

LMC To Host Memorial Service For Megan Baab Jan. 12

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Lees-McRae College will hold a memorial service to honor freshman cyclist Megan Baab, who passed away in a tragic training accident last month, on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 2 p.m. in

Evans Auditorium, announced College officials Friday.

Baab, a native of Euless, Texas, was a four discipline rider for the Lees-McRae cycling team and had competed on the national level at both USA Cycling National Championships (Track and Mountain Bike) this season for the Bobcats. She was slated to compete in January at the USA Cycling Cyclocross Championships for Lees-McRae.

According to reports, Baab, 19, was traveling north on US 221 in Altamont, N.C. when a southbound truck crossed the center line and struck her. Baab was air-lifted to Johnson City Medical Center, but was pronounced dead soon after arrival at the medical center from the injuries sustained.

"We all remember Megan as a bright and bubbly member of our campus community," said President Barry Buxton. "She always had a smile on her face and a friendly word to say. Her contributions to our campus were noteworthy, even though we were only able to share a single semester with her. We send our most heartfelt condolences to her family and friends in Texas and keep them in our thoughts and prayers."

"Megan was a breath of fresh air to the team," said head coach Luke Winger. "She was incredibly positive and super fun to have around. The exciting thing for me, as a Christian, is that Wednesday my wife asked her if she was a Christian, and she joyfully stated she was; which brings me comfort knowing that she is in Heaven with the God who made her. I'm thankful for the chance to have known her."

The Lees-McRae athletic department will offer a streaming webcast of the service via lmcbobcats.com. Those interested in watching the broadcast can access the live stream by clicking on the "America One" link on the right-hand side of the homepage.

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