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Victoria Voronko named to Individual All-Academic list

NEW ORLEANS, La. (EMUEagles.com) — The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) has released the Individual All-Academic and All-Academic Team honors for the 2013 season, Feb. 14. With the release of the list, Eastern Michigan University's women's cross country program sits at the fourth-highest team GPA spot among 215 institutions that finished with a cumulative team GPA of 3.0-or-higher.

The Division I Scholar Team of the Year, awarded to the highest-finishing team at the NCAA Championship with a grade point average of at least 3.0, was given to Providence University, which claimed the national title with a score of 141 points.

The Eagles boasted a 3.75 cumulative team GPA, trailing only Southern Miss (3.79), South Alabama (3.76), and Western Kentucky (3.76). The Green and White also leads the eight other Mid-American Conference schools that made the list: Miami University (3.67), Northern Illinois University (3.61), Kent State University (3.56), Ohio University (3.53), the University at Buffalo (3.49), the University of Toledo (3.46), Central Michigan University (3.45), and Bowling Green State University (3.37).

"I'm really proud of the team," beamed Head Coach Sue Parks. "These are athletes who train extremely hard along with competing in three seasons. I am pleased that they are getting recognized for such an amazing academic record."
In addition to the impressive academic output by the team, junior Victoria Voronko (Stavropol, Russa-School #42) landed on the Individual All-Academic list. The Russian product is joined by Ohio's Juli Accurso as the MAC's representatives. Voronko was the sole Eagle to qualify for the NCAA Championship, Nov. 23, where she placed 45th with a time of 20:49.7, which was the second-best finish in EMU history behind Donna Donakowski's 28th-place performance in 1988. Voronko maintains a 3.77 GPA in Physical Education.

For the complete story, click here.

The harriers may be out of their cross country season, but they are still active in the 2013-14 track and field campaign. The Green and White kicks off another meet this afternoon in Geneva, Ohio, where it will begin the first day of the SPIRE Invitational, Feb. 14-15.