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AU Quick Facts

Location ........................................................ Aurora, Ill.
Founded ............................................................... 1893
Enrollment .................................................. Approximately 4,000
Nickname ........................................................... Spartans
Colors ............................................................. Royal Blue and White
Conference ........................................ Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference
National Affiliation ................................ NCAA Division III
President .................................................. Rebecca L. Sherrick
Director of Athletics ................................. Mark Walsh
Head Cross Country Coach ......................... James Kluckhohn
Coach's Record ........................................ Third Season
Athletics Phone ........................................ 630-844-5110
Athletics Fax ............................................... 630-844-7809
Athletic Trainer ........................................ Stevie Baker-Watson
Sports Information Director ..................... Brian Kipley
Sports Information Phone ....................... 630-844-7575
Sports Information Fax ................................. 630-844-3826
AU Spartan Sports Hotline ...................... 630-844-3838
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The bottom map is an enlargement of the Aurora University area. Parking areas are shown with a circled P.
Meet the Coaching Staff

JAMES KLUCKHOHN
Head Coach
Third Season

James Kluckhohn is in his third season as Head Coach of Aurora University's cross country and track programs. Kluckhohn has pioneered the newest additions to AU's intercollegiate offerings.

Kluckhohn comes to the Spartans from Chicago's North Park University, where he was the Head Cross Country and Assistant Track and Field Coach. Prior to his three-year term at North Park, Kluckhohn was the Interim Head Track and Field Coach at Texas Lutheran University, a NCAA Division III institution in Seguin, Texas. 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 University of Wisconsin La Crosse, where he was a part of a National Championship in 1996.

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The Aurora University men’s cross country program is in its third year under Head Coach James Kluckhohn. “We now need to develop our racing experience. And the only way to do that is to race. We are young but not without talent,” Kluckhohn said.

Last season, the Spartans ran a formidable schedule, finishing with a season and school-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. We must be healthy during our championship season so we can put our best team on the course,” Kluckhohn stated.

A big step in enhancing the image of a new program was hosting the Spartan Classic in September at Oakhurst Forest Preserve. “It’s important to have a home meet and have the home-course advantage. It’s also a chance to highlight our program and allow many of the junior college programs that will compete, along with the high school teams we have invited out for the day, to see what Spartan Cross Country is all about,” Kluckhohn said.

Kluckhohn will look to sophomore David Mathew (Aurora, Ill./Aurora Central Catholic HS) to be an important returner from the 2004 squad. His experience and leadership will be key to the Spartans’ success in 2005. Sophomores Travis Quigley (Wilmington, Ill./Wilmington HS) and Matt Waite (Burlington, Ill./Burlington Central) are returning athletes from track and field who could be strong competitors by the end of the season.

Freshmen Craig Mariano (Schaumburg, Ill./Schaumburg HS), Edward Lawson (Chesterton, Ind./Chesterton), Isaac Ricks (Chicago/Hyde Park) and Donald Pugh (Chicago/Chicago Agricultural Science) join the AU program with aspirations of making an instant impact.

“Both Craig Mariano and Edward Lawson could surprise some people and make a big impact on our team. Each come from successful high school programs, which will be valuable,” Kluckhohn said.
### 2005 Official NCAA Roster

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**Head Coach:** James Kluckhohn  
**Assistant Coach:** Elaine Canchola
Meet the Spartans

EDWARD LAWSON, 5’7”, Fr,
Chesterton, Ind./Chesterton HS

Why I chose AU...It was close to home and it was a place I could continue to run.

CRAIG MARIANO, 6’0”, Fr,
Schaumburg, Ill./Schaumburg HS

Why I chose AU...The staff is nice and the campus is small. It also gave me the programs I was looking for academically and offered me the best financial aid package.

DAVID MATHEW, 5’9”, So,
Aurora, Ill./Aurora Central Catholic HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Attended Aurora University and was a member of the AU cross country team. 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 sophomore, junior and senior years. Was All-State junior and senior years. Was named team MVP his junior and senior years and was the captain his senior year. Also played two years each of 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, Ill. Family: Jim and Marie Mathew. He has one brother, Kevin, and two sisters, Julie and Laura. Hobbies: Water skiing and golfing. Major: Undecided.

Why I chose AU...I chose AU because I liked the sound of a small class environment where I could get to know all my classmates as well as my teachers. Also, to join a sport and actually be able to participate in it.

DONALD PUGH, 6’0”, Fr,
Chicago/Chicago Agricultural Sciences HS

Why I chose AU...I chose AU because of the size of the campus and classrooms. They are smaller than larger schools such as U of I or NIU, so you get more of a one-on-one learning experience with the teacher.

