

## Obacha Nominated For Good Works Team

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Appalachian State men's basketball sophomore Michael Obacha (Edo State, Nigera/High Point Christian) has been nominated for the National Association of Basketball Coaches 2014 Allstate Good Works Team, the NABC announced on Tuesday.

Obacha is one of 118 men's basketball student-athletes to be nominated at the NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA levels.

The award recognizes a select group of college basketball student-athletes who have made significant contributions to the greater good of their communities through volunteerism and civic service.

In its second year, the Allstate NABC Good Works Teams honors players at all levels of college basketball who represent the sport's finest in the areas of leadership and charitable achievements amongst their peers. The student-athletes nominated for this prestigious award embody the true spirit of teamwork and giving back.

From the pool of 118 nominees, special voting panels will select two 10-member member teams comprised of five student-athletes from each of the four levels of competition. The final roster of 20 student-athletes will be revealed in February and the group will be invited to the 2014 NABC Convention and the 2014 Final Four in Dallas, where the team will participate in a community

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This year's voting panel consists of Pam Hollander (Allstate Insurance) and Jim Haney (NABC) ; former college basketball players Greg Anthony (UNLV), Mateen Cleaves (Michigan State) and Alana Beard (Duke); former head coaches Bobby Cremins (Appalachian/College of Charleston/Georgia Tech), Seth Greenberg (Virginia Tech), Marsha Sharp (Texas Tech) and Nell Fortner (Auburn); current college basketball coach Coquese Washington (Penn State); and media members Seth Davis (Sports Illustrated/CBS), Dana O'Neil (ESPN), Carolyn Peck (ESPN) and LaChina Robinson (ESPN/FOX).

Currently in his second year with the Mountaineers, Obacha has been involved in a wide array of community service projects including Operation Christmas Child.

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