



# News Release

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## MEAC ANNOUNCES ALL-MEAC MEN'S BASKETBALL HONORS

*NSU's O'Quinn Named Player and Defensive Player of the Year; DSU's Tate Named Rookie of the Year; SSU's Broadnax Named Coach of the Year*

**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., March 4, 2012-** Norfolk State senior **Kyle O'Quinn** was named the 2012 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year as announced by the conference on Sunday. Delaware State's **Tahj Tate** was selected as Rookie of the Year. Savannah State's head coach **Horace Broadnax** was named the MEAC Coach of the Year. All awards are voted on by the conference's head men's basketball coaches and sports information directors.

**O'Quinn** led the conference and ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation with 10.7 rebounds per game and was third in the nation in double-doubles with 19. He guided the Spartans to a 22-9 record and 13-3 mark in MEAC play. The senior leads his team and the conference in blocks per game (2.9) and is sixth in the conference in scoring (15.9). This marks the first time that a student-athlete earned Player and Defensive Player of the Year honors during the same season.

**Tate** ranked fifth in the conference in scoring with 16.0 points and 2.7 rebounds to aid the Hornets to a 12-4 MEAC record and 15-13 overall mark. He ranks eighth in the conference in free throw percentage (76.4), 14th in assists (2.8), 15th in steals (1.2), and fourth in minutes played (34.9). The rookie leads his team in points (368) and is sixth on the team in rebounds (61).

In his sixth year at the helm of the Savannah State Tigers, **Horace Broadnax** guided his team to their first MEAC regular season title, after entering the conference one year ago. Savannah State posted a 14-2 conference record and 21-10 overall mark. Under his tutelage the Tigers lead the MEAC in scoring defense, only allowing 58.9 points per game and are second in the conference in scoring margin (+5.4).

O'Quinn is joined on the 2012 All-MEAC First-Team by Hampton's Darrion Pellow, Delaware State's Jay Threatt, North Carolina Central's Dominique Sutton, and Coppin State's Tony Gallo.

The MEAC champion Savannah State Tigers Wildcats clinched the outright MEAC regular-season title on Thursday with a 73-54 win against Maryland Eastern Shore. The Tigers will enter the tournament as the number one seed and will face the winner of the No. 8/No. 9 matchup on Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m.

The 2012 regular season champion, regular-season runners-up, first-team members and top honorees including Player, Rookie, Defensive and Coach of the Year selections, will be recognized in pre-game presentations prior to their first games of the 2012 MEAC Basketball Tournament. Tournament play tips-off March 5-10 at the Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



**Coach of the Year:** Horace Broadnax, Savannah State University

**Player of the Year:** Kyle O'Quinn, Norfolk State University

**Rookie of the Year:** Tahj Tate, Delaware State University

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Kyle O'Quinn, Norfolk State University

**First Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Darrion Pellum	Hampton	G	6-5	210	Sr.	Hampton, Va
Jay Threatt	Delaware State	G	5-11	175	Sr.	Richmond, Va.
Tony Gallo	Coppin State	G	5-11	190	Sr.	Lynn, MA
Kyle O'Quinn	Norfolk State	C	6-10	240	Sr.	Jamaica, N.Y.
Dominique Sutton	North Carolina Central	F	6-5	212	Sr.	Durham, NC

**Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Ray Willis	North Carolina Central	G	6-6	164	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
Tahj Tate	Delaware State	G	6-4	200	Fr.	Easley, SC
*Chris McEachin	Norfolk State	G/F	6-6	195	Sr.	Norfolk, Va.
*Deric Rudolph	Savannah State	G	5-11	175	Jr.	Gadsen, Ala.
Marques Oliver	Delaware State	F	6-7	235	Jr.	Durham, NC
Rashad Hassan	Savannah State	F	6-7	215	Jr.	Riverdale, Ga.

**All-Rookie Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Taariq Cephas	Coppin State	G	5-9	185	Fr.	Bear, Del.
Tahj Tate	Delaware State	G	6-4	200	Fr.	Easley, SC
Tyshawn Bell	Delaware State	G	6-7	215	Fr.	Dover, Del
Prince Okoroh	Howard	G/F	6-3	210	Fr.	Glenarden, Md.
Ishaq Pitt	Maryland E. Shore	G	6-3	210	Fr.	Toronto, Can.

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