Webb Qualifies For NCAA Championsh ips

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Lees-McRae College junior Evan Webb (Salisbury, N.C.) has officially qualified for the 2013 NCAA Division II Indoor National Championships, becoming the third indoor national qualifier in program history, announced NCAA officials Tuesday with the

release of the official heat lists. A native of Salisbury, N.C., 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.

With his final qualifying height, Webb goes into the national championship meet ranked ninth out of 17 vaulters selected to compete for the 2013 title. Webb is one of 10 athletes in the nation to clear five meters this season.

Webb 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.

Webb and the Bobcats return to action on Friday, March 1 when they travel to nearby Hickory, N.C. to open the outdoor season at the Power Sox Invitational, hosted by Lenoir-Rhyne University.

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