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2014 SAND VOLLEYBALL

GEOORGIA STATE



2014 PANTHER SAND VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
	<i>UNF Tournament</i>		
3/8/14	FAU, Jacksonville	St. Augustine, Fla.	All Day
3/10/14	FIU, Louisiana-Monroe	St. Augustine, Fla.	All Day
	<i>Diggin' Duals</i>		
3/11/14	FIU, South Carolina, Mercer	Atlanta, Ga.	All Day
	<i>Ron Jon Surf Shop Beach-n-Boards Fest</i>		
3/15/14	Jacksonville, North Florida	Cocoa Beach, Fla.	All Day
3/16/14	Stetson, Webber (Exh.)	Cocoa Beach, Fla.	All Day
	<i>Sand in the City Tournament</i>		
3/29/14	College of Charleston, Pepperdine,	Atlanta, Ga.	All Day
3/30/14	Louisiana-Monroe	Atlanta, Ga.	All Day
	<i>College of Charleston Tournament</i>		
4/5/14	Florida State, South Carolina,	Charleston, S.C.	All Day
4/6/14	Mercer, College of Charleston	Charleston, S.C.	All Day
	<i>Fiesta at Siesta Tournament</i>		
4/11/14	TBD	Siesta Key, Fla.	All Day
4/12/14	TBD	Siesta Key, Fla.	All Day
4/13/14	Open Pairs	Siesta Key, Fla.	All Day
	<i>Florida State University Tournament</i>		
4/18/14	Florida State, Louisiana-Monroe,	Tallahassee, Fla.	All Day
4/19/14	South Carolina	Tallahassee, Fla.	All Day
4/26/14	UAB, Tulane	Birmingham, Ala.	TBD
	<i>AVCA National Championships</i>		
5/2/13		Gulf Shores, Ala.	All Day
5/3/13	To Be Determined...	Gulf Shores, Ala.	All Day
5/4/13		Gulf Shores, Ala.	All Day

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PANTHERS AT A GLANCE

General Information

Location: Atlanta, Ga.
Founded: 1913
Enrollment: 33,000
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Blue (PMS 286) and White
Home Court: GSU Sand Volleyball Complex
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Sun Belt
President: Dr. Mark P. Becker/5th year
Director of Athletics: Cheryl L. Levick/5th year
Sport Administrator: Todd Reeser
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Athletics Website: GeorgiaStateSports.com

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GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Georgia State University is a leading urban research university, educating Georgia's most diverse student population.

With an enrollment of more than 32,000 students, it is the second largest institution in the University System of Georgia. Students arrive from every county in Georgia, every state in the nation and more than 150 countries.

Georgia State offers educational opportunities for traditional and nontraditional students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels by blending the best of theoretical and applied inquiry, scholarly and professional pursuits, and scientific and artistic expression.

With strong disciplinary-based departments and a wide array of problem-oriented interdisciplinary programs, the goal of the university is to develop, transmit, and utilize knowledge in order to provide access to quality education for diverse groups of students, to educate leaders for the State of Georgia and the nation, and to prepare citizens for lifelong learning in a global society.

Georgia State was founded in 1913 and celebrates its Centennial in 2013. The university offers 250 degree programs in 100 fields of study at the bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral levels through eight colleges: the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Law, the Honors College, the Institute of Public Health, and the J. Mack Robinson College of Business.



One of the most diverse universities in America, Georgia State is first in the nation among non-profit institutions in graduating African-American students.

Georgia State has over 50 nationally and internationally ranked programs, including these top U.S. programs:

- No. 1 Best Value Law School
- No. 2 Best Health Law Program
- No. 2 Best JD/MA in Philosophy
- No. 4 Best Program in Public Finance and Budgeting
- No. 4 Best Risk Management and Insurance Program
- No. 8 Best Computer Information Systems Program
- No. 10 Best Real Estate Program
- No. 12 Best Program in City Management and Urban Policy
- No. 12 Best Program in Nonprofit Management
- No. 13 Best Hospitality Program



GSU CAMPUS

Located in the heart of one of America's great cities, the Georgia State University campus has a profound influence on the changing landscape of downtown Atlanta.

