Getting to AU Matches

West Aurora High School is located at 1201 W. New York St.

Washington Middle School is located near the intersection of Alschuler and Constitution Drive.
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AU Quick Facts

Location ................................................................. Aurora, IL
Founded ................................................................. 1893
Enrollment ........................................................... Approximately 4,000
Nickname .......................................................... Spartans
Colors ................................................................. Royal blue/white
National Affiliation ........................................ NCAA Division III
Conference ........................................ NAC Northern Athletics Conference
President .................................................. Rebecca L. Sherrick
Director of Athletics ............................................ Mark Walsh
Head Golf Coach ........................................ Chad Johansen
Head Tennis Coach ............................................... Paul Heinkel
Athletics Phone ................................................ 630-844-5110
Athletics Fax ..................................................... 630-844-7809
Sports Information Director ......................... Brian Kipley
Sports Information Phone ......................... 630-844-7575
Sports Information Fax ............................... 630-844-3826
AU Spartan Sports Hotline .............................. 630-844-3838
AU Media Outlets

Local Print
Aurora Beacon-News .......................... 101 S. River, Aurora, IL 60506
Todd Adams, Sports Editor 630-844-5911
Fax: 630-844-1043

Kane County Chronicle .................... 1000 Randall Rd., Geneva, IL 60134
Brian Schaumburg, Sports Editor 630-232-9222
Fax: 630-232-4962

Fox Valley Labor News ...................... P.O. Box 4155, Aurora, IL 60507
Carter Crane, Editor 630-897-4022
Fax: 630-892-3873

Daily Herald ............................... 3805-A Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174
630-587-8623
Fax: 630-587-8639

Kendall County Publications ............. 222 Bridge St., Yorkville, IL 60560
630-533-7034
Fax: 630-533-7085

Oswego Ledger-Sentinel .................... Box #669, Oswego, IL 60611
630-554-8565
Fax: 630-554-7560

Regional Print
Chicago Tribune ......................... 435 N. Michigan, Chicago, IL 60611
Metro Sports 312-222-3474
Fax: 312-828-9392

Chicago Sun-Times ....................... 350 N. Orleans, Chicago, IL 60654
College Sports 312-321-2247

Radio/TV
WSPY (107.1 fm) ........................... 1 Broadcast Center, Plano, IL 60545
WFXV (TV-30) 630-552-1000
Greg Burks, Sports Director Fax: 630-552-9000

Comcast (ch. 4) ............................. 800 W. 5th Street, Naperville, IL 60563
630-552-1000

Wire Services
Associated Press .......................... 230 N. Michigan, Chicago, IL 60601
Sports Desk 312-781-0500
Fax: 312-781-1989

All requests for interviews should be made through Brian Kipley, Director of Sports Information, at 630-844-7575. Media should call in advance.
CHAD JOHANSEN  
Head Golf Coach  
Third Season

Johansen is in his third season as the Head Women’s Coach at Aurora University. The program is now in its fourth season. Johansen comes to AU from Blackberry Oaks Golf Course in Bristol, IL, where he currently serves as the head golf professional and helps with day-to-day course operations and instructing juniors and adults in lessons. He was named the 2006 Northern Athletics Conference Women’s Golf Coach of the Year.

Johansen was an accomplished collegiate golfer at Augustana College, where he was a member of the college’s nationally recognized men’s golf program. While at Augustana, Johansen was a team captain in his senior season; as a junior, Johansen was a College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) All-Conference selection and was named team MVP. He was active in all aspects of Augustana’s golf program, including assisting with tournament and practice schedules. Johansen also helped coordinate indoor workout routines during the winter and was heavily involved in the recruitment process. Johansen continues his golf career today; he is currently an apprentice working toward membership in the Professional Golf Association (PGA) of America. He is a member of the Professional Golfers Association, Chicago District Golf Association and Illinois Juniors Golf Association.

Johansen earned his B.A. in business administration from Augustana College in 2001.
The Aurora University women’s golf team had a fantastic season in 2006. Aurora University claimed the 2006 Northern Athletics women’s golf championship, becoming the first team champion of the newly formed conference. The championship also marked the first for the AU squad that is in its fourth year of existence.

The Spartans handled the competition easily, running away with the championship by a margin of 38 strokes. The women's golf team was also recognized on the individual level where freshman Lindsey Pilmer (Aurora, IL/Aurora H.S.) and senior Brittany Butcher (St. Charles, IL/St. Charles East H.S.) made the All-Northern Athletics Conference team. Also, Coach Chad Johansen was honored by winning the NAC Coach of the Year. The Spartans are confident about defending their conference title next year with all four players returning.

