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Kicking It Academically: NJCU Women's Soccer Claims NSCAA College Team Academic Award for Third Consecutive Year

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KANSAS CITY, KS (*NJCUGothicKnights.com*) | For the third consecutive year and the fourth time in five seasons, the **New Jersey City University** women's soccer team has been honored on a national level for its academic prowess.

After producing an impressive combined grade point average of 3.139 for the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 semesters, NJCU has been recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) as a 2014 NSCAA College Team Academic Award Winner for the 2013-14 academic year, the NSCAA announced this week.

The 18 student-athletes that lettered last year for the Gothic Knights had the third highest team GPA in the conference for any men's or women's soccer program and among the highest in the state at any level—producing a 3.183 GPA in the Fall 2013 and 3.102 in the Spring 2014 terms.

The only other schools in the competitive New Jersey Athletic Conference to be recognized by the NSCAA were the Kean University and Richard Stockton College women's programs and NJCU was the only member of the conference to be a repeat winner from last year when the Gothic Knight women produced a 3.174 GPA.

To be eligible for the honor, teams in Division I, II and III must have achieved a collective grade point average of 3.0 or higher during the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 semesters.

The 3.139 was the third highest combined mark on record in program history. The 2011-12 team held a 3.206 GPA and the 2012-13 squad was at 3.174. In 2009-10, the first year, NJCU qualified, the team finished with a 3.01.

Meanwhile, the 18-player program held a combined 3.209 GPA cumulative overall GPA for the entire rosters' full collegiate experience when all attended semesters were factored in.

Of the 18 players on the 2013-14 squad, five achieved a 3.50 GPA in at least one of the two semesters—Dean's List status—with two players, current junior **Cassie Lubonski (Edison, NJ/Edison)** and former player [Jessica Chandler \(Fountain Hills, AZ/Fountain Hills\)](#)—scoring perfect 4.00 GPAs in both semesters. **Lubonski (2014)** and **Chandler (2013)** were each voted to the **Capital One Academic All-District® 2 Division III Women's Soccer First Team** once in the past two seasons. Senior captain [Brittany Hoffman \(McMurray, PA/Peters Township\)](#) also produced a 4.00 in the Fall 2013 semester.

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