

LMC Earns Three Spring Sportsmanship Awards

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The Lees-McRae College athletic department continues to be a leader, both on and off the field, in Conference Carolinas, receiving three Sportsmanship Awards in the sports of men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse and softball this spring.

"I am glad to see our peers recognize our sportsmanship and character," expressed Director of Athletics Craig McPhail. "As fan of sports, we all want the games to be played with the highest of regards. This is a tribute to our quality coaching staff, and the student athletes that wear the green and gold."

Belmont Abbey College was honored with the Messick Sportsmanship Award for the second year in a row after receiving seven of the league's 20 team sportsmanship awards. King University earned four team awards during the 2012-2013 academic year, followed by Lees-McRae's three.

The sport-specific Sportsmanship Awards are determined using a voting process implemented by Athletics Directors, which calls for a coach and student-athlete representative to vote together and evaluate the sportsmanship exhibited by conference opponents' players, coaches and fans during the regular season. After votes have been submitted, the conference office averages the results and the institution with the highest average for each conference sport is awarded the respective Sportsmanship Award.

"Any time you receive this recognition, it makes everyone involved proud, as we all want to be perceived as good sports and honor the opportunity we have been given," said McPhail.