WOMEN TAB ACADEMIC HONORS IN TENNIS

NJIT tennis standouts Ksenia Kuzmenko* ’14 and Megan Guidry* ’14 were named to the 2014 America East Conference All-Academic Team for their performance on the court and in the classroom. They were two of six women’s tennis student-athletes from five member schools to be honored.

Nominees must meet the standards of a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better, have been a starter or significant reserve during the past year and participated in at least 50 percent of their team’s matches in 2014. Each nominee is then voted on by a committee of sports information directors, a faculty representative and senior woman administrator.

NJIT, which played its first season as an associate member of the America East for women’s tennis, finished the season with an 11-8 overall record. The Highlanders advanced to the America East finals but fell short of winning the America East championship on the Highlanders’ first-ever try against top-seeded Stony Brook.

Kuzmenko, who graduated from NJIT with a business degree in May, helped guide the Highlanders to a second-place finish at the 2014 America East Tournament. She earned America East First-Team singles honors, finishing with a 19-8 overall record (13-4 at first singles) and 8-2 in her last 10 matches. She went 13-4 in dual matches and 6-4 in tournament play.

Kuzmenko and Jana Luste ’14 were selected as a 2014 America East First-Team doubles duo. They combined for a 16-8 overall record in doubles competition, all at the first spot. The pair went 11-3 in dual matches and 5-5 in tournament play.

Guidry graduated in May with a biomedical engineering degree. She combined for a 4-6 singles record and went 5-6 in doubles competition. *

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FOUR NAMED TO DIVISION I ALL-STATE BASEBALL TEAMS

DJ Roche ’14, a Division I All-State pick, headlined a group of four NJIT players voted onto New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association All-State Teams for 2014. The NJCBA, which encompasses all colleges and universities in New Jersey sponsoring intercollegiate baseball, picks separate All-State Teams for Division I and for Division II and Division III combined. The All-State Teams are chosen through balloting among the head coaches of all the baseball programs.

The Highlanders were well-represented, with Roche taking first-team honors under the “utility” category for his work as a starting pitcher and his hitting. Roche won 11 games as a pitcher in his NJIT career and struck out 202 in 204.1 innings. He was a .291 career hitter in 457 at-bats, belting 34 doubles, 5 triples and 8 home runs, while driving in 91 runs.

NJIT placed two men on the 15-man All-State Second Team – left-hander Ian Bentley, who tied the program Division I record with six wins, and outfielder Matt Weckerle. In addition, the NJCBA honored a 14-man All-Rookie Team, which included Alex Daniele, NJIT’s freshman right-handed starting pitcher. ■