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SOCCER ALUM NAMED NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

Jenny Cislo '15, who is in the discussion for best women's soccer player in NJIT history, was named NCAA Woman of the Year for Independent Programs. With NJIT competing as a Division I Independent in 2014-15, Cislo, an Albert Dorman Honors College scholar, was selected by the NCAA from among all programs that competed as Independents in all sports.

The NCAA Woman of the Year program honors the academic achievements, athletics excellence, community service and leadership of graduating female college athletes from all three divisions. To be eligible, nominees must have competed and earned a varsity letter in an NCAA-sponsored sport and must have completed eligibility in her primary sport. Eligible female student-athletes are nominated by their member school. Each conference office then reviews the nominations from its member schools and submits its conference nominee to the NCAA.

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An anchor for the Highlander defense from the day she arrived on campus, Cislo started all 76 games the team played in her four-year career and played every minute of every game for four seasons. With NJIT playing as a women's soccer Independent her last two seasons, she was recognized by the website CollegeSportsMadness as a first-team performer among the Division I Independents in both 2013 and 2014. As a senior, she was selected as Defensive Player of the Year among the DI Independents.

Cislo was named to the University Division Scholar All-East Region Team, compiling a 3.85 cumulative GPA. She was selected earlier in 2014 as one of five NJIT chemical engineering students to receive internships and scholarship grants from Merck, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies. She was also honored as NJIT's recipient of the New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NJIAIW) Woman of the Year award. ■



TOPS IN TENNIS

Markus Schultz finished the 2014-15 season ranked 20th in the NCAA Division I Men's Northeast Region by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). Schultz, a junior from Stockholm, Sweden, earned his second consecutive season-end regional ranking from the ITA. As a freshman, he finished the 2012-13 season ranked 18th, becoming the first NJIT tennis player to achieve a regional ranking since the Highlanders began NCAA Division I competition in 2006-07.

Schultz finished the 2014-15 season with an 18-8 overall record (15-5 at first singles, 3-2 in tournament play and 0-1 at sixth singles).

The 18 wins for Schultz was the highest win-total in singles competition this season. In doubles play, Schultz recorded a 13-10 overall mark (12-7 at first doubles, 1-2 in tournament play and 0-1 at third doubles). He captured the Tiger Draw Consolation title at the 46th Annual Farnsworth Ivy Plus Tournament hosted by Princeton on September 20 and earned NJIT men's tennis outstanding performer at the NJIT Annual Awards Banquet.

Six NJIT tennis players – three men and three women – were selected as ITA Scholar Athletes and both teams earned ITA Team Academic honors for the 2014-15 season. The ITA All-Academic Team award is open to any member program that has a cumulative

team grade-point average of 3.20 or above (on a 4.00 scale). In order to earn ITA Scholar-Athlete status, players must be a varsity letter winner, have a grade-point average of at least 3.50 (on a 4.00 scale) for the current academic year, and have been enrolled at their present school for at least two semesters (including freshman thorough senior year).

The Highlanders receiving the award include junior Andres Alban (applied physics)*, junior Arnaud Holl (business), Jan Cimrman (digital design), Carolina Zanotta '15 (industrial engineering), Nathalie Habegger (biochemistry), and Tiffany Barnes (digital design). ■

* Dorman honors scholars