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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL (Dec. 20, 1986)--Eastern Illinois sophomore LAURA BRUCE has been selected to the GTE/CoSIDA third-team Academic All-American volleyball squad. She was the only member of District 5 to be named to the honor team. District 5 includes all Division 1 universities and colleges in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ontario and Manitoba.

The 5-foot-9 outside hitter saw action in 32 of 34 matches in 1986 for the Lady Panthers after transferring from George Washington University. The LaGrange, IL product finished third for Eastern Illinois in service aces (35) and digs (286), fourth in total blocks (30) and fifth in kills (226).

Bruce is the second Eastern Illinois women's athlete to be named to the Academic All-American team in the past year. Lady Panther softball player Tammi Rettig was named to the honorable mention softball squad last spring.

The Lyons Township High School graduate carries a perfect 4.0 GPA in mathematics. Bruce was named to Phi Alpha Eta--a campus scholastic honorary for women--this fall. She was one of only three sophomores named to the prestigious 18-member All-American team.

Other members of the third-team include: Eileen Stewart, Drexel; Kassie Oriel, Missouri; Christine Sherman, Clemson; Kathleen Tepe, Miami (O); and Dylan Duncan, BYU.