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The All-MAC Second Team performer from a year ago looks to be a team leader this season.


Since arriving on campus in 2012, Willette has competed in every meet for the Green and White. As the top vaulter in the Mid-American Conference throughout the 2013 campaign with an average score of 9.828, the Pylesville, Md. native earned All-MAC Second Team honors. She tallied a career-high 9.875 in the event three times throughout last season, the fifth-highest vault score in EMU history. The all around gymnast also recorded a 9.800 on the beam at the 2013 MAC Championships to finish runner-up.

Willette kicked off this season by competing in three events at the Kent State Quad, Jan. 17. The junior paced the Eagles on the bars with a 9.750. She also received a 9.625 from the judges on beam as well as a 9.600 on vault. The beam mark placed her in a tie for eighth out of all competitors in the quadrangular meet that consisted of two nationally-ranked teams in No. 16 Rutgers University and No. 21 Kent State University.

A speech/language pathology major with a 3.58 GPA, Willette shines in the gym as well as in the classroom. She earned Academic All-MAC accolades a season ago along with being named a Scholastic All-America award winner by the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women (NACGC/W).

Willette and the rest of the EMU gymnastics team will remain on the road for its next meet, heading south to face the
Falcons of Bowling Green State University, Jan. 25, in a conference dual. The meet is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. inside Anderson Arena.