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Pfund, Voronko, and Frauhammer honored by conference

CLEVELAND, Ohio (EMUeagles.com) — The Mid-American Conference announced Wednesday, Jan. 15, that three members of Eastern Michigan University’s women’s cross country team have been named to the Academic All-MAC Team. Senior Kayla Pfund (Shelby Twp., Mich.-Lutheran North), junior and All-MAC First Team honoree Victoria Voronko (Stavropol, Russia-School #42) and sophomore Amy Frauhammer (Saline, Mich.-Saline) were named as representatives of Eastern Michigan for their academic and athletic achievements.

Ohio and Toledo paced the conference with five team selections apiece, followed by Miami with four selections, while Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, and Bowling Green all have three representatives named to the team.

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. Award recipients are voted on by faculty athletic representatives at the Mid-American Conference institutions. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award.

Pfund, an exercise science major with a 3.53 GPA, was often in the lead pack for the Eagles throughout the 2013
campaign. The senior just missed out on All-MAC honors at the 2013 MAC Championship, claiming a 15th-place finish. She had a strong showing at the Pre-NCAA meet, placing 25th, and had two more top-50 finishes at the Notre Dame Invitational and the Great Lakes Regional.

Three-time All-MAC First Team selection Voronko has a 3.80 GPA in physical education. The junior was honored by the MAC on three occasions during the 2013 season by being named the MAC Runner of the Week. Voronko was one-of-two representatives for the conference at the NCAA Championship, Nov. 23, 2013, where she recorded the second-highest finish in school history at 45th. She was also runner-up in numerous races, most notably at the MAC Championship, the Notre Dame Invitational, and the Pre-NCAA.

Frauhammer, who boasts a 3.92 GPA, is the only other Eagle to be named MAC Runner of the Week, as she earned the accolade on Oct. 30, 2013 after her performance at the EMU Classic. She also notched a 48th-place finish at the 2013 MAC Championship and finished just shy of the top-150 at the Notre Dame Invitational.

In addition to the three runners, two Eagles were named to the Academic All-MAC honorable mention list, as junior Marina Manjon Rivadulla (Barcelona, Spain-Escola University) and sophomore Rebecca Quaintance (Commerce, Mich.-Walled Lake Northern) were recognized for their work on the course and in the classroom.

2013 Academic All-MAC Women’s Cross Country
Jillian Roth, Akron
Courtney Edon, Ball State
Caitlynn Edon, Ball State
Mackenzie McMilin, Bowling Green
Maria Meredith, Bowling Green
Rebecca Rae, Bowling Green
Breanne Lesnar, Central Michigan
Krista Parks, Central Michigan
Kelly Schbert, Central Michigan
Kayla Pfund, Eastern Michigan
Amy Frauhammer, Eastern Michigan
Victoria Voronko, Eastern Michigan
Paige Foster, Kent State
Alex Chitwood, Miami
Jess Hoover, Miami
Erica Howes, Miami
Anna Lamb, Miami
Leah Raffety, Northern Illinois
Juli Accurso, Ohio
Maureen Dean, Ohio
Caroline Hildebrand, Ohio
Melissa Thompson, Ohio
Tessa Weigan, Ohio
Mackenzie Chojnacky, Toledo
Brooke Tullis, Toledo
Liz Weiler, Toledo
Megan Gaysunas, Toledo
Megan Wright, Toledo
Aisha Hodge, Western Michigan