Lehman College women’s basketball player Shatasia Little has been selected to represent the CUNY Athletic Conference in the upcoming CUNY Goodwill Tour this summer in Ecuador. The tour which features fourteen of the top players in the CUNY Athletic conference, will be highlighted by four exhibition games against some of the top women’s teams in Ecuador.

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This year CUNYAC is looking to have a similar experience with the best women’s basketball players, who will also compete in Quito, Ecuador. Quito is the capital and largest city in the South American country.

“This is a real honor to have Shatasia Little as a representative for our Lehman College women’s basketball program,” said Lightning head coach Eric Harrison. “Shatasia has worked extremely hard and really deserves the opportunity to enjoy this once in a lifetime experience.”

Along with competing, the student-athletes will host several clinics for the youth of Quito. They will serve as ambassadors of CUNY, learning the difference in cultures and passing along our customs and basketball skills. Each student will be required to keep a daily journal which will be posted on the CUNY website for informational purposes for family and friends in New York.

“It is an honor to be selected as a member of the CUNY Goodwill tour,” says Little. “The tour will give me the opportunity to represent all of the quality student-athletes of Lehman College.”

The entire squad will be comprised of quality underclassmen in good academic standing, who look to be the cornerstones of their respective teams next season. The team will play four games in Quito against local teams, while using the off-days to visit historical and educational sites in the region. For everyone involved it will be an opportunity of a lifetime and give members of the trip something to talk about for the rest of their lives.

In just fifteen games for the Lightning this season, Little averaged 17.8 points per game, while recording a team high of 11.8 rebounds per game.