While the building blocks of the university will always be high-achieving students, world-class faculty and ground-breaking research, Georgia State boasts an ever-expanding and improving campus to accommodate that foundation.

In the last decade, the Rialto Theater restoration, Student Center, Student Recreation Center, University Lofts, University Commons, Helen M. Aderhold classroom building, Parker H. Petit Science Teaching and Research Center and many other buildings have transformed the downtown cityscape at Atlanta's core.





Georgia State is where city life meets campus life for a unique and exciting student experience.

- Five residence halls housing over 4,000 students
- More than 300 student organizations
- Six campus dining locations
- State-of-the-art Student Recreation Center
- Six student media outlets

ATLANTA

Atlanta is integral to Georgia State's educational experience. Students and faculty are part of a living laboratory where they study and create solutions for the challenges of the 21st century.

The metropolitan Atlanta area is home to more than five million people and the world's busiest airport.

GSU students benefit from resources for research, access to prominent leaders and thinkers, and proximity to internships, jobs and service related to their field of study. Students intern at Fortune 500 companies, national non-profits, government agencies and federal and state courts.

More Georgia executives hold advanced degrees from the Robinson College of Business than from any other school in the Southeast.



Some of the many attractions within minutes of the Georgia State campus:

- Georgia Aquarium
- Centennial Olympic Park
- Georgia Dome
- Philips Arena
- Martin Luther King Jr. Center
- CNN Center
- State Capitol
- Turner Field
- World of Coca Cola
- Carter Presidential Library
- College Football Hall of Fame (open in 2014)



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AQUARIUM

at Pemberton Place

EQUITABLE



CAMPUS HOUSING

The Georgia State University campus features some of the finest housing facilities in the nation. On-campus housing continues to grow, and more than 4,000 GSU students now live on campus.

The University Commons, opened in 2007, is a 4.2-acre complex of four buildings surrounding a landscaped courtyard. All units come with fully-equipped kitchens, furnished bedrooms and spacious living areas.

During the fall of 2009, Patton Hall opened to provide suite-style living for 325 residents and includes an on-site dining facility.

In 2010, GSU opened its first Greek housing, which consists of nine fraternities and sororities housed in three-story townhomes.

Opened in 2011, the Piedmont North Complex houses approximately 1,100 residents and offers a traditional residence hall lifestyle with all the amenities one would expect from a premier housing program, including a dining facility.

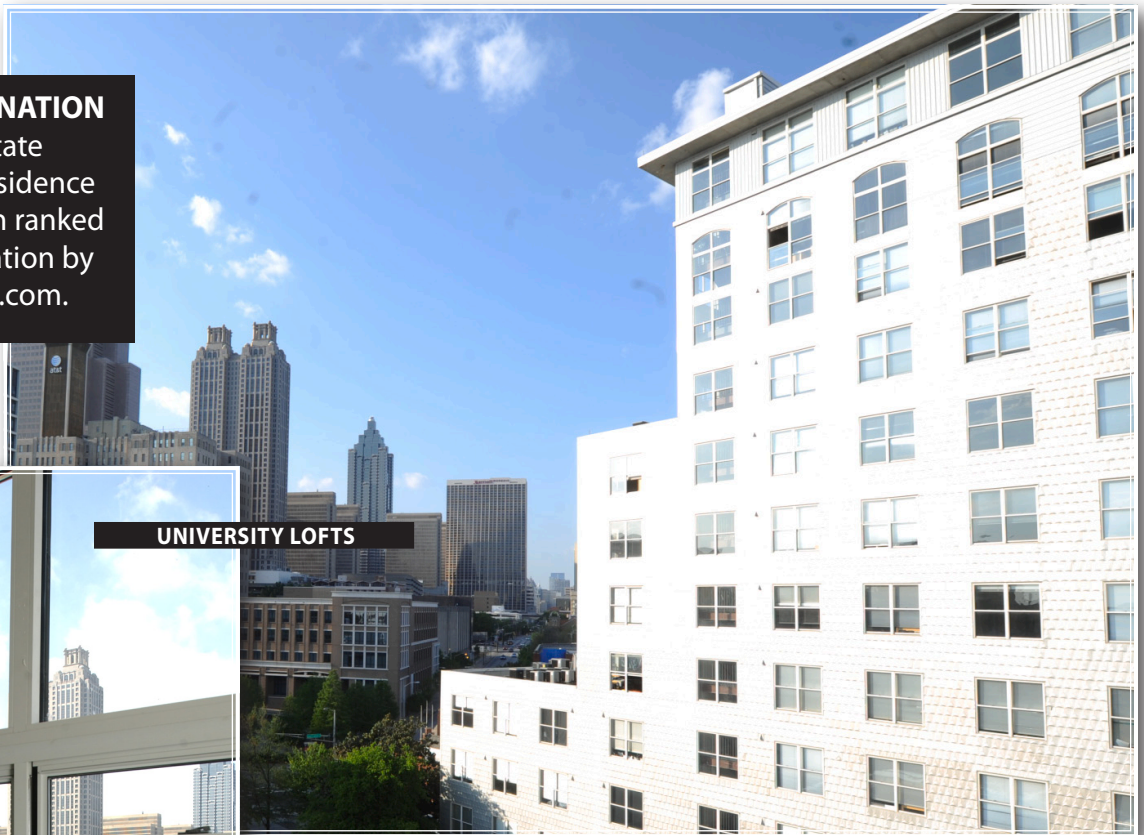
The University Lofts, opened in 2002, contain fully-furnished, loft-style apartments that blend urban style with modern features.

