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**GARRET KERR OF THE UNIV. OF THE SCIENCES NAMED 2015 DAKTRONICS/DIVISION II CCA
MEN'S BASKETBALL RON LENZ NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

EDINBORO, Pa. – Garret Kerr of The University of the Sciences has been named the Daktronics/ Division II Conference Commissioners Association Division II Men's Basketball Ron Lenz National Player of the Year. Kerr becomes a three-time Daktronics All-American, repeating as a first team member after earning second team honors in 2013. Voting is conducted by the NCAA Division II Sports Information Directors from institutions and conference offices.

A 6'4", 240 lb. forward from Avalon, N.J., Kerr led the Devils to one of their finest seasons in school history. They finished with a 25-6, the second-highest win total in school history, and earned a first-ever NCAA playoff berth. The University of the Sciences reached the East Regional semifinals before losing to Southern New Hampshire 59-53. Kerr accounted for 34 points and 12 rebounds in his final collegiate contest after dropping in 40 points in a first-round win over Saint Anselm.

Previously named the Daktronics East Region Player of the Year for the second straight season, the senior was selected the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Player of the Year for the third consecutive campaign. He averaged 25.7 ppg., good for third in Division II, while ranking second in the country in rebounding with 12.7 rpg. Kerr shot 53.1 percent from the floor (296-of-557), including 38-of-98 on 3-pointers (38.8 pct.), and made 166-of-222 free throws (74.8 pct.). He ranked second on the team in assist (120) and led the way in steals with 58. Kerr leads Division II with 27 double-doubles, including one triple-double.

Kerr concludes his brilliant career ranked first at the Univ. of the Sciences in scoring (2,423 points) and rebounds (1,391) while ranking sixth in assists (327).

Two other players are repeat All-Americans. Kevin Capers of Florida Southern moved up to the first team after earning second team honors a year ago. Derrick White of Colorado-Colorado Springs was a third team selection in 2014 and moves up to the second team in 2015.

FIRST TEAM

Sege Bonifant, West Liberty – the junior forward was named the Atlantic Region Player of the Year and Mountain East Conference Player of the Year while leading the Hilltoppers to a 28-4 record. West Liberty fell one win shy of reaching the Elite Eight, losing to Indiana (Pa.) in the Atlantic Regional final. He averaged 22.8 ppg., which is tenth in Division II, along with 4.0 rpg. He shot 56.8 percent from the floor (254-of-447) and 84.7 percent from the line (105-of-124). A deadly 3-point specialist, he made an astounding 117-of-224 3-pointers (52.2 percent). He ranks first in Division II in 3-point field goal percentage and fourth in 3-pointers made per game. Bonifant is the active leader in career 3-point field goal percentage at 54.0 percent (259-of-480).

Kevin Capers, Florida Southern – a senior guard, he has led the Mocs to a 33-1 record, including 22 straight wins, and a berth in the Elite Eight after winning the South Region championship. Ranked number one in the final NABC Division II Coaches Poll, Florida Southern will face Southern New Hampshire in the quarterfinals. Capers is averaging 21.1 ppg., 19th in Division II, adding 4.4 rpg. with 134 assists and 74 steals. He is shooting 45.0 percent from the floor (227-of-505), with 42 3-pointers in 125 attempts (33.6 pct.). He has made an incredible 220-of-275 free throws (78.9 pct.). Capers was named the Daktronics South Region and Sunshine State Conference Player of the Year for the second straight season, was the SSC Tournament MVP, and was selected the South Regional Tournament Most Outstanding Player. He ranks second among active scoring leaders with 2,250 points, and is the active leader in free throws made (739), free throws attempted (988), and steals (251).

Troy Leaf, Azusa Pacific – a former transfer from UC Santa Barbara, the senior guard was named the West Region Player of the Year and proceeded to lead the Cougars to the West Regional championship with a win over California Baptist. Azusa Pacific (27-5) will now face Indiana (Pa.) in the Elite Eight. It marks their first trip to the Elite Eight in the Cougars' first season of Division II postseason eligibility. He was named the PacWest Conference Player of the Year and is a three-time All-PacWest first team selection. Leaf averages 23.5 ppg., seventh in Division II, along with 4.1 rpg. He has handed out 120 assists and has 37 steals. He is shooting 50.5 percent from the floor (235-of-465), 40.3 percent on 3-pointers (87-of-216), and 88.1 percent from the line (193-of-219). He was a 2013-14 first team National Christian College Athletic Association All-American after earning third team accolades the year before.

Darrell Williams, Texas A&M-Commerce – the senior forward is a transfer from Midland Junior College who enjoyed an outstanding first season for the Lions. He was selected the South Central Region Player of the Year in addition to being chosen the Lone Star Conference Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year. Williams led Texas A&M-Commerce to its first 20-win season since 2004-05 as the Cougars finished with a 24-8 record, losing to Angelo State in the first round of the South Central Regional. He averaged 18.5 points and 12.4 rebounds per game, the latter figure third in Division II. He shot 56.2 percent from the floor (218-of-388) and 71.6 percent from the line (151-of-211). Williams recorded 23 double-doubles, which is second in Division II, and had 15-or-more rebounds in a game ten times and 20-or-more rebounds three times.

2015 DAKTRONICS/DIVISION II CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Player, School	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
Seger Bonifant, West Liberty	G/F	6-7	200	Jr.	Berlin, Ohio
Kevin Capers, Florida Southern@	G	6-2	170	Sr.	Winter Haven, Fla.
Garret Kerr, Univ. of the Sciences#\$	F	6-4	240	Sr.	Avalon, N.J.
Troy Leaf, Azusa Pacific	G	6-1	177	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
Darrell Williams, Texas A&M-Commerce	F	6-8		Sr.	Chicago, Ill.

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SECOND TEAM

Alex Herrera, Fort Lewis	C	6-10	255	Sr.	Ignacio, Colo.
Daniel Jansen, Augustana (SD)	F	6-9	240	Jr.	Orange City, Iowa
Mitch McCarron, MSU Denver	G	6-3	215	Sr.	Brisbane, Australia
Ben Stelzer, Michigan Tech	G	6-1	170	Sr.	Manitowoc, Wisc.
Derrick White, Colorado-Col. Springs&	G	6-5	185	Jr.	Parker, Colo.

THIRD TEAM

Eric Anderson, New Haven	F/C	6-8	235	Sr.	Newark, N.J.
Troran Brown, Montevallo	G	6-2		Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz.
Darian Hooker, New York Inst. of Technology	G	6-1	185	Sr.	Washington, D.C.
Jordan Riewer, Minnesota State-Moorhead	G	6-2	165	Sr.	Staples, Minn.
Jake Thelen, Bellarmine	F	6-7	205	Sr.	Edgewood, Ky.

HONORABLE MENTION: Yunio Barrueta, Barry; Gerald Beverly, Daemen; Chris Santo, Saint Anselm; Casey Schilling, Augustana(SD)

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