Dipre Learns To Excel Both On And Off The Court

As the men’s volleyball season comes to a close, Lehman College star Wilmy Dipre has established a four year career of dedication and commitment which will provide him and the college memories of a lifetime. After a serious injury put his career in doubt, the Dominican Republic native has resurfaced, and has begun to finish his career the same way he started, with class and dignity.

The winning begin when Wilmy began his baseball career at James Monroe High School. Being at a national baseball power instilled the leadership qualities that Dipre now holds on this young Lightning volleyball squad. After being an integral part of the program, he also was the team captain on the boy’s basketball team at Monroe. After graduating from Monroe, Dipre emerged on the scene at Lehman. While being coerced into trying volleyball by former head coach Junior Garcia, Dipre became a part of one of the greatest teams in Lehman history. The 2001 men’s volleyball team advanced to the Molten national final four. The team finished the season with a 26-3 record, and has been recorded as one of the greatest teams in CUNY history. Dipre was just a freshman on that team, but the experience and the memories are something that he will never forget.

“My time at Lehman has been great,” Dipre added. “To work hard and achieve the success that we did that season, is something I will remember for the rest of my career.”

After seasons of success with the program, his experience helped provide newly appointed coach Daniel Skillins a foundation and a leader to build off. With the Lightning struggling through a 6-16 season, coach Skillins knew that he was in for a rebuilding job, and even though he only had one season left, he knew that his senior would be very instrumental in the development of his new program.

“Wilmy has been a great guy to have on this team,” said first-year head coach Skillins. “His experience and his knowledge of volleyball, has been helpful in instilling the winning attitude with our younger players, and help us build for the future.”

The future is something that Wilmy is looking forward to. Already the proud daughter of a six year old daughter, Thais, and a very proud family man he has done a good job of taking care of his family. Dipre has scored first in his class in the fire department exams, and is currently waiting to be added to the list for the fire academy. Until he gets the call from the FDNY, he is working in the promotions department for various agencies.

“My time at Lehman has been great,” Dipre added. “With the support of the athletic department at Lehman, my family, friends and coaches, I have been able to achieve a lot of success, to go along with experiences that I can apply to my future.”

Wilmy Dipre is currently a Science and Computer Information major, with a 2.7 grade point average, and is on pace to graduate in May.