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MEAC ANNOUNCES 2018 BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

NORFOLK, Va., May 15, 2018—North Carolina Central second baseman **Corey Joyce** was named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Baseball Player of the Year, the conference announced today. **Bethune-Cookman sophomore Anthony Maldonado** earned Pitcher of the Year honors, while **Derek Lohr of Coppin State** was named Rookie of the Year. **Coppin State head coach Sherman Reed** received Coach of the Year accolades.

All awards were voted on by the conference's head coaches and sports information directors.

Joyce, the 2017 MEAC Rookie of the Year, led the MEAC in batting average (.358), hits (64) and walks (32) this season, and his 27 stolen bases were tied for the league lead and ranked 14th in the nation. He also ranked second in the conference in slugging percentage (.542), on base percentage (.456), runs scored (43), doubles (15) and total bases (97). Joyce's six home runs were tied for fourth in the MEAC, and he tied for sixth in the league with 37 RBIs. Joyce had a 10-game hitting streak that ran from Feb. 24 through March 9, before adding a seven-game streak from April 25 through May 6.

Maldonado, the Preseason Pitcher of the Year, made 10 starts this season, tossing three complete games in compiling a record of 5-2 and a 2.87 ERA. The righthander tied for the MEAC lead in runs allowed (23) and earned runs allowed (19), and he was second in the league in opponents' batting average (.214) and third in ERA. His 68 strikeouts ranked sixth in the conference, and he gave up just 47 hits in 59.2 innings pitched. Maldonado was named MEAC Pitcher of the Week three times this season.

Lohr was an important part of Coppin State's resurgence this season, batting a team-best .357 and reaching base nearly 45 percent of the time. A two-time MEAC Rookie of the Week, Lohr ranked second in the league in batting average this season, and his .446 on base percentage was third-best in the MEAC. In conference play, Lohr led the league in hitting at .434, and he was on base nearly 53 percentage of the time in MEAC games. Lohr's 33 hits in conference play were tied for the most in the league.

Reed led the Eagles to the Northern Division regular-season title this year, their first since 1996, despite being picked to finish third in the preseason poll. Coppin State was 18-4 in conference play this season, including a 6-2 mark against three-time defending division champion Norfolk State. Under Reed's guidance in 2018, the Eagles came within one win of the single-season program record. In addition, Reed became the program's all-time winningest coach.

Joining Joyce, Maldonado and Lohr on the All-MEAC First Team are Nazier McIlwain of Coppin State, Dylan Carlson, Jacky Miles, Jr, Jordan Curtis and Dallas Oliver of Florida A&M, Justin Hayes of Norfolk State, Michael Johnson, Perry "AJ" Hunt and Dawnoven Smith of North Carolina A&T State, and Zach Michalski of North Carolina Central.

The 2018 MEAC Baseball Championship begins Wednesday at 12 p.m. at Embry-Riddle's Sliwa Stadium in Daytona Beach, Fla. The tournament concludes with the championship game on Saturday at 1 p.m. For more information on the 2018 MEAC Baseball Championship, including bracket and full schedule, visit www.MEACsports.com.



2018 All-MEAC Baseball Teams

As voted on by the league's head coaches and sports information directors

Player of the Year: Corey Joyce, North Carolina Central
Pitcher of the Year: Anthony Maldonado, Bethune-Cookman
Rookie of the Year: Derek Lohr, Coppin State
Coach of the Year: Sherman Reed, Coppin State

FIRST TEAM

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	School	Hometown
Michael Johnson	SP	5-11	So.	North Carolina A&T State	Lexington, N.C.
Anthony Maldonado	SP	6-4	So.	Bethune-Cookman	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Dylan Carlson	RP	6-4	So.	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.
Jacky Miles, Jr.	C	6-0	r-Sr.	Florida A&M	Graceville, Fla.
Zach Michalski*	1B	6-7	Sr.	North Carolina Central	Bellews Creek, N.C.
Nazier McIlwain*	1B	5-11	Jr.	Coppin State	Passaic, N.J.
Corey Joyce	2B	6-1	So.	North Carolina Central	Lexington, N.C.
Perry "AJ" Hunt	3B	5-10	r-Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	Chesapeake, Va.
Derek Lohr	SS	6-0	Fr.	Coppin State	Bothell, Wash.
Dawnoven Smith	OF	6-1	Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	Jacksonville, N.C.
Jordan Curtis	OF	5-10	Jr.	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.
Justin Hayes	OF	5-8	r-Jr.	Norfolk State	Chesapeake, Va.
Dallas Oliver	UTL	6-0	Sr.	Florida A&M	ChIPLEY, Fla.