TRAVIS QUIGLEY, 6’1”, So,
Wilmington, Ill./Wilmington HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Attended Aurora University and was a member of the AU track and field program. High School: Attended Wilmington High School. Ran three years of varsity track under Coach Chris Pluister. Named All-Conference all three years and was a state qualifier his senior year. He also played two years of varsity football under Coach Jeff Reents. Named All-Conference as a senior. He also played two years of varsity basketball under Coach Brian Goff. Personal: Born 3/20/86 in Morris, Ill. Family: Steve and Becky Quigley. He has one brother, Josh. Hobbies: Computers and playing sports. Major: Criminal Justice.

Why I chose AU...For the small class sizes, location and track.

ISAAC RICKS, 5’10”, Fr,
Chicago/Hyde Park Academy

Why I chose AU...I chose to attend AU because of the small classroom size, the cross country/track programs and the area of my major (education). I also did not want a quantity school but a quality school, which is what AU is all about!

MATT WAITE, 6’0”, So,
Elgin, Ill./Burlington Central HS
College as a Freshman ('04): Attended Aurora University and was a member of the AU track and field program. High School: Attended Burlington Central High School. Ran four years of varsity track under Coach Mike Schmidt. He was given the Coaches Award all four years, and the team was sectional champs all four years. He was also a state qualifier as a junior and named captain as a senior. Personal: Born 2/8/86 in Elmhurst, Ill. Family: Joe and Ruth Waite. Hobbies: Playing basketball, fishing and golf. Major: Spanish. Minor: Physical Education.

Why I chose AU...I liked where it was located and the people I encountered on my visits.
**AU Men's Cross Country Facilities**

**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 1.5 miles 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.

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**AU Men’s Cross Country Records**

**MEN’S 8K SCHOOL RECORD**

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**MEN’S 8K FRESHMAN RECORD**

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**AU Men’s Cross Country Awards**

**SPARTAN AWARD**

- 2004: Aaron Smith
- 2003: Aaron Smith

**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR**

- 2004: David Mariano
- 2003: Danny Hernandez

**MVP**

- 2004: Pat Buffington
- 2003: Kel Bond

**CAPTAINS**

- 2005: Craig Mariano and David Mathew
- 2004: Pat Buffington and Aaron Smith
- 2003: Kel Bond

**ATHLETES OF THE MEET – 2004**

- Chuck Carroll Invitational: Nick Aloisio
- Spartan Classic: Aaron Smith
- Brissman/Lundeen Invitational: David Mathew
- Warrior Invitational: Mike Kain
- Eagle Invitational: Pat Buffington
- Millikin Classic: Giovanni Santana
- NIIC Championships: Pat Buffington
- NCAA Regional: David Mathew and Aaron Smith

**NIIC CONFERENCE FINISHES**

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<td>2003</td>
<td>Second</td>
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**NIIC AWARDS**

- All-Conference: 2004: Pat Buffington and Nick Aloisio
- 2003: Kel Bond and Danny Hernandez

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**

- 2004: Pat Buffington

**Spartans’ All-Time Roster**

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- Admission                        844-5533
- Alumni Office                   844-5486
- Physical Education Office       844-6181
- Campus Safety                   844-5450
- Training Room                   844-4891
- University Communications       844-5481
- Wellness Center                 844-5434

AU Administration

Rebecca L. Sherrick
President
Currently in her sixth year as Aurora University President, Rebecca Sherrick is a true Spartan booster and often attends athletic events. She earned her B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan University and Ph.D. from Northwestern University.

Andrew Manion
Provost
Previously Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1998 to 2000, Andrew Manion earned his B.A. from Saint Norbert College and his Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Adelphi University.

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

Mark Walsh
Director of Athletics
Mark Walsh was named Director of Athletics in 1998. Previously, Walsh was AU’s Head Baseball Coach from 1992-2002 and 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 Assistant Football Coach at AU from 1986-1996 and was part of the coaching staff who 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, Ill. 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 18 NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletic teams. The Spartans boast a winning tradition with 37 conference titles in recent years and 32 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. Opening this year is AU’s $14 million Institute for Collaboration that will house this growing collaboration and the students and faculty it nurtures. Our George Williams Campus at Williams Bay, Wis., is also the scene for important collaborative efforts. Last 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 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.
### Aurora University

#### Spartans

#### 2005 Men’s Cross Country Schedule

Head Coach: James Kluckhohn

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