All residence halls feature a full range of amenities including study and community lounge areas, laundry facilities, 24/7 security patrols, on-site or nearby parking and more.



UNIVERSITY COMMONS

NO. 1 IN THE NATION
Georgia State
University's residence
halls have been ranked
No. 1 in the nation by
Dormsplash.com.



UNIVERSITY LOFTS



PIEDMONT NORTH



PATTON HALL



GREEK HOUSING

MARK P. BECKER

GSU PRESIDENT

Since beginning his tenure as Georgia State University's seventh president in January 2009, President Mark P. Becker has provided a vision for the future of Georgia State University and led the institution into a period of marked growth and advancement.

Reflecting his vision of the urban public research university for the 21st century, the university adopted a dynamic 10-year strategic plan that has Georgia State well on its way to becoming one of the nation's premier urban research universities.

As a first generation college student who began his educational career at a community college, Becker is personally and professionally committed to ensuring that students of all economic backgrounds succeed and are given opportunities to compete on a level playing field. Under his leadership, Georgia State's graduation rate has already increased by 10 percent, and the university is becoming a national model for undergraduate education. It leads the nation in eliminating disparities in graduation rates based on race or ethnicity, and, as one of the most diverse universities in America, is first in the nation among non-profit institutions in graduating African-American students.

By promoting the achievements of the university, making it more visible locally and nationally, and demonstrating the value of a Georgia State degree, the university under Becker's leadership has set a series of university records for enrollment, graduation rates and total graduates. Becker has also placed high priority on ensuring financial support for students, and as a result need- and merit-based scholarship funds distributed by the university have tripled since his arrival.

Becker's passion for student success has been matched by his commitment to increasing multidisciplinary research and economic development as facilitated by the creation of new research centers, the Second Century Initiative—an ambitious program to hire one-hundred senior faculty members to serve in interdisciplinary research clusters, and an enhanced emphasis on the translation of faculty research into products and companies. This commitment has brought the university to new heights of research accomplishment, as reflected, for example, in new university records for sponsored research funding and federal research funding.

Being globally connected and engaged is another important component of Becker's

vision for the modern research university. Seeking to position Georgia State faculty and students to thrive in an increasingly complex and global landscape, Becker has worked with faculty leaders and international partners to enhance Georgia State's global profile. In 2010 the university partnered with Beijing Language and Culture University to establish a Confucius Institute with an emphasis on business and commerce. In 2012 the institute was named a "2012 Confucius Institute of the Year."

