Men’s
Cross Country
2004

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AU Quick Facts
Location................................................................. Aurora, IL
Founded................................................................. 1893
Enrollment.............................................................. Approximately 4,000
Nickname................................................................. Spartans
Colors................................................................. Royal blue/white
Conference................................................................. Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference
National Affiliation ...................................................... NCAA Division III
President ................................................................. Dr. Rebecca L. Sherrick
Director of Athletics ...................................................... Mark Walsh
Head Cross Country Coach ............................................ James Kluckhohn
Coach's Record ............................................................ Second Season
Athletics Phone ............................................................ 630-844-5110
Athletics Fax ............................................................... 630-844-7809
Athletic Trainer ............................................................ Stevie Baker-Watson
Sports Information Director ......................................... Brian Kipley
Sports Info. Phone ........................................................ 630-844-7575
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On the cover:
2004 Men's Cross Country Team
James Kluckhohn is in his second season as the head coach of Aurora University's cross country and field programs. Kluckhohn comes to the Spartans from Chicago, where he was the head cross country and assistant track and field coach at North Park University. Prior to his three-year tenure at North Park, Kluckhohn was the interim head track and field coach at Texas Lutheran University, a NCAA Division III institution in Seguin, TX. Kluckhohn was an assistant for three years in cross country and two years in track prior to becoming interim track and field coach. He also served as a cross country assistant at the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse, where he was a part of a national championship in 1996.

Kluckhohn is no stranger when it comes to starting a program from the ground up. While at Texas Lutheran University, Kluckhohn helped as an assistant, to pioneer both the women's cross country and track and field programs. Overall, the team finished second in the American Southwest Conference in their first season.

As a student athlete, Kluckhohn ran for the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse cross country and track team. The seven-time University of Wisconsin–La Crosse scholar athlete was named cross country team captain in 1993. Kluckhohn received his bachelor's in physical education from the UW–La Crosse, and master's in human performance from UW–La Crosse, as well as C.S.C.S. (strength and conditioning) certification. He is a member of the United States Track Coaches Association, Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association, and National Strength and Conditioning Association. He is married to Kari and has one son, Jacob.

Paul Farnum joins the Aurora cross country program as an assistant coach, following a standout career as a distance athlete at North Park University. The 2004 graduate served as captain of both the cross country and track and field squads his senior season. Farnum completed a bachelor's in Psychology while at North Park, and resides in Aurora.
The Aurora University Men’s Cross Country program begins its second year under Head Coach James Kluckhohn. The program is still in its infancy. “On the men’s side of our program, we return only one runner from a year ago, and that leaves us extremely young with a little of the unknown going into the season,” Kluckhohn said. Last season, the Spartans had a formidable schedule, finishing with a season-best second-place showing at the Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference Meet.

“We look to continue to grow and develop a successful, nationally recognized Division III cross country team,” Kluckhohn stated. A big step in enhancing the image of a new program will be hosting the Spartan Classic on September 10 at Oakhurst Forest Preserve. “It’s an important step to have the excitement of a home meet and the home course advantage. This is a chance to highlight our program for the community college teams competing and the local high school teams we’ve invited out to watch the meet. They get to see what Spartan Cross Country is all about.”

Kluckhohn will look to two freshmen to set the tone for the season, Nick Aloisio (Aurora, IL/Aurora Central Catholic HS) and Pat Buffington (Howards Grove, WI/Howards Grove HS), along with top returning runner Danny Hernandez (Aurora, IL/Aurora Central Catholic HS). “Nick Aloisio is in his third year of competitive running, so he is still young from a racing standpoint, but he is very talented. Pat Buffington is a talented runner and looks to be one of our top distance runners,” Kluckhohn stated.

“We will be a deeper team than a year ago, and that will help us score at meets. Yet at the same time, we must develop a front runner who can affect us some at bigger meets,” said Kluckhohn.

Adding depth will be freshmen David Mathew (Aurora, IL/Aurora Central Catholic HS), Michael Kain (Aurora, IL/East Aurora HS), Adam Wagner (Aurora, IL/West Aurora HS) and sophomore Aaron Smith (Sugar Grove, IL/Kaneland HS).

With a talented group looking to make their mark on a rising program at AU, the 2004 Spartan men’s cross country team has lofty expectations for the coming year.
# 2004 Official NCAA Roster

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**Head Coach:** James Kluckhohn
Meet the Spartans

NICK ALOISIO, 5’9”, FR, Aurora, IL/Aurora Central Catholic HS
High School: Attended Aurora Central Catholic High School. Ran two years of varsity cross country and four years of varsity track under Coach Troy Kerber. Was named All-Conference junior and senior years in cross country and track. Placed third at state in the 4x800 and fourth in state in the 4x400. He also was a member of the varsity wrestling team for three years, where he received All-Conference and All-Regional his junior and senior years. Personal: Born 5/28/86 in Aurora, IL. Family: Tony and Glenda Aloisio. He has three younger sisters, Stacy, Gina, and Alison. Hobbies: Wrestling, weight lifting, snow boarding, and inline skating. Major: Undecided.

