UAlbany for the first time on Dec. 22, 2004. Scottie Reynolds, a second-team All-Big East selection, is the top performer. DePaul and UAlbany will battle for the first time at Allstate Arena (18,500) in Rosemont, Ill. Jerry Wainwright is in his fourth season as the Blue Demons' coach and has two Big East all-rookie players back in Dar Tucker and Mac Koshwal.

Pennsylvania is among four non-league opponents that will play at SEFCU Arena. The Quakers, who have made 23 NCAA appearances, including five of the last seven seasons, travel to the Capital Region on Saturday, Nov. 29. The Great Danes will also host Central Connecticut State (Nov. 22), Bryant (Dec. 1) and Canisius (Dec. 13). Bryant is making the transition to Division I and becomes a member of the Northeast Conference in 2012.

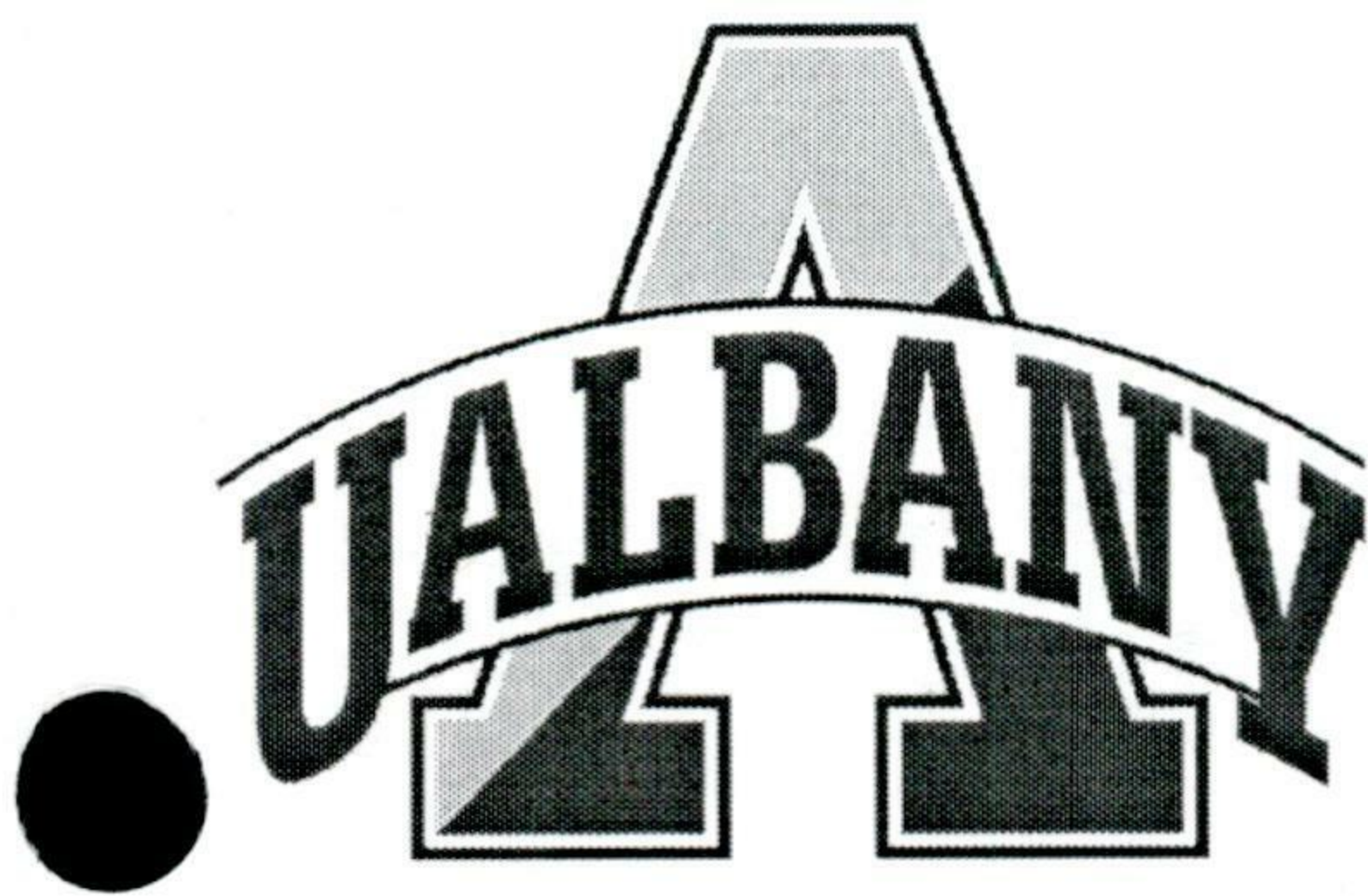
In addition, the Great Danes will tangle with Siena in the crosstown-rivalry's 48th meeting on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Times Union Center. The series has averaged 10,833 fans since the two programs renewed the rivalry in 2001. UAlbany also meets Columbia, Sacred Heart, Bryant, St. Francis, N.Y. and Lehigh in non-league road games.

