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END OF YEAR AWARDS

FINAL BUSINESS: Las Vegas, Biloxi and Raleigh hosts as conferences wrap up 2003-04 seasons.

▼ SOUTHERN TOPS SWAC ALL-SPORTS; ST. AUGUSTINE'S, V-STATE BEST IN THE CIAA

2003-04 BLACK COLLEGE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS IN ALL SPORTS

CIAA CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

BASEBALL
Virginia State (Men)

BASKETBALL
Men - Virginia Union
Women - Shaw

BOWLING
Virginia State

CROSS COUNTRY
Men - St. Augustine's
Women - St. Augustine's

FOOTBALL
Fayetteville State (Men)

GOLF
Fayetteville State (Men)

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Men - St. Augustine's
Women - St. Augustine's

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Men - St. Augustine's
Women - St. Augustine's

SOFTBALL
Virginia State (Women)

TENNIS
Men - Johnson C. Smith
Women - Fayetteville State

VOLLEYBALL
St. Augustine's (Women)

MEAC MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

BASEBALL
Bethune-Cookman (Men)

BASKETBALL
Men - Florida A&M
Women - Hampton

BOWLING
Maryland-Eastern Shore (Women)

CROSS COUNTRY
Men - Norfolk State
Women - Howard

FOOTBALL
North Carolina A&T (Men)

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Men - Florida A&M
Women - Hampton

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Men - Hampton, Florida A&M
Women - Hampton

SOFTBALL
Bethune-Cookman (Women)

TENNIS
Men - South Carolina State
Women - Hampton

VOLLEYBALL
Florida A&M (Women)

SIAC SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

BASEBALL
Albany State (Men)

BASKETBALL
Men - Benedict
Women - Benedict

CROSS COUNTRY
Men - Morehouse
Women - Fort Valley State

FOOTBALL
Albany State (Men)

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Men - Albany State
Women - Fort Valley State

SOFTBALL
Benedict (Women)

TENNIS
Men - Tuskegee
Women - Clark Atlanta

VOLLEYBALL
Albany State (Women)

SWAC SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

BASEBALL
Texas Southern (Men)

BASKETBALL
Men - Mississippi Valley State
Women - Alabama State, Jackson State

BOWLING
Southern (Women)

CROSS COUNTRY
Men - Southern
Women - Grambling State

FOOTBALL
Southern (Men)

GOLF
Men - Jackson State
Women - Southern

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Men - Alabama State
Women - Southern

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Men - Alabama State
Women - Southern

SOFTBALL
Miss. Valley State (Women)

TENNIS
Men - Southern
Women - Southern

VOLLEYBALL
Alabama A&M

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

CIAA SCHOLAR / ATHLETES: The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) has announced the recipients of the Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award: **Shannon Davis of Winston-Salem State** and **Lugman Jaaber of Virginia Union**. This honor, in its third year, rewards student-athletes who have excelled in the classroom and in the athletic arena.

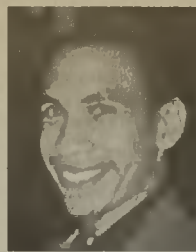
Davis is a Junior Business Administration/Sport Management double-major from Detroit. She is a two-sport athlete at WSSU competing in bowling and softball. Davis was a major contributor on the 2003-04 WSSU Bowling team that competed for the Inaugural NCAA National Championship in Houston. She is also two-time All-CIAA in softball and had a hefty .375 batting average and carries a 3.65 grade point average. However, Davis' major success was not achieved in the classroom or on the playing field. She is a cancer survivor who was diagnosed with the disease during her freshman year.



WSSU Photo

DAVIS: WSSU softball, bowling star maintains 3.65 GPA.

Jaaber, a sophomore computer science major from Richmond is a member of the VUU basketball team. Jaaber



VUU Photo

JAABER: VUU hoops all-star has 3.55 GPA.

Jaaber has a 3.55 grade point average. Both Davis and Jaaber will represent the CIAA as nominees for the Division II Conference Commissioners South Atlantic Region Scholar-Athlete of the Year and will be recognized at the 2004 CIAA Spring Awards Luncheon on May 27th in Raleigh.

TOP POINT GUARD TO TSU:

Reiley Ervin, the most valuable player of the 2004 Tennessee High School AAA State Tournament, has signed a grant-in-aid to play college basketball for the Tennessee State University Tigers. "We are delighted that Reiley is joining our program and I think he was one of the top three point guards in the state this past season," said TSU head coach **Cy Alexander**.



TSU Photo

ALEXANDER: Lands state's top point guard for Tennessee State.