PAT BUFFINGTON, 5’10”, FR, Howards Grove, WI/Howards Grove HS
High School: Attended Howards Grove High School. Ran four years of varsity cross country under Coach Gary Kalk. Was named All-Conference all four years, was named team MVP as a freshman, junior, and senior, and was named captain his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Also reached state his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Ran four years of varsity track under Coach Mike Schreeder. Was named All-Conference his junior and senior years as well as named team MVP his junior year. He was captain his senior year and also holds a school record. Personal: Born 4/25/86 in Sheboygan, WI. Family: Mark and Deb Buffington. He has two brothers, Chris and Andy. Hobbies: Biking, swimming, music, playing the guitar, and piano. Major: Secondary Education.

DANNY HERNANDEZ, 5’5”, FR, Aurora, IL/Aurora Central Catholic HS
High School: Attended Aurora Central Catholic High School. Ran four years of varsity cross country under Coach Troy Kerber. Named MVP as a senior, captain and All-City as a junior and senior, and All-Regional as a senior. Ran four years of varsity track under Coach Kerber. Named captain, All-Conference, All-State, All-City as a junior and senior, and team MVP as a senior. Personal: Born 5/10/85 in Aurora, IL. Family: Luis and Graciela Hernandez. He has one brother and one sister. Hobbies: Playing sports, working out, reading, and listening to music. Major: Undecided.

MICHAEL KAIN, 6’0”, FR, Aurora, IL/East Aurora HS
High School: Attended East Aurora High School and ran four years of varsity cross country under Coach Cliff Persel. He was named Academic All-Conference all four years. Personal: Born 6/28/86 in Aurora, IL. Family: Christine Kain. He has two brothers, John and Frank, and one sister, Susan. Hobbies: Cars, games, and computers. Major: Undecided.

DAVID MATHEW, 5’7”, FR, Aurora, IL/Aurora Central Catholic HS
High School: Attended Aurora Central Catholic High School. Ran three years of varsity track under Coach Troy Kerber. Named All-Conference and a state qualifier his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Was All-State junior and senior year. Was named team MVP his junior and senior year and was captain his senior year. Also played two years of each varsity basketball and football under Coaches Don Holler and Mike Curry. Was named to the second team All-Area in football his senior year. Personal: Born 7/31/85 in Aurora, IL. Family: Jim and Maria Mathew. He has one brother, Kevin, and two sisters, Julie and Laura. Hobbies: Water skiing and golfing. Major: Undecided.

GIOVANNI SANTANA, 5’7”, FR, Aurora, IL/Aurora Central Catholic HS
High School: Attended Aurora Central Catholic High School. Ran one year of varsity track under Coach Troy Kerber. Named All-Academic/All-Conference his junior year. Played one year of varsity basketball under Coach Don Holler and received All-Academic/All-Conference his senior year. Played two years of varsity golf under Coach Kathy Oros and received All-Academic/All-Conference and was a co-captain his junior and senior years. Played one year of varsity tennis his senior year under Coach Norb Rozanski, where he received All-Conference/All-Academic and most spirited honors. Personal: Born 6/12/86 in Aurora, IL. Family: Rosa M. Santana. Hobbies: Basketball, golf, tennis, playing other sports, and listening to music. Major: Business.

AARON SMITH, 5’11”, SO, Sugar Grove, IL/Kaneland HS
High School: Attended Kaneland High School and ran three years of varsity track under Coach Ralf Drendel. Received the Bruce Peterson award as a senior. Played two years of varsity soccer under Coach Scott Parillo. Named team MVP and All-Conference as a senior. Personal: Born 6/3/85 in Aurora, IL. Family: Charles III and Judy Smith. He has one brother, Andrew. Major: Undecided.
Meet the Spartans

ADAM WAGNER, 6’0”, FR, Montgomery, IL/West Aurora HS
High School: Attended West Aurora High School. Ran three years of varsity cross country under Coach Paul Clennon. He was varsity co-captain and was on the diving team under Coach Sue Miguiar.

He also ran varsity track for two years under Coach Paul Clennon. Personal: Born 2/07/86. Family: Kevin and Mary Wagner. He has a brother, Andrew, and a sister, Sarah. Hobbies: Computers and music. Major: Undecided.

AU Men's
Cross Country Records

MEN’S 8K SCHOOL RECORD
Name     Year    School       Course          Time
Kel Bond 2003 Wis. Lutheran Greenfield Park 27:37

MEN’S 8K FRESHMAN RECORD
Name     Year    School       Course          Time
Kel Bond 2003 Wis. Lutheran Greenfield Park 27:37

Cross Country Facilities

AURORA COUNTRY CLUB
The Aurora Country Club, located a half mile from campus, serves as the training area for Monday afternoon practices throughout the cross country season. The beautiful rolling hills and soft surface of the golf course provide an outstanding training site for our cross country runners. Few collegiate programs in the country can claim to have a better setting to start their training week.

