

# Student-athletes of the month

Micheala Watkins of the Women's Basketball team and Aaron Reese of the Football team have been named the Sports Spot Student-Athletes of the Month for the month of November, as recognized on WSQL 1240 AM on Wednesday afternoon. The award is presented by Sports Spot, in conjunction with the Brevard College Athletic Department.

Watkins was voted the Female Student-Athlete of the Month by the BC Head Coaching staff over fellow nominees Ashlie Morrison of the Volleyball team and Angela Canale of the Cross Country team.

Watkins wins the award for the second time in her career, having received Athlete of the Month honors in January 2011. For the month of November, Watkins led the team in averaging 14.3 points per game and added a team high 24 steals in pacing the Tornados to a 4-2 start to the season. She scored double figures in all six games in the month and added two games with at least six rebounds, three games with at least four assists and three games with at least three steals. Watkins recorded her best game of the season on November 26th against Tennessee Wesleyan when the junior guard scored 17 points, shooting 58.3 percent from the floor, and added six rebounds, four assists and two steals in the 85-65 victory.

Reese was voted the Men's Student-Athlete

of the Month by the BC Head Coaching staff over fellow nominees Gaither Hendrix of the Men's Basketball team and Josh Mower of the Men's Cross Country team.

Reese led the Tornados football team in their final two games of the season, leading the offense with 213 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns, while completing 53.1 percent of his passes for 190 yards and a pair of scores against Catawba and Newberry. Reese had 17 carries for 75 yards and a touchdown against Catawba, going 7-for-13 through the air for 101 yards and a score, and continued his success against Newberry, picking up 138 rushing yards and 89 passing yards to go with three total touchdowns against the Wolves. Reese finished fifth in the SAC in rushing yards per game and rushing touchdowns and averaged 82.2 passing yards per game, finishing third in the SAC with 10 touchdown passes on the season.

These two athletes will be presented with action shots recognizing their award, which will be displayed in the lobby of Boshamer Gymnasium for the entire school year. A total of eight female and male Sports Spot Athletes of the Month will be selected in the 2010-2011 academic year. The award is selected from qualified candidates each month by the athletic department staff.

# All-American bowl inductees

Three Brevard College Football players were selected to the All-American Bowl to be held on December 17, 2011 at Mall of America Field at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.

Prince Simunyu, Michael Gist and Christian Lumbu have all been selected to represent the Tornados in postseason action in a game which will showcase some of the nation's top Division II and Division III college seniors, as well as free agent football players.

Simunyu led the South Atlantic Conference in tackles on the season with 111 stops in his senior year, finishing up his career earning All-Conference honors three times and was a First Team All-SAC linebacker in each of the last two seasons. Simunyu also finished his career as Brevard's all-time leading tackler behind the line of scrimmage and finished second in program history in stops behind Stanley Jones.

Gist is a two-time recipient of First Team All-SAC honors at safety and tied for third on the team with 78 tackles, while recording two interceptions on the year. For his career, Gist became the program's all-time leading interception leader, leading the team in picks in three of his four years with the Tornados, finishing with 11 overall, and also is the third-leading tackler in program history.

Lumbu battled through an injury-plagued senior season to finish second in the conference with eight sacks and was fourth in the SAC with 11.5 tackles for loss from the defensive end position. During his time with the Tornados, Lumbu became Brevard's all-time leader in sacks for a career and was among the career leaders in tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

The All American Bowl began in 1996 in Minnesota. It is designed to bring together the country's top Division II and III college seniors and free agents to compete in an All-Star bowl setting. The All American Bowl has been held annually at Mall of America Field at the HHH Metrodome, as well as several other great locations across the country like, Atlanta, Las Vegas, Dayton Beach and Miami, Florida and now Charleston, WV.

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