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## MEAC ANNOUNCES WEEKLY VOLLEYBALL HONORS

**NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 23, 2017**—Delaware State senior **Sabina Szmajduch** and Maryland Eastern Shore sophomore **Iva Vujosevic** were named Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Volleyball Co-Players of the Week, the conference office announced today. **Bethune-Cookman's Jordan Jefferson** and **North Carolina Central's Christine Alcox** were named Co-Rookies of the Week, while **Maryland Eastern Shore graduate student Mere Serea** earned Defensive Specialist of the Week honors and **Howard junior Tamia Dockery** was named Setter of the Week.

**Szmajduch (5-11, Sr., OH, Rybnik, Poland)** averaged 3.4 kills per set to help Delaware State go 2-1 over the past week, recording a pair of double-doubles in the process. She had 20 kills and 20 digs in a four-set win over Coppin State, before adding 14 kills and 14 digs in a four-set win over Norfolk State. In between those matches, she had a seven-kill, eight-dig, four-service ace performance against Maryland Eastern Shore.

**Vujosevic (5-11, So., OH, Bar, Montenegro)** hit .376 for the week in helping Maryland Eastern Shore go 3-0 – including a double-double (17 kills, 11 digs) in a straight-set win over MEAC Southern Division leader Bethune-Cookman. She also had 12 kills, nine digs, three total blocks and three service aces in a conference win over Delaware State, after an eight-kill, 11-dig performance against Hampton.

**Jefferson (5-8, Fr., OH, San Antonio, Texas)** had 15 kills and 12 digs against Howard to record her 11<sup>th</sup> double-double of the season, and she followed that with a 14-kill, nine-dig, two-block effort against Maryland Eastern Shore as Bethune-Cookman squared off against the top two teams in the MEAC Northern Division.

**Alcox (5-8, Fr., OH, Carrboro, N.C.)** recorded her first collegiate double-double in the Lady Eagles' straight-set win over Savannah State, racking up 10 kills and 11 digs to go along with five service aces. Those five aces were a team single-match high for the season, and Alcox also hit a season-best .316 and racked up 15.5 points.

**Serea (6-3, Gr., MB, Suva, Fiji)** had 10 total blocks in helping the Hawks to a 3-0 mark this past week – which included conference wins over Hampton and Delaware State. She had four total blocks in each of those two matches, before adding two more in a straight-set win over Bethune-Cookman. Serea's effort was a large part of Maryland Eastern Shore holding opponents to just .095 hitting last week.

**Dockery (5-8, Jr., S, Richmond, Texas)** averaged 10.4 assists per set to help Howard go 2-0 for the weekend, recording a double-double of 46 assists and 17 digs, to go along with four kills and four total blocks, in a four-set win over Bethune-Cookman. She also had 27 assists and eight digs in a straight-set win over Coppin State in conference play.

### Other Top Performers

**Phalen Clark (B-CU)** racked up 35 assists against Howard and had a double-double of 20 assists and 12 digs against Maryland Eastern Shore.

**Rechez Lindsay (B-CU)** had 20 digs against Howard after a 19-dig performance at Florida Gulf Coast.

**Rakaya Neely (B-CU)** had 12 kills against Howard, hitting .800 to set the program's single-match hitting percentage record.

**Gabriella Enriquez (DSU)** had double-doubles against Coppin State (36 assists, 18 digs) and Norfolk State (40 assists, 15 digs).

**Maja Petronijevic (HAM)** averaged 5.0 digs per set, racking up 18 against Norfolk State and 17 against Maryland Eastern Shore.

**Lena Reed-Petracek (HAM)** averaged 7.4 assists per set, including 29 against Maryland Eastern Shore.

**Reeana Richardson (HAM)** had 13 kills and six digs against Maryland Eastern Shore, before adding 10 kills and eight digs against Norfolk State.

**Carlise Cardoza (HOW)** racked up 18 digs and a pair of service aces in a four-set win over Bethune-Cookman.

**Kira Porter (HOW)** had 13 kills against Bethune-Cookman, before hitting .750 against Coppin State.

**Ivana Blazevic (MDES)** had 47 assists, four kills and two aces against Delaware State.

**Jill Aquino (NSU)** had 39 assists and nine digs against Delaware State.

**Melvina Brown (NSU)** totaled 13 digs against Delaware State and 11 against Hampton.

**Taylor Eichelberger (NSU)** racked up 15 kills and four digs against Delaware State.

**Hope Forsythe (NSU)** had 14 kills and 11 digs against Delaware State.

**Tyran Chenault (SSU)** had six total blocks in a loss to North Carolina Central.

**Leiri Melendez (SSU)** recorded 13 digs against North Carolina Central.