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### **Aussie Forward Signs With UGF Women's Hoops**



**Great Falls, MT** – University of Great Falls women's basketball coach **Bill Himmelberg** has announced the signing of **Sigourney Thompson** to an NAIA/Frontier Conference Letter of Intent today. Thompson, a native of Brisbane, Australia, will join the Lady Argo basketball program this coming fall after red-shirting this past season at the University of Alaska-Anchorage where she saw the Seawolves enjoy a 24-5 season while advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Tournament.

"Sigourney is a pure scorer who has a nice stroke from three-point range, while also being strong off the dribble," Himmelberg said. "She sees the floor really well and is a tremendous passer. Physically, she will be able to step in and be a major contributor right away. She has a very bright future in the Frontier Conference.

Thompson's presence aids in the depth of the Lady Argo frontcourt for the upcoming 2010-2011 season. She'll join an experienced group of frontcourt players that includes senior returnee **Marissa Skogen (Great Falls, MT)** as well as fellow foreigner **Aline Lino (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)**, who red-shirted this past season, and transfer **Jamie Young (Great Falls, MT)** who signed her letter of intent earlier this week.

Prior to attending Alaska-Anchorage, the 5'9" Thompson captained St. Peter's Lutheran College to Champion Basketball School of Queensland State Title in September of 2008, averaging 12.1 points, 12.2 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game. She also averaged 14.8 points, 9.4 rebounds and 3.6 assists in the Australian Schools National Championships in December of 2008. Her list of achievements goes on as she was named MVP of three separate tournaments in 2008 while also earning a spot on the Queensland Under-20 State Team, despite being just 18 years old at the time. Thompson was honored as St. Peter's Outstanding Athlete for her work in four separate sports – basketball, netball, track and field and cross-country.

She is the daughter of Ian and Vicki Thompson and she plans to major in physical education. She will have four years of eligibility remaining.

"I am very excited to become a part of the Lady Argo basketball program," Thompson said. "I want to work really hard to help my teammates and coach Himmelberg to have a successful season. I am also excited for the opportunity to receive a top quality education and for my studies in the physical education field."

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