In 2007-08, UAlbany tied for second in the America East Conference regular-season standings before dropping an overtime battle in the postseason tournament's quarterfinal round. Senior forward Brian Connelly, who averaged 10.1 points and 5.3 rebounds, is among six returning letterwinners.

### 2008-09 University at Albany Men's Basketball Non-Conference Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
Nov. 14	Friday	at Villanova	Villanova, Pa.
Nov. 17	Monday	at DePaul	Rosemont, Ill.
Nov. 19	Wednesday	at Bryant	Smithfield, R.I.
Nov. 22	Saturday	Central Connecticut State	SEFCU Arena
Nov. 25	Tuesday	at Columbia	New York, N.Y.
Nov. 29	Saturday	Pennsylvania	SEFCU Arena
Dec. 1	Monday	Bryant	SEFCU Arena
Dec. 6	Saturday	at Siena	Albany, N.Y.
Dec. 8	Monday	at Lehigh	Bethlehem, Pa.
Dec. 13	Saturday	Canisius	SEFCU Arena
Dec. 19	Friday	at Sacred Heart	Fairfield, Conn.
Dec. 22	Monday	at St. Francis, N.Y.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Dec. 30	Tuesday	at Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.





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**UALBANY PLACES 198 STUDENT-ATHLETES TO THE AMERICA EAST ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL**

Cambridge, Mass. – The University at Albany had 198 student-athletes named to the 2007-08 America East Conference Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll, as announced by the conference office on Thursday afternoon. Students had to earn grade point averages of 3.0 or above for the fall semester to receive this recognition. Students earning a 3.5 GPA or better were named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll. America East honored 1,639 winter and spring student-athletes from around the conference.

The UAlbany women's track and field team featured the highest number of honorees for the Great Danes, with 28 student-athletes earning recognition for both the indoor and outdoor seasons. The men's track and field program featured 26 student-athlete honorees in both seasons.

For the winter season, five members of the men's basketball team earned academic accolades, led by 2007-08 Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year Brian Lillis. Women's basketball had nine representatives, including six Commissioner's Honor Roll members.

For the spring season, the UAlbany women's lacrosse team had 25 team members recognized, with 15 student-athletes earning Commissioner's Honor Roll status. Men's lacrosse placed 19 student-athletes on the honor roll, with nine members named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Twelve members of the baseball team earned the academic honor, while the softball and tennis teams placed eight student-athletes each on the list. The America East Conference Championship women's golf team had four honorees.

Binghamton had the most honor roll members, with 251 student-athletes earning the award. New Hampshire and Vermont followed with 201 and 197 honorees, respectively, with New Hampshire placing a league-high 121 student-athletes on the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Stony Brook (188), Maine (168) Boston U. (159), UMBC (140) and Hartford (137) rounded out the nine member schools.

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**2007 America East Conference Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll**

**Baseball:** Toby Adeyemi, Ryan Breier, Pete Eichner, Jim Gaudet, Sean Gregory, Zachary Halloran, Dan Koegel, Dave Noble\*, Chris Ott\*, Marco Rivera, Brendan Rowland, Nate Toussaint.

**Men's Basketball:** Billy Allen, Reid Anderson, Brian Connelly\*, Jon Iati, Brian Lillis\*.

**Golf:** Sun Kim\*, Becky Lukac, Jessica Signorelli\*, Maggie Taylert.

**Men's Lacrosse:** Mike Ammann\*, Steve Ammann\*, Andrew Babnik, Anthony Behling, Makr cometti, Kyle Crotty\*, Andew Dicioccio, Paul Guzzone\*, Matt Johnson\*, Mark Kelly, Derek Kreuzer, Matthew Novosel\*, Trevor Ortolano, Garrett Pedley\*, Makr Phelan, Joseph Pompo\*, Corey Small, Derek Speziale\*, Nathan Sullivan.

