

2013 BCAM WOMEN'S COLLEGE ACADEMIC – ATHLETIC HONORS TEAM

Each BCAM Honor Team pays tribute to five outstanding scholar-athletes from Michigan colleges and universities at the NCAA I, NCAA II, NCAA III, and NAIA levels. To be eligible, players have to be either a starter or an important reserve and have at least a 3.2 grade point average. The BCAM teams are selected on the basis of academic achievement, athletic accomplishments, grade point average and their coach's BCAM membership.

Sr Talisha Bridges Wayne State Univ. 3.51 Kalamazoo, MI

Talisha was voted to the Datronics All-Region Second Team as well as being named to the GLIAC First Team and All-Defensive team. She is a three-time GLIAC North Division Player of the Week. Talisha was also a CoSIDA Academic All-District nominee. During her senior season, she averaged 15.5 pts, 6.9 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.7 steals per game. She carries a 3.51 GPA in Sociology.

Sr Niki DiGuilio Central Michigan Univ. 3.60 Mt Vernon, OH

Niki helped lead the Chippewas to a MAC tournament championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament while averaging 7.3 points and 2 rebounds per game. The prolific three-point shooter was named MAC player of the week during her senior season and shot 40.6% from behind the arc. The biomedical major carries a 3.6 GPA and has been a team leader in community service events.

Sr Liz Ellis Hope College 3.77 Grand Rapids, MI

Liz was named to the First Team All-MIAA Team for the second straight year and led her team to a 26-1 record. She was named the MIAA Defensive Player of the Year for the past three seasons. This is the first time in league history that one player has earned that award three times. Liz averaged 10 points, 2.2 assists, and 2.3 steals per game while leading her team to the elite eight. The senior Business/Spanish major carries a 3.77 GPA. Outside of basketball she has been involved with West Michigan Special Olympics for the past four years.

Sr Karli Harris Davenport University 3.40 Fishers, IN

The senior point guard finished off a stellar three-year career at Davenport earning First Team All-American, First Team All-WHAC, and WHAC All -Defensive Team honors while leading her team to the NAIA D2 national championship game. She averaged 14.8 points, 3.3 rebounds, 6.22 assists, and 3.75 steals. During her senior season, she scored her 1,000 point as a Davenport player and broke the Panther single season record for free throws made (155) and assists (221). Karli carries a 3.4 GPA in Medical Assisting and Case Management and is a National Honor Society Chapter member.

Sr Carissa Verkaik Calvin College 3.76 Holland, MI

The 6'2 senior center earned her fourth consecutive MIAA Player of the Year award and was named the DIII Player of the Year. Carissa averaged 20 points, 9.2 rebounds and 3.2 blocks while leading her team to a 23-4 overall and 15-1 MIAA record. She scored over 2,000 points in her career. The Elementary Education major will graduate with a 3.76 GPA and was a Capital One Academic All-American.