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ECAC Announces Division III New England Softball All-Star Awards

CENTERVILLE, Mass. – Eastern Connecticut State University's Arielle Cooper and Tufts' Allyson Fournier headline the 2013 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III New England Softball All-Star teams, announced today by the ECAC office. Rounding out the major award winners with the Rookie of the Year was Keene State's Mariah Crisp, all three also earned a spot on the First Team. The team and major award winners were selected based on a vote of regional coaches, or their respective designee.

Third baseman Cooper primarily led off for the Blue Cats this season. She led the team in nearly every category including batting (.538), slugging (1.076), on-base percentage (.629), runs (61), hits (71), RBI (43), home runs (16), doubles (13), and walks (34). She posted season records for Eastern Connecticut in batting, total bases (142), on-base percentage, runs, hits and homeruns. Her junior season, she set a consecutive game hit mark at 33, as a senior Cooper maintained a 26-game hitting streak and appeared in all 177 games of her college career. She was also named to the first team All-America by the NFCA.

Fournier's arm led the Jumbos to their first NCAA National Championship this season with a 25-1 record and a 0.59 ERA as well as four no-hitters. Nationally, she was among the top five in Division III softball for ERA, victories, strikeouts (272) and led the nation in stikeouts per seven innings (12.4). She was named to the All-America first team for the second straight year, she also earned All-New England first team honors this year.

In her rookie campaign, as a pitcher, Crisp set a school record for strikeouts (202) while hurling a 1.32 ERA with a 17-5 record. On the season, she had six shutouts and reached double figures in stirkeouts 10 times. She held opponents to 28 earned runs on 113 hits. Along with Fournier, she is ranked among national leaders in numerous categories: strikeouts, hits allowed per seven innings and ERA. Crisp was Little East Rookie and Pticher of the year. She was also named to the NFCA All-New England team.

2013 ECAC Division III New England Softball All-Star Teams

Player of the Year			
Arielle Cooper	Sr.	3B	Eastern Connecticut State University
Pitcher of the Year			
Allyson Fournier	So.	P	Tufts University
Rookie of the Year			
Mariah Crisp	Fr.	P	Keene State College

First Team*

Jo Clair	Jr.	C	Tufts
Kelly Paterson	Sr.	1B	Eastern Connecticut
Sue Killilea	Sr.	2B	UMass Boston
Catie Funk	Sr.	SS	Babson
Arielle Cooper	Sr.	3B	Eastern Connecticut
Adrienne Chase	So.	DP	University of NE
Sam Rossetti	So.	DP	Eastern Connecticut
Maria Francese	Jr.	OF	Western New England
Stacy Pokora	Jr.	OF	Rhode Island
Danyelle Shufelt	Sr.	OF	St. Joseph's (ME)
Carly Bresee	Fr.	UT	Wellesley
Mariah Crisp	Fr.	P	Keene State
Allyson Fournier	So.	P	Tufts
Kathleen Conway	Jr.	P	Babson

Second Team

Lauren Tierney	Sr.	C	Roger Williams
Breann Joyce	Sr.	1B	Springfield
Emily Beinecke	Sr.	2B	Tufts
Bekah Jackson	Jr.	SS	Plymouth State
Holli Bastinck	Sr.	3B	Coast Guard
Jennifer Shaw	Sr.	3B	Bridgewater State
Allee Beatty	Sr.	OF	Wesleyan
Amanda Genovese	So.	OF	Brandeis
Nicole Peacock	Jr.	OF	Rivier
Bianca Buono	Jr.	UT	Emerson
Amber White	Jr.	P	Bridgewater State

* = denotes a tie in voting