

## Five Bobcats Named To NABC Honors Court

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Five members of the Lees-McRae College men's basketball program have been named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honors Court, announced NABC officials Wednesday. Wittenberg University led the nation with eight honorees, while American University had seven selections. Ashford University, Carroll University, Midland

University, Pomona-Pitzer College, Waynesburg University and Wofford College each placed six players in the honors court. Lees-McRae, Capital University, Carroll College, Columbia College (Mo.), University of Denver, and Wabash College each received five selections. To be eligible for inclusion in the NABC Honors Court, a student-athlete must be academically a junior or senior varsity player and carry a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 academic year. Each player must also have been a student at their current institution for at least one year, and be a member of an NCAA Division I, II, III, or NAIA institution.

"I am extremely proud of the honor for all five young men," said Bobcat head coach Scott Polsgrove. "They have worked hard both in the classroom and on the basketball floor and have represented Lees-McRae in a way that makes all of us proud. I look forward to watching these guys achieve more this year."

Will Lopez (Sydney, Australia), Daniel Sepokas (Illawong, Australia), DJ Brown (Anderson, S.C.), Robert Hawthorne (Greenville, S.C.), and Juan Urbina (Barquisimeto, Venezuela) were selected to represent the Bobcats, each carrying a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

Sepokas and Brown each played a pivotal role in the Bobcats' success this past season, combining for more than 20 points per game, as Lees-McRae posted the program's best conference record since joining Conference Carolinas with an 8-8 mark.

Brown led the Bobcats with 64 three-pointers last season, converting nearly 44 percent of his attempts from beyond the arc, as Sepokas averaged 3.4 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game while leading the team in scoring (11.2). Lopez and Urbina combined for just over four points per game, as Hawthorne sat out the 2011-12 season after transferring from nearby Mars Hill College.

Lees-McRae opens the 2012-13 season on Saturday, November 10 when the Bobcats host Johnson C. Smith University at 2 p.m. in Williams Gymnasium.

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