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American University and Howard University Represent at NCAA Division I Tournament

Two Division I volleyball university programs located in the Chesapeake Region earned at-large bids to the 2015 Division I NCAA Tournament this season.

The American University (AU) volleyball team swept No. 22 Kentucky (26-24, 25-17, 25-21) in first round action at Ohio State on December 4. The Eagles controlled the match the entire way, upsetting the SEC powerhouse Wildcats. AU eventually fell to Ohio State in the second round ending their season with a 17th place tie in the NCAA tournament.

American volleyball earned its way into the NCAA tournament with their 13th Patriot League Championship title in 15 years and a perfect 18-0 Patriot League record. 2015 proved historic as the team swept every major award including Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, Setter of the Year, and Libero of the Year. The Eagles end their season with a 28-7 record.

The Howard University women's team received their first ever bid to the NCAA tournament with a 3-0 sweep of Bethune-Cookman in the MEAC Championships. The Bisons' season came to an end with a 3-0 loss to Penn State in the NCAA Tournament first round match. Howard ended their season with an 18-14 record.

Congratulations to American Coach Barry Goldberg (Patriot League Coach of the Year) and Howard Coach Shaun Kupferberg (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year) on your outstanding seasons!

