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Women's Basketball Adds A Transfer for 2014-15

Brianna Puni comes to EMU after playing at Illinois State University

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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) – Eastern Michigan University Head Women's Basketball Coach Tory Verdi announced today, Jan. 13, the addition of Brianna Puni (St. Charles, Mo.-Incarnate Word Academy), who has transferred from Illinois State University and enrolled in classes at EMU.

Puni (pronounced pooh-KNEE), a 6-foot forward from St. Charles, Mo., averaged 4.6 points and 7.9 rebounds in nine games this season. In a 68-64 victory over Florida, she sank 14 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for her first double-double of the season and fourth of her career. She will sit out the remainder of the season due to NCAA transfer regulations and will become eligible following the 2014 fall semester. Puni will have just one semester of eligibility remaining.

As a sophomore, she appeared in all 35 games for the Redbirds and was named the 2012-13 Most Improved Player. Puni ranked fifth on the team in scoring with 204 points, averaging 5.8 points per game, and was second on the team in field goal percentage, connecting on 50 percent (78-of-155) of shots. She also finished third on the team in rebounds with 189, including 58 offensive and 131 defensive boards, and collected 17 blocks.

In 2011-12, she appeared in 20 games as a freshman, finishing the season with 20 points and 24 rebounds.
During her prep career, Puni helped lead Incarnate Word Academy to the Missouri state title as a junior and senior. Ranked 11th in the nation by ESPN and USA Today as a junior, she was named to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro Team as a senior while also earning all-state honors.