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Six Eagles Named Honorable Mention Academic All-MAC
Seniors Amanda Stanton and Lauren Wells garnered academic honors for the second time in their careers

CLEVELAND, Ohio (EMUEagles.com) – The Eastern Michigan University softball team had six student-athletes named to the Academic All-Mid-American Conference honorable mention list announced by the league office Monday, June 23.

The honor marks the second time seniors Amanda Stanton and Lauren Wells have been recognized as Stanton was an Academic All-MAC honoree in 2013 and Wells garnered honorable mention Academic All-MAC last season. Junior Lindsay Rich and sophomores Myranda Barnes, Abby Davidson and Aoife Duffy all make their first appearance on the honorable mention all-conference list.

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award.

Stanton appeared in all 50 of the Eagles’ contests, starting 49 at shortstop and one at second base. The senior infielder tied a team-best with 37 hits and drove in a team-high 25 RBI. The Homer Glen, Ill. native boasted a .407 slugging percentage and a .337 on-base percentage in her final season donning the Green and White.

Wells appeared in 32 games, making 12 starts in her final season tossing 89.1 innings in her final season donning the
Green and White. The Lowell, Ind. native’s 71 strikeouts, 30 of which were looking, ranked second on the team while her two complete games tied for first. Wells’ 30 looking strikeouts ranked ninth overall in the conference. Offensively, Wells posted four hits on the season with one double and four RBI. The senior hurler ranks fourth all-time in EMU laurels with 349 strikeouts and ninth all-time with 389.2 innings of work.

Rich became the ace of the Eagle pitching staff in the 2014 season, making 38 appearances and 17 starts with two complete games. The Perrysburg, Ohio native ranked tenth in the conference tossing a team-high 144 innings with two saves which ranked fifth in the MAC. Rich hurled two complete games during the 2014 campaign and tallied a team-best 84 strikeouts. The junior right-hander’s 38 appearances ranked eighth in the conference, while her 16 games finished ranked fourth. Finally, Rich was in the top-three in the conference, pitching 21 games in relief. Rich also contributed offensively for EMU, posting 20 hits including two doubles and a team-high four home runs with 10 RBI. The junior pitcher made a total of 45 starts on the season between pitcher, first base and the designated player, batting primarily in the four spot.

Barnes appeared in 35 games with 21 starts for Eastern Michigan in the 2014 season. The sophomore outfielder had 14 hits and seven RBI, while crossing the plate 10 times for the Green and White.

In her sophomore season, Davidson appeared in 47 games with 42 starts at the hot corner. The sophomore third baseman led the team with a .285 batting average while tying a team-best 37 hits. Davidson had eight doubles, which ranked fifth on the team and drove in 11 RBI on the season. The sophomore infielder finished the season with a .369 slugging percentage and a .331 on-base percentage.

Duffy rounds out the list after appearing in 25 games with 19 starts behind the dish in her sophomore campaign for EMU. The Powell, Ohio native had 12 hits with one double, one home run and five RBI in her sophomore season, while posting a .308 slugging percentage and a .259 on-base percentage.

2014 Softball Academic All-MAC (22 Members):
Kellie Roundabush, Akron
Jessica Schneider, Akron
Erin Seiler, Akron
Audrey Bickel, Ball State
Sammi Cowger, Ball State
Kelsey Schifferdecker, Ball State
Katie Yoho, Bowling Green
Alexis Curtiss, Buffalo
Sammi Gallardo, Buffalo
Trista Cox, Central Michigan
Cory DeLamiepieure, Central Michigan
CarolAnn Sexauer, Central Michigan
Jessacca Gironda, Kent State
Emma Johnson, Kent State
Kim Kirkpatrick, Kent State
Dani Ramos, Kent State
Kristy Arbour, Miami
Shelby Miller, Northern Illinois
Adrienne Gebele, Ohio
Dakota Pyles, Ohio
Alyssa Wolfe, Ohio
Honorable Mention:
Shawna Mailloux, Akron
Loren Cihlar, Ball State
Emily Dabkowski, Ball State
Braiden Dillow, Bowling Green
Shelby Fink, Bowling Green
Chloe Giordano, Bowling Green
Emily McClelland, Bowling Green
Marisa Shook, Bowling Green
Erika Stratton, Bowling Green
Heather Ryder, Buffalo
Kristen Kuhlman, Central Michigan
Evelyn Lorimer, Central Michigan
Chelsea Sundberg, Central Michigan
Raeche1 Zahrn, Central Michigan
Myranda Barnes, Eastern Michigan
Abby Davidson, Eastern Michigan
Aoife Duffy, Eastern Michigan
Lindsay Rich, Eastern Michigan
Amanda Stanton, Eastern Michigan
Lauren Wells, Eastern Michigan
Michele Duffy, Kent State
Chloe Kesterson, Kent State
Lauren Kesterson, Kent State
Caitie Kilbane, Kent State
Abbey Ledford, Kent State
Lauren McNeil, Kent State
Kim Morgason, Kent State
Ariele Patterson, Kent State
Shelbi Tilton, Kent State
Erika Warren, Kent State
Nicole Gremillion, Northern Illinois
Ashley Kopp, Northern Illinois
Bryanna Phelan, Northern Illinois
Erin Lashley, Ohio
Leigh Nebendahl, Toledo
Alyssa Smith, Toledo
Jenny Rohn, Western Michigan
Melissa Palmer, Western Michigan
Christina Pigozzi, Western Michigan
Caity Pixley, Western Michigan