

AU's Williamson, Cleary earn women's basketball all-conference

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ALFRED, NY - Grace Williamson (Olean, NY/Olean), a sophomore forward on the Alfred University women's basketball team, and Harley Cleary (Rochester, NY/Mercy), a freshman guard, have been named Empire 8 Conference all-stars. The Empire 8 announced its all-conference teams today and Williamson and Cleary were given honorable mention. Williamson was one of the top players in the Empire 8 all season. She was fifth in the league in scoring (14.7 points per game) and led the conference in rebounding (11.0 boards per game). She ranked second in blocked shots (1.8 per game), fourth in field goal percentage (.480), 15th in foul shooting percentage (.664), 14th in steals (1.4 per game). Her numbers were even better in Empire 8 play. In 14 conference games, she averaged 15.1 points (fifth in the league) and led the conference in rebounding (11.8 per game). Her .488 field goal percentage was third in the conference and her 2.1 blocked shots per game ranked second. Cleary was sixth in the league in scoring (14.6 points per game), third in free throw percentage (.859), 11th in steals (1.6 per game) and 12th in assists (2.3 per game). In 12 Empire games, she scored 13.9 points per game (ninth in the conference), shot 82.9 percent from the foul line (fourth) and averaged 2.0 steals (eighth) and 2.1 assists (15th). Her 1.6 three-point field goals made per game in conference contests ranked fifth. Williamson and Cleary both rank among the nation's statistical leaders for Division III. Williamson is fourth in the country in double-doubles (17, with 10 coming in Empire 8 games) and 31st in rebounding, while Cleary is 27th in free throw percentage. Each season, the Empire 8 honors students-athletes from each conference school, who play on teams sponsored by the conference, with Sportsperson of the Year awards. Honorees, chosen by their coaches, exhibited outstanding sportsmanship in keeping with the conference's mission of "competing with honor and integrity." Senior guard Kacey Kwiecien (Perry, NY/Perry) is Alfred's honoree from the women's basketball team. Alfred finished its season with an 8-17 record (1-13 Empire 8).