

## BASKETBALL ALUM SELECTED BY GREENSBORO SWARM IN 2016 NBDL DRAFT



*Ky Howard*

NJIT men's basketball alum Ky Howard '16 was selected by the Greensboro Swarm in the 2016 NBA Development League (NBDL) Draft. The Swarm is an affiliate of the Charlotte Hornets of the National

Basketball Association (NBA).

Howard, who was taken with the 13th pick of the second round (35th overall), becomes the second Highlanders player to be claimed in the NBDL draft. The Philadelphia native joins Isaiah Wilkerson '12, who was selected by the Tulsa Drillers in the eighth round (118th overall) in 2012.

"It's definitely a blessing being drafted. I'm grateful for the opportunity and the chance," said Howard, who helped guide NJIT to 20-win seasons in each of the past two years. "NJIT put me in a situation that gave me a chance to grow and develop on and off the court. The staff and administration gave me the support and belief that anything was possible; and I can't say enough about all my teammates."

A four-year letter winner and three-year starter at point guard, Howard proved to be a tremendous all-around performer. He departed the Highlanders as the program's all-time Division-I leader in career assists (416)—a total that ranks second in the history of NJIT. Additionally, he is one of just three Highlanders to reach 1,000 points and 500 rebounds in a D-I career. His total of 1,139 points ranks fifth while his 535 rebounds rank third. In fact, the only game of the 113 in his career without a rebound was in his first as a freshman in a Big East road game at Providence College (Nov. 10, 2012).

Howard's career started in grand fashion. In NJIT's final season competing in the now-defunct Great West Conference (GWC) (2012-13), he finished as

both the second-leading freshman scorer (7.2 ppg) and rebounder (4.6) in the league. As a result, the 6'3" guard was selected to the 2012-13 GWC All-Newcomer team and as a finalist for both the Newcomer\* of the Year and the Sixth Man awards (\*included non-freshmen).

As his career progressed, Howard was part of teams that upset No. 17 Michigan (Dec. 6, 2014), earned a two-seed for the conference tournament in the program's first year as a member of the ASUN (2015-16), and advanced to the semifinals of the CollegeInsider.com National Postseason Tournament in back-to-back years (2015, 2016). He finished his NJIT career averaging 10.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg and 3.7 apg. ■

## BOTH NJIT SOCCER TEAMS RECOGNIZED FOR NSCAA TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD



The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) recognized both NJIT men's and women's soccer teams for the NSCAA's annual team academic awards for the 2015-16 academic year. The NSCAA annually recognizes college soccer programs that have excelled in the classroom, in addition to their work on the field. A total of 893 soccer teams (315 men, 578 women) posted a team grade-point average of 3.0 or higher, thereby earning the NSCAA College Team Academic Award for the 2015-16 academic year. Among these programs are 223 schools receiving honors for both their men's and women's teams.

NJIT was among those 223 schools receiving honors for both men's and women's soccer. The men's team posted a GPA of 3.20 during the 2015-16 academic year, while the women finished with a 3.34 cumulative GPA. The Highlanders were the only Atlantic Sun Conference team to have both programs recognized. ■