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Cortland’s Katie Pietrzak Earns Women’s Volleyball All-Region Honors; Four Red Dragons Selected to All-SUNYAC Team

SUNY Cortland junior middle hitter Katie Pietrzak (ROCHESTER/Greece Arcadia) has been chosen to the 2002 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III All-New York Region women’s volleyball team.

An honorable mention selection, Pietrzak led the 27-14 Red Dragons this season with a .330 attack percentage and 148 blocks. She was third on the squad with 316 kills and fourth with 37 service aces.

Pietrzak is one of four Cortland players who were named to the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Eastern Division all-star squad. She was a first-team selection along with junior outside hitter Andrea Smith (SAN DIEGO, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) and graduate student setter Kimberly Wood (SOUTH SALEM/John Jay). Junior middle hitter Megan Thurkins (PAINTED POST/Corning-Painted Post) was an honorable mention choice.

Smith led Cortland this fall with 402 kills and 658 digs and tied for the team lead with 53 service aces. She was third on the team with 70 blocks. Wood finished the season with 713 assists, 242 digs and a .319 attack percentage. Thurkins, who was also a New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) all-star this fall, was second on the team with 354 kills, a .326 attack percentage and 92 blocks. She also recorded 44 aces and 243 digs.

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