

# Whitmore picks Harcum

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**HAMILTON** — Dondre Whitmore has had quite the year at Trenton Catholic Academy. First, he helped lead the Iron Mikes to the state championship. Then, he announced yesterday where he will be playing college basketball next year.

Whitmore will be attending Harcum College, a junior college located in Bryn Mawr, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia. He was awarded with a \$50,000 scholarship for the two-year school. Upon graduating from Harcum, Whitmore intends to then transfer to a Division I school.

"This is a good choice for me because it gives me two years to work on my academics and my athletics," said Whitmore. "I think it's a big day. It was stressful not picking a school earlier in the season. But now that I've figured out where I'm going, there's a lot of pressure off me now."

Harcum finished the 2009-10 season with a 26-4 record, losing in the District 3 Championship. The Bears started the season with a 25-0 record and were ranked No. 1 in the NJCAA poll before losing four of their last five games.

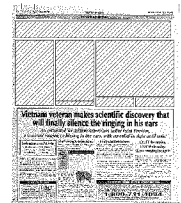
Whitmore has been one of the leaders for the Iron Mikes over the past three years. The 5-foot-9 point guard led TCA to a 28-3 record this season. The Iron Mikes defeated St. Anthony 57-56 in triple overtime to capture the NJSIAA Non-Public B state championship. Then, after a 63-46 win over University in the Tournament of Champions semifinals, TCA defeated Camden Catholic, 53-39, in the Tournament of Champions title game to lay claim to the best team in the state of New Jersey.

Along with the state title, Trenton Catholic finished ranked No. 12 nationally in the final USA Today Super 25.

"It's just been exciting," said Whitmore. "When we won the state championship, that was just a plus because that was one of my goals from my freshman year. And then to sign to go to Harcum College — that's another plus."

Trenton Catholic lost back-to-back

games early in the season to St. Patrick and Pennington, but the Iron Mikes got it together and played their best basketball down the stretch. Their only loss all season long after January 16 was a six-point loss to national powerhouse Findlay Prep. A large reason why the Iron Mikes played so well during that stretch was Whitmore, who averaged 18 points per game.





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Trenton Catholic Academy's Dondre Whitmore signs a letter of intent yesterday to play at Harcum College. With him are, from left, TCA coach Fred Falchi and Whitmore's grandmother, Gladys, mother Patricia and father James.