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IWU's Bernard Named Third Team All-American; Shares Titan "MVP" Honors with Teammate Kelly

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Senior midfielder Ann Bernard has become the first Illinois Wesleyan soccer player to earn All-American honors after being chosen to the third team of the national Division III squads selected by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Bernard, a first team all-Central region choice, was also chosen as IWU's "Most Valuable Player" for the fourth straight season, sharing the honor with sophomore forward Katie Kelly.

Bernard (**St. Charles HS**) scored eight points on two goals with four assists this fall, playing on a team that shared the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin regular season title and was 12-3-4 overall. She is IWU's all-time leader with 25 assists and fifth leading scorer with 67 career points.

A second team Academic All-American this fall and a third team all-region choice in 2002, Bernard was a first team all-CCIW selection four straight years. In her four seasons, IWU teams were 55-15-6 (.763) and were nationally- and regionally-ranked in 2002 and 2003.

"I am extremely proud of Ann's accomplishment," said IWU coach Dave Barrett. "She is very deserving of this honor and clearly has earned the respect of the coaches throughout the nation. She has had a great career here at IWU, and she has left a legacy for others to try to uphold."

Kelly (**Wheaton, Wheaton Warrenville So. HS**) was chosen to the second team of the NSCAA/adidas all-Central region squads as she tied a school season record with 18 goals. A first team all-league player and three-time CCIW "Player of the Week" in 2003, Kelly is tied for No. 8 in career points with 54 and No. 5 all-time at the school with 25 goals.

In other team awards, freshman back Ashley Goergen (**Geneva HS**) was chosen as the team's "Most Improved Player" and juniors Marisa Johnson (**Wayne, St. Charles East HS**) and Kristin Wood (**Sycamore HS**) were elected to be co-captains for the 2004 squad.

Goergen played defense for a team that allowed only 14 goals in a 19-game season.

Johnson was IWU's second leading scorer as she collected 21 points on six goals with a team-high nine assists. After three seasons, Johnson is No. 4 in career assists with 20, only five away from the record of 25, held by Bernard. Johnson is No. 8 in career scoring (54) and No. 10 in goals (17).

Wood scored two goals and had two assists for six points in 2003.

Freshman Emily Castner (**Elgin, Larkin HS**) had a solid first year in goal as she allowed 0.74 goals per game and had six shutouts for the Titans, who earned their first-ever national ranking midseason.

Barrett awarded 22 letters to women's soccer players, including 20 to players who will return next season. The letterwinners are, with hometowns and high schools:

SENIORS - Ann Bernard (**St. Charles HS**), Lauren Boegen (**Waukegan, Warren HS**).

JUNIORS - Zaya Fusco (**Lake Bluff, Freeport HS**), Marisa Johnson (**Wayne, St. Charles East HS**), April Naylor (**Geneva HS**), Jessica Pyzyna (**Arlington Heights, Hersey HS**), Stephanie Travers (**Maryville, Rosati-Kain HS**), Kristin Wood (**Sycamore HS**).

SOPHOMORES – Heather Jensen (**Windham N.H., Salem HS**), Mary Karson (**St. Charles HS**), Katie Kelly (**Wheaton, Wheaton Warrenville So. HS**), Brittany Kirkpatrick (**Lakeville, Minn. HS**), Jennifer LaBrenz (**Kalamazoo Mich., Central HS**).

FRESHMEN – Emily Castner (**Elgin, Larkin HS**), Kristin Freund (**McHenry, Johnsburg HS**), Ashley Goergen (**Geneva HS**), Katie Korder (**Urbana HS**), Lyndsay O'Brien (**Peoria, Notre Dame HS**), Eileen Ouska (**Skokie, Niles West HS**), Carly Pearlman (**Highland Park HS**), Rachel Shulman (**Vernon Hills, Stevenson HS**), Amy Slott (**Oswego HS**).

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