Becker is particularly committed to developing strong partnerships with universities in rapidly growing economies. As a result, the university is working to strengthen relationships with counterparts in Brazil, China, South Africa, South Korea and Turkey. These partners are the basis for the development of new student and faculty exchanges, study abroad programs, research collaborations, executive training initiatives, government and private sector networks, and dual-degree programs.

Becker has aggressively advanced the campus' physical development and revitalization of downtown Atlanta. This has included major additions to campus housing and dining, research and academic facilities, as well as intramural and athletics facilities. In 2010 the university added football to its athletics program, and in 2013 added sand volleyball and moved to the Sun Belt Conference to advance into the Division I – FBS level of NCAA competition.

Throughout his career Becker has served on boards and committees of civic, government and professional bodies. He serves, for example, on the boards of the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, World Affairs Council of Atlanta, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Aquarium, Georgia Research Alliance, Woodruff Arts Center, and the Atlanta Committee for Progress. He also serves on the executive committees of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (Chair) and Central Atlanta Progress.

Trained as a statistician, Becker has had a distinguished career in biostatistics and public



health sciences. For most of his professorial career he was a member of the faculty in the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Michigan, where he also held appointments in the Institute for Social Research, and the Department of Statistics. He was made a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Becker has been principal investigator on research grants from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. He has published extensively in leading journals, and his doctoral students have gone on to successful careers in leading higher education institutions and with multinational companies. Becker served on multiple editorial boards, was co-editor of *Sociological Methodology*, and was a guest editor for *Sociological Methods and Research* and for the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*.

Prior to his appointment as president of Georgia State, Becker was executive vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of South Carolina and dean of the School of Public Health and assistant vice president of Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response at the University of Minnesota. From 1989 to 2000, Becker was a professor in the University of Michigan's School of Public Health, where he also was associate dean for academic affairs. He has held academic appointments at the University of Washington, the University of Florida and Cornell University.

Becker attended Harford (Md.) Community College, earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Towson State University in 1980 and his Ph.D. degree in statistics from the Pennsylvania State University in 1985. Becker grew up in Havre de Grace, Md., near Baltimore. He and his wife, Laura Voisinnet, have two adult children, Matthew and Julia.

CHERYL L. LEVICK

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

A highly respected administrator with over two decades of experience guiding programs to the highest level of NCAA play, Cheryl L. Levick has successfully combined athletic and educational opportunities for students since the start of her career in collegiate athletics.

As Georgia State's Director of Athletics, Levick has helped boost the Panthers' visibility on the national stage in multiple sports while adhering to the athletic department's mission statement of shaping champions for today and leaders for tomorrow.

The transformation of the Panther Athletics Department has been remarkable under Levick. Each program has been enhanced or in the case of football, built from scratch – the program had one player, two helmets and seven coaches when she arrived in 2009. Now it is set to compete at the FBS level in just its fourth season. To make that jump in schedule and talent, Levick hired Trent Miles away from his alma mater in December 2012 after he constructed an impressive – if not totally improbable – turnaround at Indiana State.

Miles was not the first high-level coaching hire Levick successfully maneuvered for the Panthers as she also plucked Ron Hunter out of the state of Indiana in 2011. He quickly revitalized Georgia State basketball with its first post-season berth in a decade in his first year, and a Sun Belt regular-season title and NIT berth in 2014.

The significant imprint Levick has created at GSU can be seen across the entire athletic department. She has put Georgia State in position to compete for league titles right off the bat as it fully moves into the Sun Belt Conference in 2013-14. Last year, GSU squads won two SBC team crowns to put the conference on notice that the Panthers are not just

moving up, but they are ready to win from the start.

Levick's tenure in sport-crazy Atlanta has been marked by significant upgrades in facilities and fundraising. Annual giving to the Panther Athletic Club (PAC) has steadily increased by more than tenfold, and the three largest gifts in the history of GSU athletics have been secured. Construction projects have included the GSU Football Practice Complex, new facilities for strength and conditioning and sports medicine, and upgrades to every venue used by the Panthers.

Arguably the most impressive project to date is the state-of-the-art facility for sand volleyball, the Panthers' most recent sport addition. It was finished in time for the inaugural season in 2013, and is part of the ambitious Athletics Master Facilities Plan that Levick developed to address needs for every sport.

