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(S.D.)- BHSU Selects Warriors Of The Month



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(Spearfish, SD)- The Yellow Jacket Warrior of the Month Award is presented to student athletes at Black Hills State University on a monthly basis. This award is presented to collegiate athletes whom exude the Army Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage on campus and who will be future leaders in the community.

To be eligible for this award, recipients are nominated by their respective coaching staff then selected by a board of representatives in the Athletic Department based on the following criteria:

- a. Achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- b. Must exude leadership on and off the playing field.
- c. Exemplifies characteristics in keeping with the highest traditions of Black Hills State University.
- d. Participates actively in his/her community or has volunteered in a form of community service.

The Warriors of the Month winners for November were junior, Courtney Patterson of the women's basketball team and junior, Jacob Wilson, of the men's track and field team.

Courtney Patterson, Jr., Rock Springs, Wyo.

Courtney is a junior from Rock Springs, Wyoming. Prior to joining the Yellow Jackets, she played two seasons at Central Wyoming College where she played both basketball and volleyball for the Rustlers. There she earned First Team All-Region and All-Conference in both sports over the two years before coming to Black Hills State and redshirting last season. Last summer, Courtney spent time volunteering during the BHSU basketball summer camps with local youth. She holds a 3.0 GPA in Physical Education with a minor in health and coaching. She has now played in all 19 games this season and is averaging 20 minutes per game in RMAC contests. Over the last 10 games she is averaging almost 14 points per game, with her best performance of the season came on Jan. 17th in a 80-63 victory over New Mexico Highlands, where she went a perfect 13-of-13 from the free-throw line on way to a career-high 21 points.

Jacob Wilson, Jr., Sidney, Neb.

Jacob has made his mark on the Yellow Jacket track and field team by not lost in the high jump since becoming the first ever male RMAC champion in last spring's outdoor high jump event after taking 1st-place with a record jump of 6-feet-10-and-a-quarter inches. In their last home meet at the Dave Little Alumni Mile on January 26th, Jacob set a new school record in the indoor high jump after clearing a height of 6-feet-9-and-a-half inches. The Sydney, Nebraska native who holds a 3.1 GPA in Physical Education, has been an active volunteer with the Cool Kids Club, which is an after school program teaching younger students physical education. Jacob has also has

volunteered his time as a swimming instructor, a Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken baseball coach, and has worked with students with special needs from the Northern Hills Training Center. He has worked with the “Teammates Program” where he has gone to the local elementary school as a mentor and friend to the students.