**indicates tie*

SECOND TEAM

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	School	Hometown
Jahmon Taylor	SP	6-0	Jr.	Coppin State	Altamonte Springs, Fla.
Devin Sweet	SP	5-10	Sr.	North Carolina Central	Greensboro, N.C.
Ivan Coutinho	RP	6-1	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman	Winter Park, Fla.
Dominic DeBlasie	C	6-0	Jr.	Maryland Eastern Shore	Tilton, N.H.
Brian Davis	1B	5-10	Sr.	Florida A&M	Pensacola, Fla.
Erik Crossman	2B	6-1	Jr.	Coppin State	Anaheim, Calif.
Andrew Valichka	3B	6-0	Sr.	North Carolina Central	Pedricktown, N.J.
Nate Sterijeovski	SS	5-10	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	Clermont, Fla.
Caleb Duhay	OF	6-0	Sr.	Coppin State	Waipahu, Hawaii
Adonis Lao	OF	6-0	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman	Elmhurst, N.Y.
Carter Williams	OF	6-3	So.	North Carolina Central	Brown Summit, N.C.
Allen Saar	UTL	5-9	So.	Coppin State	Jersey Shore, Pa.

THIRD TEAM

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	School	Hometown
Thomas Nicoll	SP	6-0	Sr.	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.
Chase Anderson	SP	5-9	Jr.	Norfolk State	Norfolk, Va.
Josh Stikeleather	RP	6-0	Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	Kenly, N.C.



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Adan Ordonez	C	5-8	Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	Clermont, Fla.
Danny Rodriguez	1B	6-3	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	Pembroke Pines, Fla.
Joseph Fernando	2B	6-0	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Freddie Landers	3B	6-2	Jr.	Savannah State	Grayslake, Ill.
Dominic Cuevas	SS	5-11	Sr.	North Carolina Central	Gurnee, Ill.
Darnell Maisonet	OF	5-10	Jr.	Delaware State	Tall Pines, N.J.
Zach Spivey	OF	5-9	r-Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	Ormond Beach, Fla.
Greg White	OF	6-1	Sr.	North Carolina A&T State	Greensboro, N.C.
Cole Garey	UTL	5-11	Fr.	Delaware State	Felton, Del.

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Player of the Year: Alex Mauricio, Norfolk State

Pitcher of the Year: Devin Hemmerich, Norfolk State

Rookie of the Year: Corey Joyce, North Carolina Central

Coach of the Year: Ben Hall, North Carolina A&T State

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	School	Hometown
Devin Hemmerich	SP	6-1	Sr.	Norfolk State	Norfolk, Va.
Anthony Maldonado	SP	6-4	Fr.	Bethune-Cookman	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Noah Dyals	RP	5-11	Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	Tampa, Fla.
Adan Ordonez	C	5-7	Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	Clermont, Fla.
Danny Rodriguez	1B	6-3	So.	Bethune-Cookman	Pembroke Pines, Fla.
Corey Joyce	2B	6-1	Fr.	North Carolina Central	Lexington, N.C.
Jameel Edney	3B	5-8	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Demetrius Sims	SS	6-2	r-Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Myles Sowell	OF	6-2	Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	Greensboro, N.C.
Adonis Lao	OF	6-0	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	Elmhurst, N.Y.
Brian Beard	OF	5-11	r-Sr.	Norfolk State	Chesapeake, Va.
Alex Mauricio	UTL	6-0	Jr.	Norfolk State	Midlothian, Va.

SECOND TEAM

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	School	Hometown
Tyler Norris	SP	6-1	Jr.	Bethune-Cookman	Coral Springs, Fla.
Lane DeLeon	SP	6-4	Jr.	Delaware State	Georgetown, Del.
Chase Anderson	RP	5-8	So.	Norfolk State	Norfolk, Va.
Evan Regez	C	6-2	Sr.	Delaware State	Kankakee, Ill.
Carter Williams	1B	6-3	Fr.	North Carolina Central	Brown Summit, N.C.
Kaycee Reese	2B	5-8	So.	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.
Ben Ellzey	3B	6-0	Sr.	Florida A&M	Ocala, Fla.
Brandon Melendez	SS	5-9	Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Greg White	OF	6-1	Jr.	North Carolina A&T State	Greensboro, N.C.
Willis McDaniel	OF	5-9	So.	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.
Dallas Oliver	OF	6-0	Jr.	Florida A&M	Chipley, Fla.
Aubrey McCarty	UTL	6-4	Jr.	Florida A&M	Doerun, Ga.

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	School	Hometown
Devin Sweet	SP	5-10	Jr.	North Carolina Central	Greensboro, N.C.
Ryan Anderson	SP	6-2	Jr.	Florida A&M	Brandon, Fla.
Hunter Fillingim	RP	5-10	r-Jr.	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.
Conrad Kovalcik	C	6-1	Sr.	North Carolina Central	Detroit, Mich.
Nazier McIlwain	1B	5-11	So.	Coppin State	Passaic, N.J.
Jalen Atterbury	2B	5-3	So.	Savannah State	Decatur, Ga.
Justin Burrell	3B	6-3	r-Jr.	Norfolk State	Newport News, Va.
Jordan Martin	SS	5-9	r-Sr.	Maryland Eastern Shore	Atlanta, Ga.
Garrett Wilkinson	OF	5-8	Jr.	Florida A&M	Evans, Ga.
Jake Raby	OF	6-2	Fr.	North Carolina Central	Granite Falls, N.C.
Evan Holland	OF	5-10	Jr.	North Carolina Central	Erial, N.J.
Kyle Gerdts	UTL	5-10	Jr.	Savannah State	Miami, Fla.