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Women's Cross Country Signs Susana Martinez Of Chicago To National Letter Of Intent

Maria High School senior will add depth to a Flames team with high hopes in the fall

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Chicago, Ill. - University of Illinois at Chicago head cross country coach [Jim Knoedel](#) recently announced the signing of Chicago native Susana Martinez to a National Letter of Intent to compete for the Flames starting this fall.

Martinez, who will graduate from Maria High School in Chicago, will be a key component to a UIC squad that has the potential to be a factor in the Horizon League title race this coming fall.

Martinez was a consistent contributor to the Maria distance running program throughout her career. Her best state finish came in 2001, when she finished 39th in the Class AA race in a time of 15:17, just missing all-state honors.

"Susana has untapped potential," said Knoedel. "With competition, a team and coaching it will translate into fast times."

"She is a phenomenal athlete."

The Flames will return their top-three runners from 2002, as standouts [Jenni Goebel](#), [Lizet Diaz](#) and [Sara Jeffers](#) will pace UIC in the fall.

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