"We look forward to the future and he will have a positive impact on our program." Ervin (5-10, 170) was a member of three state title teams for White Station High and coach Terry Tippett. He averaged 15 points, 5.8 assists, and 3.0 steals a game this season as White Station finished with an overall 39-2 record. He made 80 percent of his free throw attempts, shot 40 percent from 3-point range, and shot better than 50 percent overall from the field. In three games in the state tournament, he averaged 18.0 points, 4.7 assists, and 3.0 steals. In the Spartans title game win over Jackson North Side, he tallied 26 points, handed out six assists, and recorded three steals. "Reiley will have a positive effect on Tennessee State's basketball program, both on the court and off the court," said Tippett. "He is a tremendous young man, leader, and the TSU fans will certainly enjoy watching him play over the next four years." In addition to his success on the court, Ervin is also an outstanding student in the classroom. He is looking at several areas to study at TSU. The White State team won the AAA state title three of Ervin's four seasons and has captured the crown four of the past five seasons. Ervin's announcement comes just one week after Jackson State head coach **Tevester Anderson** landed Mississippi's top point guard, **Charlie White**.

Southern sweeps SWAC awards

Southern University athletic programs captured the 2003-04 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) All-Sports Championships in both the Men's and Women's Divisions and retained their hold on the *Dr. James Frank Commissioners Cup Award*. **Alabama State** finished second in both men and women's divisions and also finished second in the Commissioner's Cup race.

The Southern Jaguars' men's programs captured three of the eight SWAC championships (football, cross-country and tennis) for a total of 71.5 points to capture the *C.D. Henry Award* for the men's All-Sports Championship. Alabama State finished second with 65 points. Southern has won four consecutive C.D. Henry Awards.

The Jaguars' women's programs captured five (bowling, golf, indoor track, outdoor track and tennis) of ten SWAC championships for a total of 93 points to capture the *Barbara Jacket / Sadie Magee Award* for the women's All-Sports Championship. Alabama State and **Alcorn State** tied for second with



SWAC Photo

CUP BEARERS: Southern Athletic Director, Floyd Kerr, Senior Woman's Administrator, DeBorah Paul, receive SWAC Commissioners cup from SWAC Commissioner Robert Vowels

73.5 points each. The Jaguars have won six consecutive Jacket/Magee Awards.

The Commissioner's Cup, the newly named, *Dr. James Frank Award*, is awarded to the school with the best combined total of the all-sports awards. Southern tallied 164.5 points, followed by Alabama State with 138.5 points.

Southern has won four of the last five and five of the last seven Commissioner's Cup Awards.

The awards were presented to Southern University athletic director, **Floyd Kerr**, and Senior Woman Administrator, **DeBorah Paul**, at the SWAC Spring meetings at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi this week.

C.D. HENRY AWARD POINTS

- 1) Southern 71.5
- 2) Alabama State 65
- 3) Jackson State 60.5
- 4) Alcorn State 57.5
- 5) Grambling State 56.5
- 6) Texas Southern 55
- 7) Alabama A&M 45.5
- 8) Prairie View A&M 40
- 9) Miss. Valley State 36
- 10) Ark.-Pine Bluff 32.5

JACKET/MAGEE AWARD POINTS

- 1) Southern 93
- 2) Alabama State 73.5
- 3) Alcorn State 73.5
- 4) Grambling State 68
- 5) Alabama A&M 67
- 6) Texas Southern 63
- 7) Jackson State 61
- 8) Ark.-Pine Bluff 53.5
- 9) Prairie View A&M 50.5
- 10) Miss. Valley State 40

FRANK AWARD POINTS

- 1) Southern 164.5
- 2) Alabama State 138.5
- 3) Alcorn State 131
- 4) Grambling State 124.5
- 5) Jackson State 121.5
- 6) Texas Southern 118
- 7) Alabama A&M 112.5
- 8) Prairie View A&M 90.5
- 9) Ark.-Pine Bluff 86
- 10) Miss. Valley State 76

St. Augustine's, Virginia State take CIAA awards

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) presented **Virginia State University** with the *Loretta Taylor Women's All-Sports Trophy* and **Saint Augustine's College** with the *C.H. Williams Men's All-Sports Trophy* at the Annual Award's luncheon Thursday in Raleigh.

Virginia State won the Taylor award for women's sports excellence after conceding that title to **Shaw** last year. This is VSU's fourth time winning the award in five years. VSU won two championships this year, softball and bowling, while coming in second in three sports, cross country, indoor track and field and tennis.

St. Aug's dominated in men's championship titles this year with top finishes in cross country, outdoor and indoor track and field. SAC's three championships, along with exceptional finishes in football and men's basketball, placed them in position for recognition.

