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Lees-McRae College junior Evan Webb (Salisbury, N.C.) capped his 2012-2013 indoor season with his first trip to NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday afternoon, persevering through numerous obstacles and

putting forth his best effort despite a nagging injury at the CrossPlex Complex. Webb narrowly missed the opening height in the men's pole vault competition, powering through each of his three attempts while falling just short of the bar in his final effort. The Salisbury, N.C. native put together an outstanding season for the Bobcats, earning the program's second consecutive Southeast Region Field Athlete of the Year honors as awarded by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association.

The junior is just the third indoor national qualifier in program history and the eighth overall qualifier since the school began competing in track and field. Webb also earned all-region honors from the USTFCCCA earlier this week, marking the third straight year he has been named to the all-region team.

Webb has enjoyed a tremendous junior season this winter, surpassing the provisionally qualifying mark in the first meet of the campaign when he finished at 4.90 meters to win Appalachian State University's Indoor Invitational. Webb steadily improved over the course of the season, topping out at a school-record height of 5.05 meters this past weekend at the George Mason University Last Chance Meet.

The three-time all-region performer is the eighth national qualifier in program history – both indoor and outdoor – and the second in the pole vault. Former Bobcat star Jonathan Arthur qualified for outdoor nationals in both 2009 and 2010 in the pole vault, finishing eighth in his second try to earn the program's second NCAA Division II All-American honors.

Lees-McRae returns to action on Friday, March 15 when the Bobcats open their outdoor season in Winston-Salem, N.C. at the Wake Forest University Invitational.