Continuous success has been seen in the classroom as Georgia State student-athletes have excelled in recent years. Together, Panther student-athletes have recorded a cumulative grade-point average above 3.0 for 10 consecutive semesters while completing more than 5,000 hours of community service annually.

Levick has been a significant proponent of providing opportunities for women in college sports. She started the Women, Sports and Power Luncheon to raise money for women's sports by female donors, an event that has been successful at each of her previous stops as athletic director. The event helped raise \$50,000 for GSU women's teams in 2013.



In 2011, Levick was named a "Game Changer" among women in sports business by the SportsBusiness Journal, and she was twice (1998 and 1999) named one of the nation's Top 25 Female Sports Executives by Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal. The National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA) also named her Division I Athletic Administrator of the Year in 2001.

Levick came to Georgia State from Maryland, where she served as chief of staff/executive senior athletic director while overseeing the day-to-day management of the 27-sport program. That came after serving three years (2004-07) as director of athletics at Saint Louis, where she led the Billikens' transition to the Atlantic 10 Conference and was the lead fundraiser for an \$80 million on-campus arena and practice complex.

In four years (2000-04) as director of athletics and recreation at Santa Clara, Levick oversaw a major renovation of the school's basketball arena and saw the Broncos' women's soccer team capture the 2001 national championship. It is still the only NCAA team title in school history.

Levick spent 12 years at Stanford as senior associate athletic director and senior woman administrator. She was the primary administrator for 33 varsity programs that won 44 national championships and helped Stanford to six straight Sears Cup titles. She also served as assistant commissioner of the Pac-10 Conference, assistant director of communications and women's programs at the NCAA, women's gymnastics coach and associate athletic director at Slippery Rock, and assistant gymnastics coach and synchronized swim coach at Indiana. Levick began her career at Pattonville Senior High School in St. Louis, Mo., coaching gymnastics and women's track.

Levick is a 1974 graduate of Missouri, and holds a master's degree in athletic administration from Indiana. She has two daughters: Heather and husband Michael Klass with grandson Brady born in July 2013; and Melissa and husband Jason Lake.



THE LEVICK FAMILY: (from left) Michael Klass, Heather, Melissa, Jason Lake, Cheryl.

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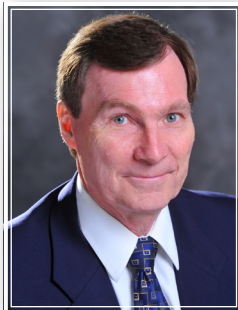
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SUN BELT CONFERENCE

After more than a year's worth of anticipation, the wait finally ended. On July 1, 2013, the Georgia State Athletic Department officially became a full member of the Sun Belt Conference and now competes for championships in 14 league-sponsored sports.

"We look forward to playing a leadership role in the Sun Belt Conference and our teams competing for Sun Belt titles and postseason berths," Director of Athletics Cheryl L. Levick said. "It really is a tremendous day in Georgia State sports history."

GSU's move onto a national stage in all sports officially began on April 9, 2012. At a press conference inside the Georgia Dome, Sun Belt Conference officials joined Georgia State President Mark Becker and Levick at the public announcement of the Panthers' impending conference move.

A feasibility study begun in the fall of 2011 concluded the Panthers were well positioned to make the jump to the FBS level and that the Sun Belt would be an ideal fit. The rest has been history. The move allows GSU to build on regional rivalries with several schools within driving distance, while also showcasing its talented teams to the country.

It is a return home of sorts for Georgia State, which was a founding member of the Sun Belt Conference in 1976. At that time, the league consisted of six universities playing across four men's sports – basketball, soccer, tennis and golf.

Today, the Sun Belt Conference sponsors 18 sports, including 14 that the Panthers will vie for conference titles. On the men's side, GSU will compete in baseball, basketball, football, golf and tennis, while women's sports include basketball, golf, cross country, soccer, softball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and court volleyball. GSU has also announced plans to add women's swimming and diving.

