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The All-MAC First Teamer earns her spot on the list for the second straight year.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio (EMUagles.com) -- Eastern Michigan University junior gymnast Anna Willette (Pylesville, Md.-North Harford) has been named to the Academic All-Mid-American Conference Team, the league office announced Monday, May 12. Willette earns the distinction with her success in the gym as well as her 3.58 GPA as speech/language pathology major.

The recognition is another accolade to the fantastic year by the junior, who earned First Team All-MAC honors earlier this season in route to qualifying for NCAA Regional competition. Willette received the Academic All-MAC achievement for the second consecutive year.

The Pylesville, Md. native has been a focal point in the EMU lineup throughout the season in three of the four events. Through her 27 routines, 21 of them were scored 9.700 or higher, including seven at 9.800 or higher. Along with her impressive scores all season long, four of those marks led to individual titles with two on vault and two on beam. Willette earned a career-high 9.850 on beam to finish third at the Eagle Invitational, March 8, a quad meet hosted at EMU. She ranked fifth in the conference on beam with an average score of 9.767, leading to a spot at the NCAA Regional in Baton Rouge, La., April 5.

While Willette was the only Eagle on the Academic All-MAC Team, nine other EMU gymnasts earned honorable mention, the most out of any other gymnastics team in the conference. The Eagles that shine academically as well as
in competition include: Ashlin Chambliss (Buford, Ga.-Mill Creek), Shawna Ciaramella (Hamilton, Ontario-St. Mary CSS), Kimberly Ebeyer (Greenwood, Ind.-Whiteland Community), Khadijah Hudson (Hebron, Ky.-Conner), Chantelle Loehner (Cary, Ill.-Cary-Grove), Kaylee Meyers (Saint Joseph, Mo.-Central), Paulina Miller (Halifax, Nova Scotia-Citadel), Nikki Paterson (Oakville, Ontario-Iroquois Ridge) and Ashley Quinton (Calgary, Alberta-Bishop McNally).

All-MAC First Team
Megan Harrington, Bowling Green
Alyssa Nocella, Bowling Green
Kylie Fagan, Central Michigan
Emily Heinz, Central Michigan
Halle Moraw, Central Michigan
Taylor Noonan, Central Michigan
Brittany Petzold, Central Michigan
Anna Willette, Eastern Michigan
Jaymi Baxter, Kent State
Marie Case, Kent State
Nicolle Eastman, Kent State
Kimberly Gotlund, Northern Illinois
Kelly Nortz, Northern Illinois
Amanda Stepp, Northern Illinois
Michelle Adams, Western Michigan
Jessi Buis, Western Michigan
Shelby MacDonald, Western Michigan
Kayla Weber, Western Michigan

Honorable Mention
Angela Durkac, Ball State
Angie Hosbach, Ball State
Brooklyn Schumacher, Ball State
Madison Shorts, Ball State
Megan Valentini, Bowling Green
Kimberly Ebeyer, Eastern Michigan
Khadijah Hudson, Eastern Michigan
Chantelle Loehner, Eastern Michigan
Kaylee Meyers, Eastern Michigan
Paulina Miller, Eastern Michigan
Nikki Paterson, Eastern Michigan
Ashley Quinton, Eastern Michigan
Ashlin Chambliss, Eastern Michigan
Shawna Ciaramella, Eastern Michigan
Kayla Kosmerl, Kent State
Kelsey Lawless, Kent State
Amiah Mims, Kent State
Nicole Radon, Kent State
Natalie Amadio, Northern Illinois
Kylie Clark, Northern Illinois
Shelby Davis, Northern Illinois
Morgan Johnson, Northern Illinois
Natasha Jufko, Northern Illinois
Peyton Taylor, Northern Illinois
Lauren Bledsoe, Western Michigan
Miya Dotson, Western Michigan
Kristen Seidowski, Western Michigan
Kelsey Turnquist, Western Michigan