**Women's Lacrosse:** Jodi Battaglia\*, Kayla Best, Nicole Branchini\*, Stacey Brown\*, Jane Bush\*, Julie Bush\*, Samantha Fontanella\*, Taylor Frink, Christine Greuniger\*, Tricia Hurley\*, Stephanie Kempf, Theresa Ladouceur, Renee Levitin\*, Meghan Merriam\*, Emily Miller, Caitlin Nevins, Molly Ortolano, Tricia Primomo\*, Rory Redmond\*, Mel Rorie, Brittany Scott\*, Teresa Strano\*, Sam Strebel, Kimberly Sumcizk\*, Sara Wolf.

**Softball:** Kristine Bill, Meagan Butsch, Tara Dalton\*, Nicole Kothe\*, Amber Maisonet\*, Gina Mason, Julianne Petraitis, Bailey Van Deest\*.

**Tennis:** Melissa Coughlin\*, Caitlin Crowley\*, Alexa Etkin, Amanda Hall\*, Aimee Kern\*, Susan Ma, McKenzie Mackey\*, Kim Weltman\*.

**Men's Indoor Track & Field:** Nick Assini\*, Joe Belokopitsky, Fred Casimo, Wilfredo De Jesus, Michael Dempsey, Ricardo Estremera\*, Tyler Fogarty, Valeté Graham\*, Jonathan Hilbert, Matthew Hertz, Raphael Jean-Baptiste, Chris Jimenez\*, Nicholas Jones, Mohamed Kanu\*, Bryan Lasky\*, Kevin Lee, Michael Lynch, Kyle Nadler, Kevin O'Reilly, Andrew Overbaugh\*, Charles Ross, David Rothman\*, Luke Schoen, Mitchel Troise\*, Pat Weider, Freddy Wills.

**Women's Indoor Track & Field:** Tashia Alexander, Sandy Antenor, Esperanza Blanco, Danielle Broeker, Octavia Clarkson\*, Meghan Crowe, Laura Cummings, Bausha Elliott, Zuliana Fontanez, Arina Gerasimova, Kristine Grab\*, Jenn Gurrant, Quante Harris, Jessica Hunter, Isabella Katsarelis\*, Rebecca Kelly, Sarah Lapierre, Melissa Lee\*, Ashley Lewis, Candice Mann\*, Briana McNamee, Kamilah McShine\*, Amy Morrison\*, Kristine Mun, Alexandra Panos\*, Jessica Panos\*, Laine Sefick, Corrine Porter Stepney\*.

**Men's Outdoor Track & Field:** Nick Assini\*, Joe Belokopitsky, Fred Casimo, Wilfredo De Jesus, Michael Dempsey, Ricardo Estremera\*, Tyler Fogarty, Valeté Graham\*, Jonathan Hilbert, Matthew Hertz, Raphael Jean-Baptiste, Chris Jimenez\*, Nicholas Jones, Mohamed Kanu\*, Bryan Lasky\*, Kevin Lee, Michael Lynch, Kyle Nadler, Kevin O'Reilly, Andrew Overbaugh\*, Charles Ross, David Rothman\*, Luke Schoen, Mitchel Troise\*, Pat Weider, Freddy Wills.

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\* Denotes America East Commissioner's Honor Roll





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## MEN'S LACROSSE HAS 14 STUDENT-ATHLETES MAKE COMMITMENTS FOR 2009

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany men's lacrosse coach Scott Marr announced today that fourteen student-athletes have made commitments to play for the Great Danes in the 2008-09 academic year. The list includes three U.S. Lacrosse High School All-Americans and one junior college All-America player.

"It's a very athletic and intelligent group of lacrosse players," offers Marr, who has a 73-51 career record in eight seasons with the UAlbany program. "This class is well-rounded and brings both excitement and passion to the game. We have increased our scoring ability with high-caliber attackmen like Dave Brock and Joe Resetarits, and the midfielders should make us solid at those positions for the next couple of years. We just continue to build with student-athletes from winning programs who are motivated to excel."

