Cortland's Katie Pietrzak and Andrea Smith Earn Volleyball Academic All-District Honors; Pietrzak Eligible for National Academic All-America Recognition

SUNY Cortland senior middle hitter Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) and senior outside hitter Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/ Frontier Central (NY)) have been selected to the 2003 Academic All-District I College Division Women’s Volleyball Team. Pietrzak was a first team selection and moves on to the national Academic All-America ballot. Smith was a third team all-district honoree.

The College Division District I team features athletes from Division II, Division III and NAIA schools in New York and New England (seven states total) plus three Canadian provinces.

Pietrzak is one of six student-athletes chosen to the all-district first team. She is a childhood education major and history minor with a 3.80 overall grade point average. Pietrzak finished the season as the leader in the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) with a .362 hitting percentage. She led Cortland with 139 blocks (1.07 per game) and was third on the team with 317 kills (2.44 per game). She was a first team All-SUNYAC East selection and was named to both the SUNYAC and New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) all-tournament teams.

Smith is a sport management major with a 3.38 grade point average. She was chosen as the SUNYAC East Most Valuable Player and was an All-NYSWCAA honoree. Smith finished the season with a .292 hitting percentage, led the Red Dragons with 505 digs (3.88 per game) and was second on the team with 358 kills (2.75 per game).