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Kurtz named top Bluffton College senior female student-athlete of the year

Bluffton College senior Emily Kurtz (Wooster/Smithville H.S.) received the Kathryn E. Little Award Tuesday, given annually to the top senior female student-athlete of the year as selected by the BC athletic department faculty.

Kurtz holds BC softball records for career earned run average (1.94) and innings pitched (436.2) and last year set single-season records for pitching wins (13) and ERA (1.28). She was a first team All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference selection as a junior and carries a GPA of 3.5 in Middle Childhood Education with a concentration in Math and Social Studies.

Off the field, Kurtz has been active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has been a member of that group’s steering committee for three years. She has been active in Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the BC Education Organization and has been selected to the Dean’s List for three terms.

The award, given annually since 1977, is named after longtime BC coach and professor Kate Little, who served the college from 1958 through 1974 and was instrumental in making the women’s athletic program what it is today.

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