The Taylor and Williams trophies are determined by a point system established to award an institution for achievement in each of their women's and men's programs. The champion is the institution with the most combined total points for all sponsored sports based on their conference finish and the number of CIAA sponsored events.

Chris Zona, sports information director at **Winston-Salem State University** was awarded the *John Holley Sports Information Director Award*. Zona's achievement in broadening WSSU's archival database has given the Rams' athletic department an edge in providing reporters excellent records on WSSU history. Chris has also been instrumental in expanding the Rams' athletic website.

Michael Bailey of **Virginia Union University** and **Tonia Walker** of WSSU have been named Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator of the Year. Both individuals have made concentrated efforts to maximize the potential of their men's and women's programs, while maintaining equality between both programs.

This year's *Jeanette A. Lee Athletic Achievement Award* has been presented to **Al Carter**, Director of Athletics at **Shaw University** for providing extraordinary leadership for the Bears' Athletic Department.

CIAA Coaches of the Year were formerly given their awards at Thursday's luncheon. A recap of the Coaches of the Year honored is listed below:

- MEN**
- FOOTBALL**
Michael Costa, St. Augustine's
- CROSS COUNTRY**
Michael Lawson, N. Carolina Central
- INDOOR TRACK & FIELD**
Cliff Huff, Livingstone
- GOLF**
Pete Hayes, N. C. Central
- TENNIS**
Sunday Enitan, Shaw
- BASEBALL**
Terrance Whittle, Elizabeth City St.
- OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD**
George Williams, St. Augustine's
- WOMEN**
- BOWLING**
Jeremy Williams, Elizabeth City St.
- VOLLEYBALL**
Edric Poirier, St. Augustine's
- CROSS COUNTRY**
George Williams, St. Augustine's
- INDOOR TRACK & FIELD**
Marc Harrison, Bowie State
- TENNIS**
Linda Person, Virginia State
- SOFTBALL**
LaTaya Hilliard-Gray, W-Salem State
- OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD**
Jonathan Kelly, J. C. Smith

Spring Sports Round-Up

MVSU softball run

SWAC softball champion **Mississippi Valley State** made an impressive and historic run through NCAA Region 2 in Los Angeles before a 5-0 loss to Long Beach State Saturday put them out of the double-elimination tourney.

The Delta Devils were beaten 8-0 by region top-seed UCLA, before getting victories over Missouri (4-3) and Cornell (6-0), the first wins ever for a SWAC team in NCAA softball tournament play.

"It can be done! We are letting everyone know that we play great softball at MVSU and that we can play on a national level," stated MVSU Head Coach **Lee Smith** after the two wins. "We're not just trying to win a conference championship, but we want to compete on a national level and win on a national level."

Natasha McFadden's three-run homer in the bottom of the 6th inning lifted the MVSU ladies to their historic win over Missouri, eliminating the Lady Tigers.

They followed that up with the victory over Cornell as **Tonya Johns** and **Nakelya Morgan** both had two hits and two RBI.

Long Beach State erupted for five runs with two outs in the top of the seventh to beat the Delta Devils in Saturday's semifinals.

During the tournament, MVSU became the first SWAC team to ever win a game in the NCAA Softball tournament and later became the first SWAC team in any sport to win multiple games in an NCAA tourney. The Delta Devils end their season at 33-17.

B-CC hangs tough

It took two hard-fought close contests to knock **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** softball champion **Bethune-Cookman** out of the 2004 NCAA double-elimination Softball Regional in Tallahassee, Fl.

The Lady Wildcats gave up only three runs in two losses but were not able to push across any of their own in dropping decisions to Oregon and Ohio State.

Oregon scored the only run in the bottom of the second inning but it was enough for a 1-0 victory over B-CC Thursday.

It took extra innings for Ohio State to subdue the Lady Wildcats as they scored two runs in the bottom of the tenth inning to eliminate B-CC, 2-0. B-CC ended its season with a 44-28 record.

MEAC track qualifiers

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

(MEAC) will have 81 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championship qualifiers competing in the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track & Field East Regional Championships held May 28-29 at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fl.

MEAC qualifiers will be competing for spots in the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Nationals held June 9-12 in Austin, Texas.

North Carolina A&T's men and women track programs lead the MEAC with 15 total qualifiers. **Florida A&M**, the men's 2004 MEAC Outdoor Track & Field co-Champions, tied in second with **Hampton** with 12 total student-athlete qualifiers apiece.

Spring destinations

The Southwestern Athletic Conference is holding its annual Spring Business Meeting in Biloxi, Ms., this week while the **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** meets in Raleigh and the **Mid Eastern Athletic Conference** convenes in Las Vegas.

All three conferences are bringing in administrators, coaches and office personnel to review performances over the past year and formulate policies, procedures and strategies for the future.