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### GSC ANNOUNCES 2014 MEN'S BASKETBALL AWARDS

**Birmingham, AL**—The Gulf South Conference is proud to announce its All-GSC Men's Basketball honors for the 2013-14 season.

All eight GSC schools landed at least one player on the post-season list, led by **West Alabama** which garnered three overall winners, including one First Teamer and two Second Teamers. **Delta State** was the only other school to post multiple honorees on the First Team. **Christian Brothers** and **North Alabama** completed the First Team, while **Alabama Huntsville**, **Valdosta State**, **West Florida** and **West Georgia** rounded out the Second Team.

#### DSU'S READUS NAMED GSC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**DSU forward Willie Readus** was selected the *GSC Player of the Year*, becoming the first Statesmen to win the honor since Phil Turner finished first in the voting in 2010-11. The senior enters this week's GSC Tournament ranked No. 1 in the league in rebounding (11.0), No. 2 in scoring (19.5) and No. 10 in free throw percentage (.762—170-223). The Morton, MS native also leads the GSC in double-doubles, notching 16 in 28 games this season, and he was recognized as the GSC Player of the Week twice.

#### DSU'S SCHMIDT TABBED FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

**Delta State forward Devin Schmidt** was named the *GSC Freshman of the Year*, marking the school's first honoree since 2006-07 when Chad Atkins shared the laurel. Schmidt was also named to the All-GSC First Team, becoming just the second player in Conference history to earn Freshman of the Year and First Team recognition in the same season, following former Arkansas-Monticello's Billy McDaniel in 2002-03.

The Sevierville, TN native enters the post-season ranked third in the league in assists (4.00) and free throw percentage (.841—95-113), seventh in field goal percentage (.527—148-281), eighth in three-point percentage (.400—32-80), ninth in scoring (15.7) and 10th in rebounding (5.9).

#### DSU'S BOONE IS THE GSC COACH OF THE YEAR

**Jim Boone** became the first **Delta State** head coach to win *GSC Coach of the Year* since Steve Rives in 2006. Boone celebrated his second season in Cleveland by leading the Statesmen to the GSC Regular Season Title and first 20-win season since 2008-09. Delta State is currently ranked No. 2 in the NCAA Regional Poll and seeks its first GSC Crown since 2006 and first NCAA South Regional berth since 2009.

#### ALL-GSC TEAM OVERVIEW

Only one player returns to the All-GSC Team when **North Alabama guard Rashaun Claiborne** jumped to this year's First Team after garnering Second Team laurels a year ago. **Delta State** added two on the First Team as **forward Willie Readus** and **forward Devin Schmidt** represented the Green-and-White. Rounding out the First Team is **Christian Brothers guard Trey Casey** and **West Alabama guard Desmond Raymond**.

UWA leads the Second Team by notching two winners: **guard/forward Sandy Underwood** and **guard/forward Jarell Byrd**. Completing the Second Team was **Alabama Huntsville guard Wayne Dedrick**, **Valdosta State forward David Murray** and **West Georgia freshman guard Deonta Stocks**.

**All-GSC First and Second Teams Listed On Next Page**

<b>2013-14 ALL-GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM</b>						
<b>POS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YR</b>	<b>HT</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
G	Trey Casey	Christian Brothers	JR	6-3	190	Cincinnati, OH
F	Willie Readus	Delta State	SR	6-7	265	Morton, MS
F	Devin Schmidt	Delta State	FR	6-4	210	Sevierville, TN
G	Rashaun Claiborne	North Alabama	SR	6-4	190	Darrow, LA
G	Desmond Raymond	West Alabama	SR	6-5	205	Silas, AL
<b>2013-14 ALL-GSC MEN'S BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM</b>						
<b>POS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YR</b>	<b>HT</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
G	Wayne Dedrick	Alabama Huntsville	SO	6-2	190	Tuscaloosa, AL
F	David Murray	Valdosta State	SR	6-4	220	Birmingham, AL
G/F	Jarell Byrd	West Alabama	JR	6-5	200	Lynn, MA
G/F	Sandy Underwood	West Alabama	SR	6-5	210	Brent, AL
G/F	Nate Johnson	West Florida	SR	6-3	205	Lincolnshire, IL
G	Deonta Stocks	West Georgia	FR	6-1	190	Lithonia, GA
!— 2012-13 Second Team All-GSC						

**GSC Player of the Year:** F, Willie Readus, Delta State  
**GSC Freshman of the Year:** F, Devin Schmidt, Delta State  
**GSC Coach of the Year:** Jim Boone, Delta State

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