**Joe Resetarits** was named to the U.S. Lacrosse High School All-America squad for the second straight year. Resetarits, whose brother Frank earned first-team All-America honors as a collegian at UAlbany in 2007, was selected to play in the Under Armour All-Star Game, as one of the nation's top 46 scholastic boys' players, and the U.S. Lacrosse National Senior Showcase. He set New York's Section VI record with 98 goals in leading Hamburg High to the Class B state semifinals. **Luke Cometti** totaled 51 goals and 36 assists as a senior when West Genesee High won the 2008 New York Class A state championship. A U.S. Lacrosse All-American, Cometti was chosen Central New York Co-Player of the Year by the *Syracuse Post-Standard*. His brother, Mark, is a midfielder on the current UAlbany team.

**Rocky Bonitatibus** is the third high school All-American in this year's class. Bonitatibus, an All-Section I midfielder, accounted for 39 goals and 22 assists as a member of New York's fifth-ranked Class A squad. A native of Burlington, Ontario, **Dave Brock** was selected second-team NJCAA All-America for the second consecutive year at Herkimer County Community College. A first-team All-Region III player on two occasions, Brock (6'4", 210 pounds) amassed 115 goals and 51 assists in his two-year HCCC career.

UAlbany picked up two players named to the Ohio High School Lacrosse Association all-state team. **Keith Olson**, a first-team selection, led Upper Arlington H.S. to its fifth consecutive state championship. A Division I All-Region I choice, Olson was voted the 2008 OHSLA Midfielder of the Year. **Daley Baker** earned honorable mention all-state and first-team all-region recognition at Cleveland Heights High. In addition, Baker was second-team all-league as a ice hockey goalkeeper.

Shenendehowa High's **John Olsen** was tabbed All-Area by the *Albany Times Union* and *Troy Record*. Olsen, an All-Suburban Council attackman who piled up 185 career points, tallied 49 goals and 42 assists as a senior. **Tim Monahan**, an Amherst Central High defenseman and long-stick midfielder, was named All-Western New York for the third straight year. **Matt Cushing**, who also competed in football and wrestling at East Syracuse-Minoa H.S., had 25 goals and 17 assists from the midfield last spring.

Long Island scholastic standouts are well represented among this group. **Dwayne Stewart**, an All-Suffolk County performer, scored 38 goals and 42 assists at Copiague High. **Jack Reynolds**, a 6-foot-3 midfielder who attended Bridgton Academy last year, established Holy Trinity's single-season record with 43 goals in 2007. **Dean Steinmann** and **John Carroll** led Smithtown East to the Suffolk County Class A quarterfinals. Steinmann had 32 goals and nine assists from his midfield position, while Carroll made double-figure saves against six opponents, including 16 vs. Smithtown West in the quarterfinals. **Travis Lyons**, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound defenseman, was also a quality wide receiver for the Farmingdale High football program.

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## UAlbany Lacrosse 2-2-2

UAlbany returns 24 letterwinners from a team that reached the America East Conference championship final for the seventh consecutive season. The Great Danes have made four NCAA tournament appearances in that period.

### 2009 University at Albany Men's Lacrosse Commitments

<i>Name</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Hometown (High School)</i>
Daley Baker	Mid.	Cleveland Heights, Ohio (Cleveland Heights)
Rocky Bonitatibus	Mid.	Yorktown Heights, N.Y. (Yorktown)
Dave Brock	Att.	Burlington, Ontario (Nelson / Herkimer County C.C.)
John Carroll	Glk.	Nesconset, N.Y. (Smithtown East)
Luke Cometti	Mid.	Syracuse, N.Y. (West Genesee)
Matt Cushing	Mid.	Minoa, N.Y. (East Syracuse-Minoa)
Travis Lyons	Def.	Farmingdale, N.Y. (Farmingdale)
Tim Monahan	Def.	Williamsville, N.Y. (Amherst Central)
John Olsen	Att.	Clifton Park, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)
Keith Olson	Mid.	Upper Arlington, Ohio (Upper Arlington)
Joe Resetarits	Att.	Hamburg, N.Y. (Hamburg)
Jack Reynolds	Mid.	Farmingdale, N.Y. (Holy Trinity / Bridgton Academy)
Dean Steinmann	Mid.	Nesconset, N.Y. (Smithtown East)
Dwayne Stewart	Mid.	Copiague (Copiague, N.Y.)





