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MEAC ANNOUNCES VOLLEYBALL ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

NORFOLK, Va., November 15, 2012 – South Carolina State junior **Desire Waller** was named 2012 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Player of the Year, the conference announced on Thursday.

North Carolina Central's **Christine Anthony** earned Rookie of the Year honors while Florida A&M head coach **Tony Trifonov** was named Coach of the Year. All honors were voted on by the MEAC's head volleyball coaches and sports information directors.

Waller, the reigning MEAC Volleyball Player of the Year, led the MEAC with 4.91 kills per set during her junior season. The junior ranked among the top ten in the conference in hitting percentage (.250), points (406), points per set (5.49), and kills (363). She concluded the regular season with eight 20-plus kill performances including a MEAC season-high 31 kills in a conference win over North Carolina Central. She added seven double-doubles on the season.

Anthony recorded 31 service aces, 233 digs, and 357 kills during her rookie season. She ranked among the top five in the conference in kills per set (3.68) and points per set (4.25). Anthony led the Lady Eagles' in hitting percentage (.215), kills, points (412), and digs per set (2.40).

Under the tutelage of **Trifonov**, the Lady Rattlers recorded an unblemished 10-0 mark in MEAC southern divisional play and 12-10 record overall. In his 16th year at the helm, Florida A&M led the MEAC in kills per set (12.74), digs per set (14.00) and was among the top five in the conference in hitting percentage and assists. This is the fifth time that Trifonov has earned Coach of the Year accolades.

Joining Waller and Anthony on the 2012 All-MEAC First Team is Hampton's Krista Kraskura, Maryland Eastern Shore's Ndidi Ibe and Jessica Vivic. Ashley Johnson of North Carolina A&T rounds out the first-team honorees.

The MEAC Volleyball Championship tournament begins on Friday, November 16 at 10 a.m. The competition continues on Saturday with the semi-final matches scheduled at noon and 3:30 p.m.

The volleyball championship tournament will conclude on Sunday beginning at noon and will be video-streamed live, for free, on MEACsports.com.

For more information on the 2012 MEAC Volleyball Championship and for complete results, log on to www.MEACsports.com.

-2012 All-MEAC Teams Listed Below-



2012 All-MEAC Volleyball Teams

Player of the Year: Desire Waller, South Carolina State

Rookie of the Year: Christine Anthony, North Carolina Central

Coach of the Year: Tony Trifonov, Florida A&M

First Team

Name	Pos.	Cl.	School	Hometown
Krista Kraskura	OH	So.	Hampton	Kuldiga, Latvia
Christine Anthony	OH	Sr.	North Carolina Central	Willemstad, Curacao
Desire Waller	OH	Jr.	South Carolina State	Houston, Texas
Ndidi Ibe	MB	Sr.	Maryland Eastern Shore	North Richland Hills, Texas
Jessica Vivic	S	So.	Maryland Eastern Shore	Cambridge, Ontario Canada
Ashley Johnson	L	Fr.	North Carolina A&T	Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Second Team

Name	Pos.	Cl.	School	Hometown
Krysta Gardner	OH	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	Ashburn, Virginia
Yeisha Arcia	OH	r-Fr.	Florida A&M	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Charlotte Armstead	OH	Sr.	Norfolk State	Williamsburg, Va.
Pamela Barrera	MB	Sr.	Florida A&M	Lima, Peru
Bibiany Fonseca	S	Jr.	Hampton	Uberlandia, Brazil
Karol Marquez	L	Sr.	Florida A&M	Lima, Peru

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