### 2006 Official NCAA Roster

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<td>Lindsey Pilmer</td>
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<td>Emalee Lehr</td>
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<td>Brittany Butcher</td>
<td>5'5”</td>
<td>Sr.</td>
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BRITTANY BUTCHER, 5’5”, Sr, St. Charles, IL/St. Charles East H.S. 
College as a Junior (’06): Played softball for the Spartans and had a 17-5 record as a pitcher. She was named All-NIIC. She also had three hits in 16 at bats. 
College as a Sophomore (’05): Attended and played softball at Edgewood College. She was team MVP and All-Lake Michigan Conference. College as a Freshman (’04): Attended and played softball at Edgewood College. 

EMALEE LEHR, 5’8”, Fr, Harvard, IL/Harvard H.S. 
High School: Attended Harvard Community High School and played four years of golf under Coach John Lagerhausen. She was named Honorable Mention All-Conference as a senior. She also played two years of softball. Personal: Born 8/19/88 in Rockford, IL. Family: Randall and Eileen Lehr. She has one brother, Justin. Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends. Major: Political Science and Business Administration. 

LINDSEY PILMER, 5’9”, Fr, Aurora, IL/West Aurora H.S. 
High School: Attended West Aurora High School and played two years of golf under Coach Dave Zine. She was named Honorable Mention All-Conference as a junior and All-Conference as a senior. Personal: Born 7/27/88 in Aurora, IL. Family: Jim and Karen Pilmer. She has one brother, Kyle. Hobbies: Working with kids and anything outdoors. Major: Elementary Education.
ALLISON SPERLING, 5’2”, Jr, Aurora, IL/West Aurora H.S.

College as a Sophomore ('05-'06):
Attended AU and was a member of the golf team. College as a Freshman ('04-'05): Attended AU and was a member of the golf team. 

Paul Heinkel enters his third season as Head Women’s Tennis Coach at Aurora University. Heinkel comes to AU from the Fox Valley Park District, where he served as Deputy Director of Recreation Services.

Heinkel was named the 2006 Northern Illinois-Iowa Conferences men’s tennis Coach of the Year.

With the Fox Valley Park District for 27 years, Heinkel has served in several capacities, including overseeing the Aurora Tennis Club. Currently a member of the United States Tennis Association, Heinkel regularly plays competitive tennis and is rated as a 4.5 player. He enjoys working directly with Aurora University’s tennis athletes, utilizing his skills and resources to build a solid, competitive program.

Heinkel received his B.S. in park and recreation administration from Southern Illinois University in 1973. Heinkel, his wife and children reside in Aurora.
This year’s tennis team finished 3-8; 3-6 NAC. The team was led by senior, Michelle Albrecht. Tara Niemann came up with a fourth place finish in the No. 3 singles match at conference, along with her teammate Erin Anthony, earning the fourth place spot as well in the No. 4 singles match. The youthful Spartans look toward the future with young talent returning next year.

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<td>Michelle Albrecht</td>
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<td>Jalitza Colon</td>
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<td>Erin Anthony</td>
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<td>Meagan Re</td>
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<td>Jamila Tate</td>
<td>Fr.</td>
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<td>Tara Niemann</td>
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Head Coach: Paul Heinkel

**Meet the Spartans**

MICHELLE ALBRECHT, 5’6”, Sr, Sugar Grove, IL /Kaneland H.S.
College as a Junior (’05): Attended Aurora University and was a member of the tennis team. College as a Sophomore (’04): Attended Aurora University and was a member of the tennis team. College as a Freshman (’03): Attended Aurora University and was a member of the tennis team. High School: Attended Kaneland High School and played tennis under Coach Cindy Miller.

**Personal:** Born 4/12/85 in Sugar Grove, IL. **Family:** Mike and Mary Albrecht. She has two brothers, Pat and Dan.

**Major:** Elementary Education. **Minor:** Psychology
Meet the Spartans

TARA NIEMANN, 5’4”, Fr, Quincy, IL/Quincy Notre Dame H.S.
High School: Attended Quincy Notre Dame High School and played four years of softball under Coach Eric Orne. She was named All-Area and All-State. She also played three years of tennis. Personal: Born 5/21/88 in Quincy, IL. Family: Kelly and Kevin Masters and Drew Niemann. She has one brother, Matt. Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, archery and jet skiing. Major: Business Administration.

MEAGAN RE, 5’9”, So, Belvidere, IL/Belvidere H.S.
College as a Freshman (’05-’06): Played basketball at AU. She appeared in 24 games, starting five. She averaged 7.0 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. High School: Attended Belvidere High School and played two years of varsity basketball under Coach Ben Commare. She was named Captain, First-Team All-Conference, Rising Stars Participant and All-Tournament her senior year. She also played two years of varsity softball under Coach Jody Flynn. She was named MVP and special mention her senior year. Personal: Born 5/14/87 in Rockford, IL. Family: Fran and Debbie Re. She has two brothers, Matthew and Michael, and one sister, Melissa. Hobbies: Playing all sports, eating and traveling. Major: Undecided. Minor: Health and Coaching.