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### **MATT CHMURA HIRED AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS**

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today the hiring of Matt Chmura as the assistant director of athletic media relations.

Chmura comes to UAlbany after a 10-month stint as sports information director at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. He was responsible for the publicity of 23 varsity sports and worked to enhance the department's publications and web site. He spearheaded the implementation of live web casts for a variety of sports at the Merchant Marine Academy and developed increased media coverage for the department.

Prior to his position at the Merchant Marine Academy, Chmura spent two years as a graduate assistant at Quinnipiac University. He served as the school's primary contact for nine NCAA Division I programs, while working to gain media coverage on the local, regional and national levels. He was also involved in the planning and implementation of media relations efforts for the opening of the TD Banknorth Sports Center, which opened in January 2007.

Chmura also gained Division I experience through internships at Northeastern University and the College of the Holy Cross. While at Northeastern, Chmura was the lead contact for the women's ice hockey team and assisted with publicity of the men's ice hockey team.

Chmura is a 2005 graduate of Springfield College, where he earned six letters in track and field while pursuing a B.S. in sports management. He also received his M.S. in journalism from Quinnipiac in 2007.

### **UALBANY NAMES JILL SERAFINO ASSISTANT WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH**

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head women's soccer coach Mary-Frances Monroe named today Jill Serafino as assistant women's soccer coach.

Serafino brings several years of coaching experience to the Great Danes' staff. She most recently served as an assistant women's soccer coach at American International College, where she was also a professor of sport management and sport psychology. Serafino has also held the position of head soccer coach with Academica Futebol Club in Cheshire, Conn., since 2006. She has also served as the athletic counseling/mental conditioning coach for several soccer organizations, including the New England Mutiny of the Women's Premier Soccer League, the University of Massachusetts, Springfield College and Westfield State College.

Serafino received a B.A. in sport management, psychology and exercise science from the University of Massachusetts in 2003 and later earned a master's of education in psychology with a concentration in athletic counseling from Springfield College in 2005.





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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM THREE STUDENT-ATHLETES

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany women's lacrosse coach Lindsey Hart announced today that three student-athletes have made commitments for the 2008-09 academic year. **Brianna Day**, a defender/midfielder from North Massapequa, N.Y. (Plainedge H.S.), **Jenn Primeau**, a midfielder from Niskayuna, N.Y. (Niskayuna H.S.), and **Melanie Sosnowski**, an attacker from Massapequa Park, N.Y. (Massapequa H.S.), will enroll as freshmen in the fall semester.

"Jenn Primeau is a midfielder who can play both ends of the field," stated Hart, whose program has made two consecutive America East Conference postseason tournament appearances. "She is incredibly fast and extremely athletic. (Melanie) Sosnowski is a skilled attack who is great in transition and can finish. (Brianna) Day is an aggressive defender who has the ability to carry the ball into the midfield and scoring area."

Primeau was named to the *Albany Times Union* All-Area squad after accounting for 38 goals and 11 assists as a senior. A first-team All-Suburban Council selection, she scored four goals against both Saratoga Springs and Saugerties. Primeau led the Silver Warriors, who finished with a 15-6 record, to the 2008 Section II championship and the Class B state semifinals.

Day, who has been a starter since her freshman year at Plainedge High, earned all-conference honors last season. She had 37 goals and six assists for the Red Devils, including a seven-goal, one-assist performance against Port Washington. Day, who most likely will play defense at the collegiate level, was named to the 2008 U.S. Lacrosse High School Academic All-America Team.

