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BMCC names Wallace McCrae Student-Athletes of the Year

PENDLETON, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College on Tuesday named softball player Sarah Bonner and baseball player Jared Rogers as the 2016-17 Wallace McCrae Student-Athletes of the Year. The award honors student-athletes for their high GPAs and commitment to academics, strong leadership, sportsmanship, integrity, and accomplishments throughout the year.

Each year, a male and female sophomore athlete at BMCC are selected by the Athletic Director – Brett Bryan – to receive the high honor, which began in 1975, and honors BMCC’s first college president, Wallace McCrae. In addition to each receiving a plaque, they’ll have their names added to a plaque in the McCrae Activity Center (MAC).

“We’re very proud of these student-athletes for their dedication both in the classroom and on the field,” Bryan said.

Both Bonner, from Billings, Mont., and Rogers, from La Grande, were also just last week named Northwest Athletic Conference Academic Excellence Award winners for spring.

Rogers, a catcher for the Timberwolves, has a 3.62 GPA and will earn his Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree from BMCC next week. He plans to transfer to a four-year university next fall to study biology.

Bonner, an infielder for the softball team, has a 3.27 GPA and will receive her AAOT at next week’s commencement ceremony, where she’ll also serve as one of the student speakers after having been a member of the Associated Student Government. She plans to go on to a four-year school to complete a Bachelor’s degree in Health and Human Performance and Master’s in sports medicine to become an athletic trainer.

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