Lenoir-Rhyne's Danielle Bongiorno has been named the 2012-13 South Atlantic Conference Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete Of The Year.

The SAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards are presented to one male and one female student-athlete in each of the conference's 14 championship sports. The awards are voted on by the league's Faculty Athletic Representatives Committee.

Anderson's Chandler Hash was named the 2012-13 SAC Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete Of The Year.

"We're very fortunate to have student-athletes the caliber of Chandler (Hash) and Danielle (Bongiorno) in our conference," said SAC commissioner Patrick Britz.

"They've both achieved success on the basketball court throughout their careers, but more importantly, have been role models in academics and leadership on campus."

Bongiorno, a junior guard from Wilmington, N.C., has a 3.99 grade point average while majoring in sports management. Bongiorno has helped lead Lenoir-Rhyne (18-8, 13-5) to a second-place finish in the South Atlantic Conference this year.

Bongiorno averages 5.7 points per game to go along with 10 three-pointers and 24 assists this season for the Bears while serving as a team captain in 2012-13. Bongiorno is a three-time selection to the Lenoir-Rhyne President's List, a two-year member of the South Atlantic Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll and had the second-highest GPA of any female L-R student-athlete last year.

Bongiorno is involved in numerous campus groups and activities including Campus Crusade for Christ, FCA and Sign Troupe. Bongiorno also volunteers at local elementary and middle schools, leads a team bible study and is a former participant at the Ultimate Training Camp in Colorado.

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