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Tyrell Nelson ('17) is at Home on University's Campus

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Tyrell Nelson ('17), Gardner-Webb University basketball standout, looked for a college environment where he could excel academically as well as athletically.

Born in Washington, D.C., Nelson was in the eighth grade when his family moved to North Carolina. He played at Metrolina Christian (N.C.) Academy under Coach Michael Wilson and earned all-state honors as a senior. Pursued by colleges from Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee and New York, Nelson chose Gardner-Webb because of its location.

“I didn’t want to go too far. Coming here was just an hour away. It was the perfect distance,” Nelson shared. “You feel more involved. You feel more at home.”

After two years on the team, Nelson has established himself as a leader, earning academic and athletic honors from the Big South Conference.

“Even as a student athlete, it has been easy to get involved around the community,” he assessed. “You can do well academically here and have a great college experience.”

Nelson is earning a bachelor’s degree in broadcast communications. Gardner-Webb was the right choice for him.

“Everything here points to being a family,” he observed, “and what better place to go than a family-oriented place.”

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).