JAMILA TATE, 5’6”, Fr, Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley H.S.
High School: Attended Neuqua Valley High School and played two years of varsity basketball under Coach Mike Williams. She was named All-Conference Honorable Mention as a senior. Personal: Born 5/19/88 in Winfield, IL. Family: Lawrence and Gail Tate. She has one brother, Jeleni. Hobbies: Tennis, music and talking on the phone. Major: Communication. Minor: Spanish.
### AU Directory

(All numbers have a 630 area code)

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<td>Mark Walsh</td>
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<td>Lisa Wisniowicz</td>
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<td>Stevie Baker-Watson</td>
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<td>Terry Smith</td>
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<td>Campus Safety</td>
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<td>Training Room</td>
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<td>University Communications</td>
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<td>Wellness Center</td>
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Rebecca L. Sherrick
President
Currently in her seventh 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 her doctorate 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 doctorate 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 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.
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.

The Aurora campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs through the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and the College of Professional Studies (including the Dunham School of Business, School of Nursing, School of Social Work and School of Health and Physical Education.) The graduate programs offer areas of specialization, leading to master’s degrees in business administration, mathematics, recreation administration, teaching and social work, as well as a doctorate in education.

At AU, academic programs are enhanced through learning opportunities. The Dunham Scholars Program incorporates service learning and extracurricular activities into its business curriculum. The Honors Program offers students advanced coursework, innovative seminars and participation in special events. May Term is a three-week program offering opportunities to study abroad, research a science topic on campus or travel to Chicago to explore the city’s culture.

AU offers its undergraduates a wide range of on- and off-campus learning experiences. Students participate in more than 60 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 49 conference titles in recent years and 27 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.

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.
When you can’t attend games, catch ALL the scores on the

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630-844-3838
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Founding
Founded in 1893, Aurora University is an independent, private, comprehensive institution with an emphasis on traditional and pre-professional academic programs rooted in the liberal arts.

Location
A short train ride away from Chicago, Aurora University is on the west side of Aurora—Illinois’ second-largest city. The Illinois Research and Development Corridor, only minutes away, provides excellent internship opportunities in virtually every discipline. The George Williams College campus sits 60 miles to the north near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Both campuses offer residential options.

Enrollment
Coeducational with 2,000 undergraduates and more than 1,800 graduate students.

Campus
30 acres in a tree-lined residential area in Aurora and 241 acres in Wisconsin.

University Structure
The university is comprised of three colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and the College of Professional Studies (including the School of Nursing, School of Social Work and Dunham School of Business).

Faculty
85% of the faculty hold the highest degree in their field. Faculty are dedicated to teaching and have committed their professional lives to students.

Student-Faculty Ratio
16:1

Average Class Size
23 students

Academic Calendar
Semester calendar with academic terms beginning in late August and early January. Three-week May Term.

Degree Programs
Bachelor’s degrees are awarded in 40 majors, including the B.A., B.S., B.S.N. and the B.S.N. The university awards eight master’s degrees, a number of graduate certificates in education and business, and a doctorate of education (Ed.D.). Twelve degree programs are offered at the Wisconsin campus.

Master’s Degrees
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Social Work

Financial Aid and Academic Scholarships
At least 95% of undergraduates receive financial aid. More than 10 million in scholarships were awarded in 2005-2006. Along with merit awards, scholarships are given for talent in the fine arts. Graduate students who qualify may apply for the university’s graduate grant program as well as need-based governmental loans.

Applying to the University
The Office of Admission and Financial Aid reviews applications on an ongoing basis. Students at all levels can apply online at www.aurora.edu or call the Office of Admission and Financial Aid at 800-742-5281 for a paper application. In addition to the application, official high school and/or college transcripts are required. Official ACT or SAT scores are required of freshman applicants.

Recognition
The only private college in Illinois chosen to participate in a national project to create a model of excellence for the first college year, Aurora University has developed an outstanding first-year program to help students make the transition from high school to college.

Aurora University’s teacher education students ranked in the top quartile of the state with a 97% pass rate on the 2004-2005 Illinois state certification exams. 2004 and 2005 graduates from the nursing program achieved a 100% pass rate on the nursing licensure exam (NCLEX-RN).

Athletic teams have posted outstanding records and are recognized nationally. Since 1995, 27 teams have participated in NCAA championships and compiled 49 conference titles. The men’s baseball and basketball teams are ranked nationally.

Upon graduation, 95% of students find employment or enroll in graduate school within six months.

Academic Opportunities
- Early Admit Program
- Crane Center for Student Success
- Honors Program
- May Term (anducer drawn by senior with academic goals)
- Service Learning
- Student Organizations (62)
- Study Abroad
- University Choralo
- University Theatre
- Values Council

Athletics
Aurora University belongs to the Northern Athletics Conference (NAC) and NCAA Division III. There is a choice of 16 intercollegiate sports for men and women.

- Basketball (M,W)
- Soccer (M,W)
- Baseball (M)
- Softball (W)
- Cross-country (M,W)
- Tennis (M,W)
- Football (M)
- Track (M,W)
- Golf (M,W)
- Volleyball (M)
- Indoor Track (M,W)

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