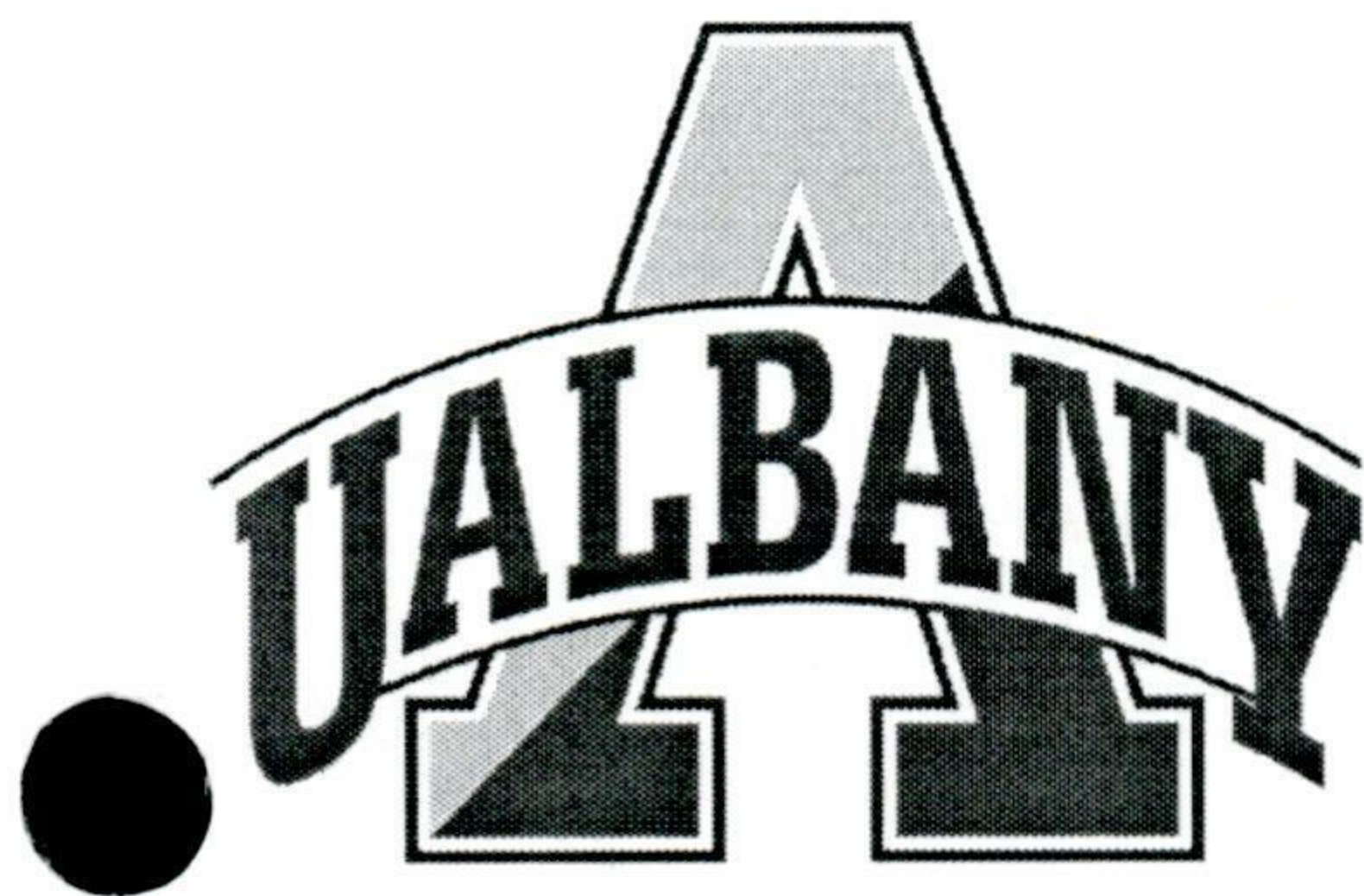
Sosnowski, who has an accurate shot, was an All-Conference I standout. She totaled 35 goals and 18 assists from her attack position as a senior. Sosnowski, who led her team to an 11-5 record, was named the Nassau Player of the Week by *Newsday* on April 17. She tallied five goals against St. Anthony's and four goals and two assists versus Seaford. Sosnowski was also an All-Nassau County gymnast.

UAlbany returns 19 letterwinners, including nine starters, off a squad that posted eight victories for the third consecutive season against a schedule that featured six national top-20 programs.

### 2009 University at Albany Women's Lacrosse Commitments

Name	Pos.	Hometown (High School)
Brianna Day	D/M	North Massapequa, N.Y. (Plainedge)
Jenn Primeau	Mid.	Niskayuna, N.Y. (Niskayuna)
Melanie Sosnowski	Att.	Massapequa Park, N.Y. (Massapequa)





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**UALBANY MEN'S SOCCER ANNOUNCES NINE INCOMING PLAYERS FOR THE 2008 SEASON**

Albany, N.Y. -- University at Albany head men's soccer coach Johan Aarnio announced on Tuesday that the program has received commitments from nine incoming players for the 2008 season. The incoming class includes three transfers and six freshmen.