The Panthers already own two Sun Belt Conference titles in the past year. Ten individual sports were accepted into the league for 2012-13, giving the women's cross country and men's tennis teams a leg up on collecting hardware. Each squad won the Sun Belt title and helped Georgia State finish ahead of two SBC schools in the 2012-13 Vic Bubas Cup standings (an all sports trophy) despite competing in only half of the league's sports.



SUN BELT PRESS CONFERENCE, APRIL 9, 2012

ATHLETICS MASTER FACILITIES PLAN

An institution on the rise, Georgia State University has a tradition of progress that is reflected in its rising stature, growing campus and broadening influence.

The Georgia State Athletics Master Facilities Plan is a blueprint for success and growth for GSU Athletics that will allow every Panther program to compete at the highest level.

By building top-notch venues for every sport, Georgia State can recruit the best student-athletes and help them develop into champions. These new facilities will also enhance the game day experience for students, alumni and fans.



The centerpiece of the Athletics Master Plan is the transformation of the GSU Sports Arena, the home of Panther basketball and volleyball as well as the athletics offices.

The new Sports Arena will include a GSU Walk of Fame and team store.



The Athletics Master Plan also includes new venues for baseball, softball, men's and women's soccer, court volleyball and sand volleyball.



GSU SAND VOLLEYBALL COMPLEX

The Georgia State University Sand Volleyball Complex was dedicated on Sept. 24, 2012, in a small ceremony celebrating the first official start of the first fall practice.

Staff, students and media members were in attendance to celebrate Georgia State's newest sporting complex, which is located just off the Sports Arena.



The 12 members of the GSU inaugural sand volleyball team brought sand from their home courts and symbolically poured the foundation of the new program.

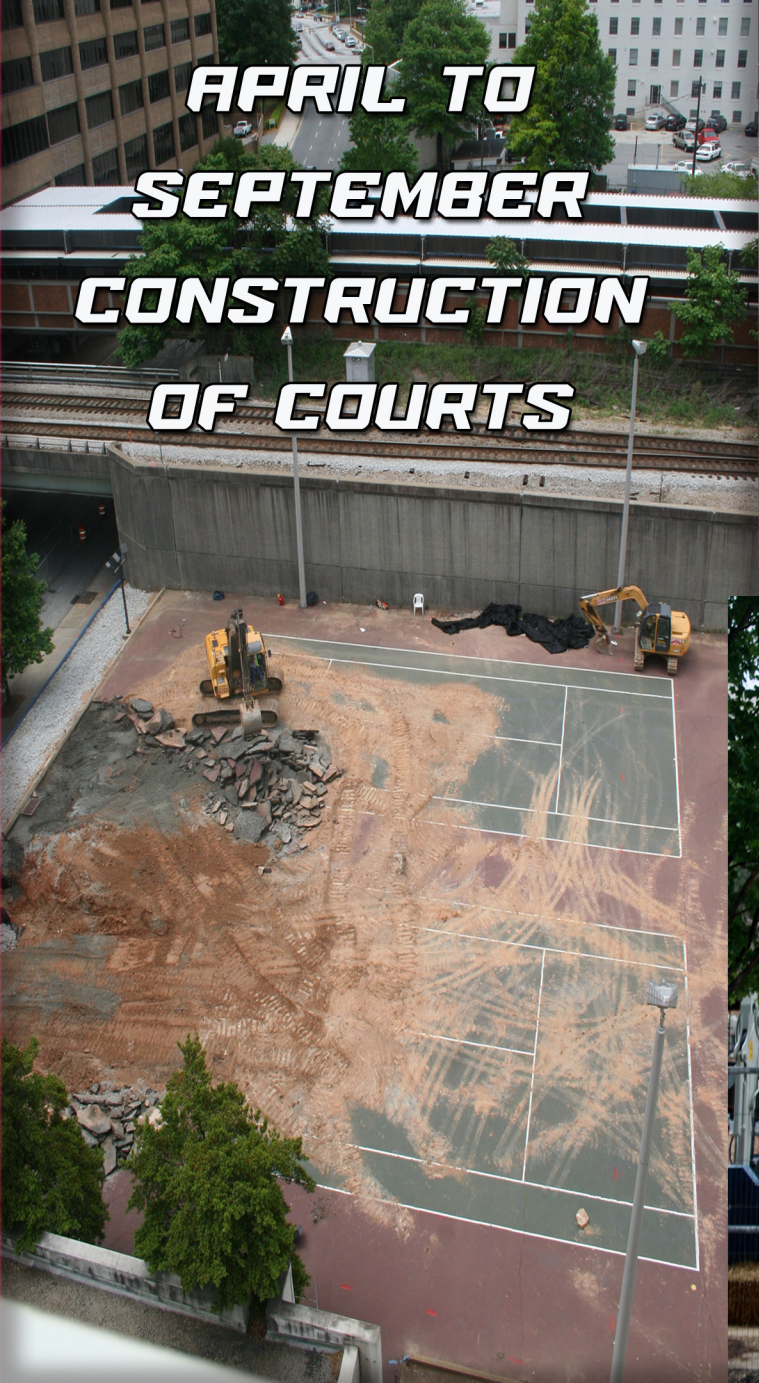
Sand from nine different states - Alaska, Florida, California, New Jersey, Arizona, Michigan, Ohio, Texas, and Georgia - was added to the sand in court No. 2.

