We’re #1! Lady ’Canes Win National Basketball Championship

The Lady ’Canes basketball team wrapped up their 2012-13 season with a final record of 32-3 and a first-place finish at the 2013 NJCAA National Championship Tournament on Saturday, March 23. Their 75-65 win against Arizona’s Mesa Community College earns the program its third Division II national title.

In addition to their national championship, the ’Canes had a regular season conference record of 12-2, and avenged their two losses to top-ten team Catawba Valley Community College by dominating them 73-55 in the Region X Tournament final game.

As a regular on the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Top 20 list, the Lady ’Canes appeared as high as #1, a spot they held for four straight weeks. The Hurricanes’ potent offense and aggressive defense were the keys to their success. Three players averaged double-digit scoring efforts, with Olivia Gaines (Chester, SC) leading the way at just over 18 points per game. Justin Taylor (Gastonia, NC) finished just behind Gaines averaging 15.5 per game, while Jazmine Parker (Burlington, NC) rounded out the big three with just over 11 points per game. Latrice Phelps (Virginia Beach, VA) just missed the double-digit effort with over a nine-point average, but she did lead the way on the glass as she swiped nearly eight boards per game.

For their efforts on the court at the season-ending tournament, three players earned individual tournament awards: Justin Taylor led the way with a Most Valuable Player nod, and both Tiffany Johnson (Philadelphia, PA) and Olivia Gaines were named to the All-Tournament Team. Head Coach Brett Vana was also named the Coach of the Tournament.

Men’s Basketball Closes Out Season at Nationals

The Louisburg College Men’s Basketball team fell short of their ultimate goal of a 2013 national title, but the team did compete to a great finish earning seventh place at the 2013 championship tournament.

The Hurricanes closed out the 2012-13 season with a final record of 35-2, 15-1 in Region X, and a Region X Tournament title. LC lost their opening round game at the national tournament when they were upset by Metropolitan CC – Penn valley (Missouri), 88-86. The ’Canes bounced back by winning three games in three days on the consolation side of the bracket, where they finished in the top spot and seventh place overall.

President La Branche congratulates the team during last week’s celebration reception.
LC’s Strategic Plan Unveiled

Louisburg College’s completed strategic plan, “Horizon 2020,” was unveiled to the College community on Tuesday, March 26. The plan, which was developed over five months with input from faculty, staff and external community leaders, is rooted in five overarching visions that address student success, global citizenship, best practices, partnership, and sustainability. Further details of the plan will be made available on the College’s website at a later date.
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Saturday, April 13
7:30 pm

Back by popular demand, award-winning composer Neil Berg has yet again brilliantly revived arrangements of Broadway classics as well as numbers from Broadway’s newest hit shows. Supported by an all-star New York cast and band, 101 Years of Broadway recreates the biggest moments from the finest Broadway shows of the century, such as The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Evita, Wonderful Town, Jesus Christ Superstar, and Fiddler on the Roof. These amazing performers light up the stage with songs from the hit shows in which they starred. 101 Years of Broadway features all new music!

This performance also features a pre-concert dinner at 5:45pm (tickets sold separately).

All tickets may be purchased online at www.louisburg.edu/broadway, by calling 1-866-773-6354, or at the JPAC Box Office (open Mondays through Fridays from 1-5pm, and 1 ½ hours before showtime).

Athletics

BASEBALL

The Hurricanes Baseball team played four games last week, all in a conference four-game series at Guilford Tech CC. The two teams split Friday’s games with the Titans taking game one, 5-4, and the Hurricanes winning the nightcap 7-6. Day two had another split as Louisburg won game one 5-2, but GTCC closed out the series with a 7-6 win.

SOFTBALL

The Lady ’Canes softball team has struggled through the last couple weeks as their defensive effort continues to fall short. LC played a pair of nonconference home games last week, both losses to Florence Darlington Tech College. The Stingers took game one 6-2; game two saw a lot of offense as each team had 11 hits in the 15-6 FDTC win.

Former Hurricane Made It to NCAA Elite 8

Jasmine Phillips, former Hurricanes basketball forward who transferred to the University of Tennessee last spring, joined her fellow Lady Vols in the quarterfinal round of this year’s NCAA Tournament. The second-seeded Vols were upset in an 86-78 loss against the Louisville Cardinals this past Tuesday night.

Reducing Waste & Giving Back

Louisburg College embraces its responsibility to be a good steward of the environment. In support of this responsibility, we promote reducing waste through our annual Project RE:SCUE (Recycle Everything! Save College’s Usable Excess). This end-of-school-year initiative, which was recognized in 2003 by the Environmental Protection Agency as a “best management practice,” helps prevent reusable items from being sent to the landfill. In 2012, Project RE:SCUE allowed the College to donate nearly 2,000 pounds of reusable items to Safe Space, Inc., the local community organization that supports victims of domestic violence.

Donation boxes will be in place the week before finals. Those interested in volunteering in the collection effort should contact Terry Blumenauer at tblumenauer@louisburg.edu.

Meet New Admissions Counselor Maura Budusky

The admissions office welcomed a new recruiter to their ranks in March. Born and raised in the Pocono Mountains of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, Maura attended Lock Haven University, where she graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration and Marketing in May of 2012. After working in Admissions at Lock Haven University as their out-of-state recruiter, she moved to Wake Forest, NC to recruit for Louisburg College in the western half of North Carolina.

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