

A WEALTH OF HONORS FOR WOMEN HIGHLANDERS

In volleyball, senior libero Renata Pandolfo was named 2012 Defensive Player of the Year in the Great West Conference (GWC). Pandolfo was joined on the All-Conference Second Team by senior outside hitter Janet Snell, while freshman outside hitter Danica Vukotic earned First Team honors and was selected to the All-Newcomer Team.

Pandolfo, from Joinville, Brazil, ranks sixth in the country and leads the Great West with 625 digs (5.95 dps) in 105 sets played this season. She has posted double-digit digs in all matches but one this season. For Pandolfo's career, she ranks second all-time in the NJIT Division 1 record books with 1,682 digs, third with 927 kills, and fourth with 96 service aces.

Vukotic, a freshman from Backi Jarak, Serbia, compiled 223 kills in 82 sets with 124 digs and 22 total blocks in her first season at NJIT. In the last 10 matches, Vukotic has posted double-digit kills with a high of 19. In Great

West play, Vukotic led the Highlanders with 75 kills and ranks tied for second with 43 digs while notching double-figure kills in every GWC match.

Snell, the Highlanders senior from Bogota, New Jersey, leads the team with 283 kills (17 double-digit kill matches) and ranks second with 257 digs. In conference play, Snell posted 54 kills and 54 digs while also recording her 1,000 career kill against Texas-Pan American on November 5. For her career, Snell has combined for 1,015 kills, which ranks her third all-time in the NJIT Division 1 record books and fifth with 945 digs.

The women's volleyball and soccer programs ended 2012 on a high note, with team and individual honors.



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Great West First Team honoree Meryl Hershfield

A SOCCER FIRST

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) presented the Highlanders with the Team Academic Award for 2011-12, the team having posted a cumulative grade point average of 3.12. This is the first time in program history that the Highlanders received the NSCAA team honor.

Soccer standouts Meryl Hershfield, Gechi Ukaegbu and Alex Adam also earned 2012 GWC honors.

Hershfield, the Highlanders senior midfielder from Vancouver, British Columbia, tabbed GWC First Team honors. Appearing in every match since stepping foot on the field at NJIT, she ranks fourth all-time and in the NJIT Division 1 era with 72 career matches. She is tied fourth all-time with eight career assists and holds the D1 career record for assists with eight.

Ukaegbu, a senior forward from Union, New Jersey, earned GWC Second Team honors. Ukaegbu has appeared in 18 matches, notching three goals, one assist for seven points. She

ranks fifth all-time and sixth in the Division 1 era with 67 career matches while ranking third all-time with 10 career goals and second in the NJIT Division 1 era.

Adam, a freshman midfielder from Centereach, New York, also garnered Second Team honors in her first season at NJIT. Adam, an athletic, hard-nosed central midfielder with great technical ability, played in 18 matches for the Highlanders while recording two assists. ■



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2012 Great West Defensive Player of the Year Renata Pandolfo with Great West Conference Commissioner Ed Grom