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Former Red Dragon Carol Merchant Named to NCAA 25th Anniversary Field Hockey Team

Former SUNY Cortland field hockey standout Carol Merchant was one of 11 players selected to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Field Hockey 25th Anniversary Team. The team, chosen by an online public vote, was part of the celebration of field hockey holding a Division III championship under the NCAA banner for 25 years.

A native of Watertown, N.Y., Merchant played four seasons at Cortland from 1991-94 and is a 1994 alumna of the College. She helped the Red Dragons win national titles in both 1993 and 1994, earning first team All-America and NCAA All-Tournament Team honors each season. She was also a second team Academic All-American and a Honda Broderick Nominee as Player of the Year in her senior season and was a four-time All-New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association selection.

Merchant is still Cortland’s career leader with 74 goals and 182 points and is third with 34 assists. She scored a school single-season record 29 goals in 1992 during her sophomore season and 24 goals, including both of Cortland’s goals in a 2-1 NCAA title game win over Trenton State, as a senior.

Merchant is currently the field hockey head coach at Salem (N.H.) High School. She has led the program to Class L state titles in 2003 and 2005.

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