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Ten Rowers Garner CRCA National Scholar-Athlete Honors

The Eastern Michigan University rowing squad paced the CAA with its 10 honorees.

RICHMOND, Va. (EMUEagles.com) – The Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) announced Thursday, May 29, that 10 Eastern Michigan University rowers were named CRCA National Scholar-Athletes.

To be considered for the honor, a student-athlete must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher, be in their sophomore year or later and have rowed in one of their institution’s NCAA or IRA eligible boats for 75 percent of the spring races or the regional conference event.

The Eagles led the Colonial Athletic Association with 10 honorees while the University at Buffalo and Northeastern University each had eight representatives followed by Drexel University and the University of Delaware who rounded out the league with seven and three award winners, respectively.

EMU’s 2014 honorees include: Krista Burdick, Emily Burks, Taylor Cyr, Sidney Doss, Ashley Gilmore, Cady Griffin, Katie Keys, Tijana Milovanovic, Steph Schlosser and Lyndsey Tollas. Cyr earned the honor for the third time in her career, while Griffin, Milovanovic and Tollas picked up the accolade for the second time in their careers.

Burdick was a staple in the Varsity 8 boat, competing in eight 1V8 races of the 2014 campaign while maintaining a 3.99 grade point average in special education. Burdick, along with teammates Cyr, Griffin and Schlosser, led the EMU 1V8 boat to a dual victory over Drake University at the Lubbers Cup, April 12-13. The boat crossed the line at a
season-best time of 6:57.80.

Cyr made an appearance in the Varsity 8 boat on seven occasions after sitting out the first scrimmage of the season. The senior rower garnered her third CRCA National Scholar-Athlete accolade and is set to graduate from Eastern Michigan with a degree in psychology.

Gilmore started eight races for the Green and White in the Varsity 8 boat, holding a 3.68 GPA as an undecided major, while Griffin coxed the 2V8 boat in four races before closing out the year as the coxswain for the 1V8 boat at the CAA Championships. Griffin also competed in one Novice 8 race and one Varsity Four race while carrying a 3.75 grade point average as a social studies major.

Milovanovic competed in a variety of races for the 2014 EMU rowing team, making 10 appearances in four different boats. The junior rower started three races in the 2V8 boat and made three appearances in the Varsity Four boat for Eastern Michigan. The Novi Sad, Serbia native maintains a 3.60 grade point average as a computer science major.

Schlosser made the start in all nine of the Eagles' Varsity 8 races, grabbing Colonial Athletic Association All-Academic Team honors at the conference championships. The Mason, Ohio native carries a 4.00 as an occupational therapy major.

Doss was a member of the 1V8 boat in the Eagles' first four races of the season, helping them to a dual victory over Drake. The Grass Lake, Mich. native boasts a 3.81 grade point average as a marketing major.

Tollas competed in the 1V8 boat on six occasions, while also seeing time in the 2V8 boat in three races. The Hicksville, Ohio native holds a 3.91 grade point average, majoring in special education.

Burks made two appearances in the second varsity 8 boat in the 2014 season, maintaining a 3.83 as an undecided major, while Keys appeared in two varsity four races and two 2V8 races for the EMU rowing squad. The junior rower holds a 3.59 GPA as a criminal justice major.