

## Clay Receives Prestigious Honor

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Former Ashe County High basketball standout Mallery Clay, who graduated in 2011, has received a lofty award from Catawba College, a Division II school in Salisbury, N.C., and a member of the South Atlantic Conference.

Clay is graduating this in only three years. She has played basketball for three years, she was a starter and was named a co-captain for the Indians this past season.

Cameron Michael Beard of Conover and Martha Mallery Clay of Lansing shared the Dean Grove Award, given annually to a student athlete(s) majoring in mathematics or science who demonstrates leadership abilities in both areas. The late Dr. Rodger H. Lofland '61 established the Dean Grove Award in tribute to Dean N. Grove '40, Lofland's high school coach, biology teacher and mentor.

Clay played in 27 games her junior year, and started 26 games. She averaged 8.5 points-per-game. clay appeared in 27 games and she made one start as a junior. She scored nine points against Pfeiffer; she had seven points, six rebounds and four assists against Livingstone. She grabbed six rebounds in win over Newberry.

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Clay played in 28 games as a true freshman, averaging 11 minutes a contest. She averaged just over two points per outing, and she had a career-best 13 points at Carson-Newman. scored nine points in a win over Erskine and eight points in a win over Anderson, and she made two clutch free throws with five seconds left to give Catawba a 70-67 win against Anderson.

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