

LMC Women's Hoops Inks Three For 2012-13 season

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Three student-athletes have signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Lees-McRae College and play women's basketball this fall, announced head coach Sebastian Wild Friday. Emily Brown (Winston-Salem, N.C.), Alyssa Munson (Summerfield, N.C.), and Tayler Collins (Fayetteville, N.C.) will don the Green and Gold this fall as the Bobcats look to build on their

success from last season. Brown comes to Lees-McRae from Forsyth Country Day School in Lewisville, N.C., where she averaged 10 points, seven rebounds, and four steals per game as a senior.

"We are extremely excited about having Emily with our Basketball family here at Lees-McRae," said Wild. "Emily is a very skilled and athletic basketball player, but what really sets her apart from most is her tremendous work ethic paired with her drive and passion for the game. I am confident that she will turn heads with her shooting ability and her defensive versatility next season, and develop into a special player at the collegiate level during her career here at LMC." Munson joins the Bobcats following a tremendous prep career at Northwest Guilford High School in Greensboro, N.C., where she averaged a double-double with 10 points and 14 rebounds per game during her senior season. A native of Summerfield, N.C., Munson is rated as a three-star prospect by ESPN HoopGurlz, and ranked as the 83rd forward in the nation as part of the 2012 recruiting class.

"Alyssa is a versatile forward with great 'back to the basket skills' and a soft touch from mid-range," said Wild. "At a long 6-1, she has proven to be a disruptive force on the defensive end and a great rebounder, both offensively and defensively."

The 6-1 forward was a two-time all-conference performer at Northwest Guilford, earning all-district honors last season while garnering MVP honors at the 2010-2011 Pizza Hut Tournament.

"Alyssa's impressive talent level paired with her tremendous work ethic allowed her to complete an accomplished career at Northwest Guilford, playing for Coach Joyner," said Wild. "We are excited to welcome Alyssa to our lady Bobcat family here at LMC."

Collins comes to Lees-McRae from Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville, N.C., where she averaged 12.2 points and 9.2 rebounds per game as a senior. The 6-0 forward was also selected to play for the East squad in this summer's North Carolina Coaches Association East-West All-Star game in Greensboro, N.C., after earning all-Mid-South 4-A Conference First team honors this past season.

"We are very excited about adding Tayler to our program," said Wild. "She is the definition of a 'stretch forward' and will fit perfectly in our system here at LMC. Being able to use her size inside the paint and her soft touch from three-point range will cause significant problems for any defense we face.

"Tayler has a very high basketball IQ and is determined to make an immediate impact with a strong freshman campaign in 2012-13. We have high hopes for Tayler and our entire class of 2016."

Lees-McRae is expected to return 10 letter-winners next season, including rising seniors Icey Patterson (Seneca, S.C.), Zukye Smith (Chesterfield, Va.), Juliane Faltus (Berlin, Germany), and Candace Flowers (Charlotte, N.C.).