OAKHURST FOREST PRESERVE
The Oakhurst Forest Preserve is located seven and a half miles from campus. It serves as the training area for Wednesday afternoon practices and is the venue for the Aurora University – Spartan XC Classic held in early September. Oakhurst trails offer ideal training surfaces. The mowed grass, dirt forest, and crushed limestone trails provide AU runners with a scenic setting as they train for competition.

VIRGIL L. GILMAN TRAIL
The Virgil L. Gilman Trail, located a half mile from the Aurora University campus, serves as a regular training site for the cross country teams. The tree-lined asphalt trail has half-mile markers, and runners can either take the west or east trail.

The west route takes runners a mile-and-a-half to the newly constructed bridge over Orchard Road. After crossing Orchard Road, the trail connects to an abandoned railroad right-of-way leading to Bliss Woods and ending at Waubonsee Community College.

The east trail takes runners across the Fox River, ending at Ohio Street. As the trail crosses the Fox River, runners can run the Fox River Trail System, which takes them on a scenic run along the banks of the Fox River.
Dr. Rebecca L. Sherrick  
**President**  
Currently in her fifth year as Aurora University president, Dr. Sherrick is a true Spartan booster and often attends athletic events. She earned her BA from Illinois Wesleyan and PhD from Northwestern University.

Dr. Andrew Manion  
**Provost**  
Previously dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1998-2000, Dr. Manion earned his BA from Saint Norbert College and his PhD in experimental psychology from Adelphi University.

Michael Moser  
**Vice President for Student Life**  
Moser assumed the duties of president for student life in March 2004. He has a BA from North Central College and a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Mark Walsh  
**Director of Athletics**  
Walsh was named director of athletics in 1998. Previously, Walsh was AU’s head baseball coach from 1992-2002 and an assistant coach from 1987-1992. Walsh led the Spartans to nine NIIC Conference Championships and nine NCAA Tournament appearances while posting a 320-85 (.790) won-lost record in 10 seasons. Walsh also served as an assistant football coach at AU from 1986-1996 and was part of the coaching staff that reinstated football after it had been dropped in 1952. Walsh earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Aurora University.
Eckhart Hall

Aurora University traces its origins to the 1893 founding of a seminary in the small town of Mendota, IL. Though established initially to prepare graduates for ministry, the institution soon adopted a broader mission and moved to a new campus on the western edge of the nearby community of Aurora. With this change came a different name and a growing enrollment. In 1985, the institution was rechristened Aurora University.

In 1992, the Aurora and George Williams College traditions blended when the two institutions entered into the affiliation agreement that paved the way for a merger eight years later.

Today Aurora University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels. The institution enrolls approximately 4,000 degree-seeking students a year on its Illinois and Wisconsin campuses. AU offers its undergraduates a wide range of on- and off-campus learning experiences. Students participate in more than 40 musical, literary, religious, social, and service organizations and play active roles in campus governance. The university also fields 16 NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletic teams. The Spartans boast a winning tradition with 27 conference titles in recent years and 18 regular appearances in national tournaments.

The Alumni Hall of Physical Education features a racquetball court, climbing wall, complete locker-room facilities, training room, weight room, aerobic-activities room, classroom, and coaches' offices.

At AU, we believe that the educational needs of students are served best through the formation of strategic partnerships with institutions of like vision, mission, and values. Such collaborations also enhance the well being of the communities around our campus. For example, our innovative partnership with the West Aurora School District is recognized nationally as a model for educational reform. AU will soon break ground for the $13 million facility that will house this growing collaboration and the students and faculty it nurtures. Our George Williams Campus at Lake Geneva, WI, is also the scene for important collaborative efforts. Earlier this year, the residential, conference, and academic facility, developed in partnership with Children's Oncology Services Inc., opened. In the years ahead, the new building will serve as the home to the One Step at a Time Camp program for children with cancer and the university's rapidly growing academic program.

Aurora University is located in west Aurora, within an hour’s drive of Chicago and at the western end of the Illinois Research and Development Corridor. It is accessible via Interstate 88 at the Orchard Road exit.

This Is Aurora University

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## 2004 Men’s Cross Country Schedule

Head Coach: James Kluckhohn

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<td>Chuck Carroll Invitational North Central College</td>
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<td>Naperville, IL DuPage River Park</td>
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<td>Spartan Classic Aurora University</td>
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<td>Aurora, IL Oakhurst Forest</td>
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<td>Brissman/Lundeen Invite Augustana College</td>
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<td>Warrior Invitational Wisconsin Lutheran Coll.</td>
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All home matches in **BOLD**