

LMC Soccer Signs Three To Complete Recruiting Class

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Three student-athletes have signed to attend Lees-McRae College in the fall of 2013 and play women's soccer, announced head coach Nick Whiting Friday. Brenna Cripe (Monroe, N.C.), Lena Langille (Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada), and Kalyn Dumanowsky (Flowery Branch, Ga.) join an already deep and talented recruiting class that features some of the top players in the Southeast Region.

"Brenna, Lena and Kalyn are great additions to our 2013 class and I am proud to welcome them to Lees-McRae and our program," praised Whiting. "This is a big class, but a talented one and one that can help carry our program forward. They will all be successful on the field, in the classroom and in the community and I couldn't be happier with how this class turned out."

Brenna Cripe - Defender - 5-4 - Panama City, Fla.

Cripe comes to Lees-McRae from Conference Carolinas foe Barton College, where she appeared in 16 matches as a freshman in 2011, including seven starts. A native of Monroe, N.C., Cripe enjoyed a strong prep career at Union Academy, where she was a two-time all-conference and all-region selection. Cripe was also named to the all-County and All-State teams in 2011.

"Brenna has experience in the conference that is going to serve her very well here at Lees-McRae," said Whiting. "She knows what it takes to be successful at this level, and has the versatility to play in the back or up top that is going to allow her to make a seamless transition into our program. She has a great work rate and competes for everything."

Lena Langille - Forward - 5-9 - Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia, Canada

Langille joins the Bobcats from Cole Harbour High School in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, where she was twice named the team MVP in addition to earning the squad's Golden Boot award as a junior. The 5-9 forward also served as the kicker on her high school's boys' football team, one of only a handful of girls in North America to do so.

"Lena has the skills to make a big impact up top for the Bobcats," said Whiting. "She possesses the size, speed and finishing ability to score goals at this level. She has been one of the top players in Nova Scotia over the last few years, and has been one of the leading scorers for every team she has been on. She isn't just a goal scorer though, as she uses her vision to create tons of chances for her teammates as well."

Kalyn Dumanowsky - Midfielder - 5-5 - Braselton, Ga.

Dumanowsky dons the Green and Gold followed a strong prep career at Johnson High School in Gainesville, Ga. The 5-5 midfielder was honored as the team MVP, as well as earning a spot on the all-Area First team in 2010. Dumanowsky also garnered her team's Skills Award in 2011. "Kalyn has the type of soccer brain you look for in a player," explained Whiting. "She can pass the ball well and has a ton of creativity, but is also not afraid to mix it up and win challenges both in the air and on the ground. She has played at the highest level of club soccer with Atlanta Fire in the ECNL, and that experience is going to help her make the step up to the college level."

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Cripe, Langille, and Dumanowsky join a recruiting class that already includes Erin Barcal (Wilmington, N.C.), Jessica Bunce (Charlotte, N.C.), Hannah Cruse (Concord, N.C.), Phenix Durham (Waxhaw, N.C.), Emma McGovern (Lexington, N.C.) Madison Provines (Palm City, Fla.), Ashley Ritter (Vero Beach, Fla.) and Cheyenne Warrick (Pikeville, N.C.).

Whiting and the Bobcats will look to these 11 young ladies to help build on the success that the Lees-McRae women's soccer program has enjoyed over the past two seasons, capturing back-to-back Conference Carolinas regular season championships while earning the school's first-ever berth in the NCAA Division II Championships in 2011.

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