"We have recruited to add depth to our roster and affect the areas we fell short in last year," Aarnio said. "With an incoming class of three recruited transfers and six recruited freshmen we have added experience and talent in both offense and defense to our group."

The class is led by junior transfer Claudio Dantas, who joins the Great Danes from Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Mo. A native of Deerfield Beach, Fla., Dantas was a two-time adidas Junior College Division I All-American and also earned consecutive All-South and Regional XVI honors in 2006 and 2007. Last season, Dantas led Jefferson to a fifth-place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament and was ranked eighth nationally in scoring with 27 goals and eight assists. He led the Vikings to consecutive Region XVI and Plains District championships. Dantas, a 5-foot-8 striker, was ranked fourth nationally in points as a freshman in 2006, scoring 28 goals and adding eight helpers.

Junior forward/midfielder William Vasquez joins the UAlbany program after two seasons at SUNY Delhi. In 2007, Vasquez was voted to the NSCAA adidas Junior College Division III All-America first team, as well as earning Division III All-East Regional and All-Region III honors. A native of Peekskill, N.Y., he was ranked ninth nationally in points, with 15 goals and eight assists.

Defensive midfielder Mike Peters comes to UAlbany from Hogeschool Apeldoorn in the Netherlands. A 6-foot-2 senior who hails from the town of Westervoort, Peters was a member of the senior first-team AVW'66 Arnhem Divisional Champions in 2007.

Leading the group of five freshmen is Lawrence Papaleo, a 6-foot-2 forward from Manlius, N.Y. Papaleo earned NSCAA all-state honors and was a member of the Syracuse Under-18 New York State West championship team. A high honor roll student at Christian Brothers Academy, Papaleo competed in the Red Bull High School Cup, presented by adidas, which brings together the top New York and New Jersey high school seniors.

Konner Julian McNamara comes to the program from Iona Catholic Central High School in Mississauga, Ontario. A 6-foot-2 defender, McNamara was a member of the Toronto Lynx 20-under Super-Y League finalist squad and was a two-time winner of the Ontario Cup with the Mississauga Falcons in 2005 and 2006. McNamara is the younger brother of UAlbany senior Taylor Mikael McNamara.

Jordan Zaprowski joins the Great Danes out of Clarence Central High School. A 5-foot-9 defender from Williamsville, N.Y., Zaprowski was a bronze medal winner at the 2007 Empire State Games with the Western Scholastic soccer team and was a member of the Delaware SC Internationals.

Aarnio continues to bring in high-performing international students, including Adrian Foncette, Bjorn Bekkers and Luuk Collou. Foncette, a 6-foot-2 goalkeeper, is a native of Arima, Trinidad and Tobago and was a member of the 2007 Under-23 national team. Foncette, who attended Fatima College High School, was also a member of the St. Ann's Rangers Futbol Club. Bekkers is a 6-foot-2 forward/midfielder from Enschede, Netherlands. He was a member of the Senior First Team Sparta Enschede and attended Stedelijk Lyceum in Enschede. Collou also hails from Enschede, Netherlands and was a member of the Tubanters Enschede Senior First Team last year and attended ROC Twente.

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Hilco Beeks	Sr.	D	Arnhem, Netherlands/Hogeschool Arnhem-Nijmegen
Bjorn Bekkers	Fr.	M/F	Enschede, Netherlands/Stedelijk Lyceum
Luuk Collou	Fr.	M/F	Enschede, Netherlands/ROC Twente
Claudio Dantes	Jr.	F	Deerfield Beach, Fla./Jefferson College
Adrian Foncette	Fr.	GK	Arima, Trinidad and Tobago/Fatima College HS
Konner Julian McNamara	Fr.	D	Mississauga, Ontario/Iona Catholic Central
Lawrence Papaleo	Fr.	F	Manlius, N.Y./Christian Brothers Academy
Mike Peters	Sr.	D/M	Westervoort, Netherlands/Hogeschool Apeldoorn
William Vasquez	Jr.	F/M	Peekskill, N.Y./SUNY Delhi
Jordan Zaprowski	Fr.	D	Williamsville, N.Y./Clarence