

Whitson, Tuttle earn top BC Athletic Awards

Jonathan Whitson and Johanne Tuttle were named the 2010 Brevard College Athletes of the Year at the annual sports banquet honoring achievements by student-athletes at the College.

Matt St. Marie rounded out the top award recipients for having the highest GPA by a BC student-athlete.

The ceremony acknowledging the accomplishments of Brevard College teams and students for the 2009-2010 athletic seasons took place May 3 in the Porter Center, as the BC Athletic Department hosted student-athletes in the 18 varsity sports offered at BC as well as their friends, family, members of the Tornado Club, and faculty, staff, and members of the community.

Whitson, Tuttle, and St. Marie headlined the list of award winners. Other awards given out at the ceremony include First Year Letter winners, Student-Athlete Honor Roll and SAC Honor Roll recognition and the team individual awards.

This was the third time Whitson has won the BC Male Athlete of the Year, having taken the honor in his freshman and junior seasons.

The senior from Clyde was a 6-7 forward on the men's basketball team, where he became the first Tornado to be named a Division II Bulletin 2010 All-American Honorable mention, capping off a record-setting career which saw Whitson rewrite the men's basketball record book after either setting or retaining 12 single-game, single-season and career records.



Whitson

He was also selected to the DII All-Star Game in his senior season and was named on the Daktronics NCAA II All-Southeast Region Second Team and was a NABC All-District First Team selection. Whitson was also named a First Team All-South Atlantic Conference selection and was the 2010 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player in leading the Tornados men's basketball team to Brevard College's first SAC title.

Throughout the year, Whitson achieved the personal milestone of reaching 2,000 points in his career and he finished his career at Brevard as the all-time leader in points scored at 2,028, rebounds with 942, field goals made at 785, field goals attempted at 1,510, free throws made with 438, free throws attempted at 603 and as the Brevard College all-time scoring average leader, averaging 17.95 points per game as a Tornado.

Johanne Tuttle finished off her campaign as the singularly most decorated athlete since the program became a four-year institution, as she is a four-time national champion and led the Brevard College Cycling team to their first National Championship this past fall in Truckee, Calif.



Tuttle

Tuttle won her first national championship last season at the 2008 Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships held in Banner Elk, where she won the Dual Slalom event on her way to her first Individual Omnium National Championship. This season, Tuttle was recognized in Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd, winning a national title in the Four Cross event on her way to her second straight Individual Omnium Title. Tuttle's effort led the Tornados Cycling team capturing Brevard College's first National Title as the team finished 130 points ahead of their closest competition.

St. Marie received the Senior GPA award, having compiled a

cumulative 4.0 GPA during his time at Brevard College as a member of the BC Cycling team.

The Awards Ceremony also included a special recognition ceremony for the first four-year letter winners on the Brevard College football team, and Coach Paul Hamilton unveiled a new award to be given out this season to a senior who exhibited steadfast commitment, courage, dedication and pride in the Coach John McKissick Award, named after former BC football player and the all-time winningest football coach on all levels of play. The award this season went to senior linebacker Brandon Rawls.

Other key awards given out were the Champs Cup and the Team GPA award. The Brevard College men's basketball team became this year's Champs Cup champion, recording 563 out of the 3,035 points earned by the Tornados athletic teams. The Champs Cup is a product of the NCAA Champs/Life Skills program, which measures Academic Excellence, Athletic Excellence, Career Development, Personal Development, and Excellence in Service.

Men's Tennis received the Team GPA award as Coach Paul Thomson's team held a cumulative 3.52 team grade point average for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The full list of award winners:

Baseball – Jackie Corn (MVP), Stephen Mullis (Offensive Player of the Year), Ronald Patterson (Defensive Player of the Year)

Men's Basketball – Jonathan Whitson and Josh Roper (Co-MVPs), Darin Dellinger (Coach's Award)

Women's Basketball – Samantha Winn (MVP), Lindsay Brendle (Most Improved), Alyssa Cutshaw (Coach's Award)

Cheerleading – Ki'era Gash (MVP)

Men's Cross Country/Track & Field – Matthew Crowe (Track MVP & XC Coach's Award), Daniel Modahl (Most Improved)

Women's Cross Country/Track & Field – Ryan Ledington (Track MVP), Chynna Shipp (Most Improved), Melissa Schmidt (XC Coach's Award)

Cycling – Tristan Cowie and Julia Tellman (MVPs), Matt St. Marie (Coach's Award)

Football – Stanley Jones (MVP), Justin Jefferson (Most Improved), Donald Hudson (Coach's Award), Brandon Rawls (John McKissick Award)

Men's Golf – Joshua Davis (MVP), Mike Jones (Most Improved), Thomas Rennie (Coach's Award)

Women's Golf – Alisiya Klochkova (MVP)

Men's Soccer – Craig Galloway (MVP), Anthony Cardenas (Most Improved), Ian Townson (Coach's Award)

Women's Soccer – Bailey Varley (Offensive MVP), Kayla Yingst (Defensive MVP), Kelly Harris (Coach's Award)

Softball – Chelsi Mallory (Offensive MVP), Martika Elmore (Defensive MVP), Kristina Clayton (Coach's Award)

Men's Tennis – Scott McCormick (MVP), Jonathan Lavelle (Most Improved), Shane Apps (Coach's Award)

Women's Tennis – Lindsay Shaeffer (MVP), Ellie Bartholomew (Most Improved), Sara Douglas (Coach's Award)

Volleyball – Rebecca Schoonover (Plays with Heart Award), Jamie Atkinson (Most Improved), Brooke Seaman (Chasing Excellence Award)