

2024 BCAM MEN'S COLLEGE ACADEMIC-ATHLETIC TEAM

**Gr. Cory Ainsworth Cornerstone University 3.71 Wayland, MI**

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row for Cory as he continued his amazing success both in the classroom and on the court. Cory helped his team improve to 25 wins on the season, as well as increasing nearly every metric of his statistics, ending the year averaging 20 points, 6 rebounds and nearly 2 assists. This two-time WHAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK also earned the Defensive Player of the year honors in his league. The PRE-MED student carried over a 3.7 GPA while volunteering as a lab assistant and working with the EMS. This is the second straight year Cory has been named WHAC 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference for his efforts.

**So. JaVaughn Hannah Western Michigan 3.9 Mt. Clemens, MI**

The Mt. Clemons native had a great year for Western Michigan. Javaughn did a little bit of everything, as Western showed tremendous improvement throughout the year. The Mid American Conference 6<sup>th</sup> Man of the Year award winner, helped his new coach, Dwayne Stephens' team improve from 4 conference wins in 2023 to 9 wins and a top half finish in 2024. JaVaughn was named to the Academic All District team and maintained his 3.9 GPA in Education and Human Development.

**So. Gabe Newhof Spring Arbor University 3.978 Hudsonville, MI**

Gabe had a breakout year for Spring Arbor University and head coach Ryan Cottingham. Gabe was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country in scoring at 24 points per game, while fighting through double teams most every night. The sophomore was named 1<sup>st</sup> team All Crossroads League, after earning the 2023 Freshman of the year honors in 2023. The Hudsonville native excels in the classroom as well with his nearly 4.0 GPA in Financial Planning.

**Jr. Hunter Soper Lake Superior State 3.91 Lexington, MI**

Soper had a career year in nearly every category and ended up averaging over 10 points, nearly 7 rebounds and almost 3 assists per game. This multi-purpose player helped Steve Hettinga's team win 23 games and advance in the NCAA DII Basketball tournament. During the year, he earned GLIAC Defensive Player of the week honors, as well being a honoree on the ALL GLIAC ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE team for a second year. This Thumb native finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in rebounding and 1<sup>st</sup> in 3 pt % in the always competitive GLIAC. Hunter maintains nearly a 4.0 GPA in business management.

**So. Marcus Tomashek Michigan Tech 3.73 Green Bay, WI**

This Green Bay native was dominant all year for Coach Buettner's team. Marcus lead the GLIAC in scoring by averaging 23 points per game. The 1<sup>st</sup> ALL GLIAC guard finished the year in the top 10 in scoring in the country, along with earning 1<sup>st</sup> Team All GLIAC honors. This forestry major also continues to excel in the classroom with his 3.7 GPA.