The NJIT women’s tennis team captured its second straight Great West Conference title.

Ksenia Kuzmenko,* a sophomore, and Monika Graff,* a junior, were named to the GWC First Team while rookie Carolina Zanotta was recognized on the GWC Second Team and named GWC Newcomer of the Year.

Graff was also named Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Northeast Regional winner of the Arthur Ashe Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship. The ITA Arthur Ashe Award recognizes outstanding individuals in all divisions at the regional and national levels. It is presented to student-athletes who exhibit exceptional sportsmanship and leadership on the court, as well as for scholastic and extracurricular achievements.

Graff, a mechanical engineering major from Lohmar, Germany, earned ITA Scholar-Athlete recognition last year. She finished with a team-leading 23-4 overall record in her second season at NJIT and went 15-2 at third singles, 2-0 at the second spot, 1-0 at fourth singles and 6-2 in tournament play.

Tripp Davis was named to the All-GWC First Team while catcher Bryan Bleakley ’12* and utility player DJ Roche* were named to the second team.

Four team members were voted onto the 2012 NJCBA Division I All-State Team. Ed Charlton, the Highlanders centerfielder who started every game (49), earned Rookie of the Year honors while Bleakley was named to the second team and freshmen Bill VanMeerbeke and Mike Rampone were selected for the All-Rookie Team.

NJIT is one of eight schools whose players are eligible for the NJCBA Division I All-State Teams, joining Fairleigh Dickinson (Teaneck), Monmouth, Princeton, Rider, Rutgers, Saint Peter’s and Seton Hall. The teams are chosen at an annual meeting with representatives of each school (usually the head coach) holding one vote and being restricted from voting for their own players.

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