

Rowe named Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar

Junior grabs first team honors with 3.58 GPA

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Middle Tennessee junior forward Ebony Rowe collected another honor with her selection to the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Women's Basketball First Team as announced by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine.

The Lexington, Ky., product earned first team honors with a 3.58 GPA as a Physics Major. Rowe was one of 14 members selected to the first team. She nabbed a perfect 4.0 GPA during the fall semester. Others on the first

team list included Louisville's Jude Schimmel, Kentucky's Kastine Evans and Baylor's Sunejiro Agbuke.



In addition to their athletic ability, students named Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars must exhibit academic excellence as well as community activism. To be included, students have to compete in an intercollegiate sport; maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.2; and are active on their campuses or in their communities.

Rowe averaged 19.7 points and 11.2 rebounds in 33 games. She was ranked in four categories in the NCAA's top 25 and completed 21 doubles during the season. Rowe grabbed a single-season school record of 189 offensive rebounds, while earning second all-time in defensive rebounds (179) and total rebounds (368) during a season. Her 650 points scored was the seventh-best single-season performance during Middle Tennessee's 38-year history.

Earlier in April, Rowe was named by the Associated Press and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) as an Honorable Mention All-American.

The forward earned spots on the Sun Belt All-Conference team, Sun Belt All-Tournament team and the WBCA All-Region 4 team. Rowe was named a top 30 finalist for the Naismith Award, which is given to the nation's best women's basketball player.

She grabbed the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week award on three occasions, the Tennessee Sports Writers Association (TSWA) Player of the Week honor a state-best six times and earned the Nashville Sport Council's Ed Temple Female Amateur Athlete of the Year for 2012.

Rowe reached the school's top-10 career ledger in 12 different categories. In just three seasons at Middle Tennessee, she has totaled 1,719 points which ranks ninth in school history. She is the leading rebounder in program history, corralling 1,014 in three seasons to become the first women's basketball player at MT to compile 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. In addition to total rebounds, she is the program leader with 508 offensive boards and third all-time with 506 defensive rebounds. Rowe is eighth at Middle Tennessee in minutes played (3,550), field goals made (678) and blocks. She holds the school record with 53 career double-doubles and has reached double figures in 92 of 97 career games played.

Middle Tennessee closed out a successful season that saw the team post a 25-8 record with regular season and postseason Sun Belt titles. In addition, the Blue Raiders made a school-record fifth consecutive appearance to the NCAA Tournament.

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