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## *Heather Feldman ('15) Ready to Pursue Career in Music Industry*

Community support propelled Heather Feldman ('15) as she pursued excellence in the music department and on the volleyball court during her baccalaureate career at Gardner-Webb. A GWU Senior Scholastic Award recipient, she also ranks 11th all time in the Big South in career volleyball assists.

"I always had a large community in my corner, both on campus and off campus, pushing me to do the best I could in the classroom and on the court," she said. "My coaches and teammates gave me a family away from home. And the music department faculty and staff were unbelievably accommodating to my hectic athletic schedule."

Feldman posted a perfect 4.0 career GPA at Gardner-Webb and received the prestigious George A. Christenberry Award, which is named for a conference co-founder and annually honors the male and female student-athletes who attain the highest cumulative grade point averages (GPA) in their sports.

As she seeks a job in the music industry with a dream to perform on Broadway, she hopes that her success will encourage other student-athletes to work hard in the classroom as well.

"It means a lot that the Big South Conference places a lot of value into not only an athlete's accomplishments in sports but also in the classroom," Feldman expressed. "I learned many lessons at Gardner-Webb, like perseverance and loyalty, and I am honored and excited to be taking the Gardner-Webb name out into the world."

*Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).*