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EMU soccer senior is one-of-30 women’s soccer student-athletes up for the award

YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) – Eastern Michigan University senior Emily Dzik (Troy, Mich.-Troy) has been chosen as a candidate for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award. Dzik is one-of-30 women’s soccer student-athletes that were selected throughout the nation, Sept. 2.
An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

In terms of character, Dzik is a leader for the EMU soccer program. Starting in every game since she arrived on campus as a freshman, she has proven to be a leader on the field. Her teammates look up to her, and she will serve as a team captain for the 2014 campaign.

Dzik is a two-time All-MAC First Team honoree and has started every game of her EMU career. She was named MAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year in 2013, leading the EMU defense that pitched five shutouts throughout the season as the Eagles captured the MAC regular season crown. She started every game for the Eagles, playing 1,930 out of a possible 1,967 minutes. Dzik collected NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region Third Team and All-MAC First Team honors for her performance on the pitch, while proving to be an offensive threat on corner kicks as three headers found the back of the net. She was also recognized for athletic and academic success by earning Capital One Academic All-District Second Team and Academic All-MAC accolades.

As a sophomore, she was named to the All-MAC First Team and Academic All-MAC Team for the first time in her career after starting all 19 games on the EMU backline. The Troy, Mich. native notched two points on the season with a game-winning goal in overtime against Akron, Oct. 21, while also tallying nine shots with four on goal. In her debut season, Dzik was named to the MAC All-Freshman Team, starting all 18 games and recording the most minutes played (1638) of any EMU player. She also tallied a pair of goals and an assist in the EMU backfield during her first season as an Eagle.

Dzik was a leader among the EMU soccer student-athletes as they became role models for kids on youth soccer teams, running out on the pitch with the Eagles for the starting lineups. Also, in the Eagles’ final non-conference match of the 2013 season, Sept. 22, at Scicluna Field against Indiana State, the Eastern Michigan University soccer team recognized the match as Cancer Awareness Day. The Eagles sported teal armbands, headbands and special white jerseys with teal-colored numbers, the color of ovarian cancer awareness. As an upperclassman, Dzik was one of the leaders with this important awareness day.

Dzik excels in the classroom with a difficult major, holding a 3.98 GPA while studying nursing. In 2013, Dzik was recognized for athletic and academic success by earning Capital One Academic All-District Second Team and Academic All-MAC accolades. She also found herself as an Academic All-MAC student-athlete in her sophomore season, the first year eligible for the honor. Dzik is an EMU Scholar Athlete with one of the highest GPAs out of all Eastern Michigan student-athletes.

The list will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one male candidate and one female candidate who best exemplify excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition.

2014 Women’s Soccer Senior CLASS Award Candidates

Cassie Black, Eastern Washington

Sarah Killion, UCLA
Caroline Brawner, Colgate
Jessy Brown, UMBC
Nicole Calder, Kennesaw State
Melissa Champman, Drexel
Sabrina D'Angelo, South Carolina
Abby Dahlkemper, UCLA
Kylie Davis, Memphis
Alex Doll, Stanford

Emily Dzik, Eastern Michigan
Kirsten Eriksen, American
Kelsey Fouch, Missouri State
Anna Grant, Siena
Kylee Hathaway, Alabama State
Kelsey Haycook, La Salle

Elise Kotsakis, Butler
Lauren Lazo, Princeton
Taylor Leach, South Carolina
Aislinn McIlvenny, Manhattan
Brooke Moody, Montana
Chelsey Patterson, Cal State Fullerton
Riley Ridgik, Wake Forest
Taryn Rose, Utah State
Kate Schwindel, West Virginia
Sam Scolarici, Hofstra
Ashleigh Shim, Florida International
Meghan Streight, Texas A&M
Taylor Uhl, Stanford
Stephanie Verdoia, Seattle