The first sand volleyball match to be played at the GSU Sand Volleyball Complex was on March 12, 2013, against Mercer University.

The complex also hosted the Georgia State Sand Invitational on April 6 -7, 2013, with Florida State, Tulane and Louisiana-Monroe.



APRIL TO SEPTEMBER CONSTRUCTION OF COURTS



No day at beach, but GSU digs in

Sand volleyball will help school meet Title IX guidelines.

By **Doug Roberson**
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Hit the ... sand
Sand volleyball will make its debut as an emerging NCAA women's sport in March. The NCAA refers to the sport as sand volleyball instead of beach so that land-locked schools will not be scared away. A few facts about the sport:

Georgia State is adding women's sand volleyball to its group of sports for the 2013 spring season. The team is the first of at least two that will be added as part of the university's efforts to remain Title IX compliant after the addition of football. It may seem like an odd mix, sand volleyball on an urban campus, but athletic director Cheryl Levick said the sport will add to the vibrancy of campus life for the student body. "To have a year-round volleyball opportunity, we thought would be terrific," Levick said.

The addition has been in the works since shortly after Levick was hired in 2009. In deciding on sand volleyball, Levick said she factored in the students' interest, the regional interest, a team's ability to be successful and the bonus that it can be played on campus. Three outdoor courts will be constructed behind the GSU Sports Arena.

GSU will commission a student-body survey, which will be done this year, to aid in the process of deciding the next sport. Under consideration are lacrosse, crew, and stunts and tumbling. There is no timetable for that addition.

Fifteen teams play sand volleyball, according to the American Volleyball Coaches Association, with several more considering it for the 2011-12 season. Teams playing include Florida State, College of Charleston, Jacksonville, North Florida, UAB, Tulane, Mercer, Florida Atlantic and Florida International. Most of the remaining schools are on the West Coast. No teams in the Colonial Athletic Association play the sport.

The estimated start-up cost for the sand volleyball team is \$1.5 million. The student-fee increase that helps pay for

- Georgia State will join 15 other Division I schools that have announced they will create programs, and six of them are in Florida (Florida State, Florida Atlantic, FIU, Jacksonville, North Florida and Stetson). Others include USC, Long Beach State, Pepperdine, UC Santa Barbara, Hawaii, Tulane, Mercer, College of Charleston and Alabama-Birmingham.

- For sand volleyball to become a championship sport, there must be 40 schools or more competing for two straight years.

- The uniforms will be similar to what college women wear in track and field.

- The season will start in March and will include eight to 16 matches.

- A match is two of three sets. The first two sets are played to 21 points. The third, if needed, is to 15. All sets must be won by two points. All scoring is one point per rally.

- The game will be played outdoors, so weather conditions will play a factor in wins and losses.

Source: ESPN.com

the football team also helps pay for the volleyball team.

The team will have four scholarships that can be given to between 12 and 15 players.

Levick said there likely will be very little overlap in players on the court volleyball team also competing in sand volleyball.

Court volleyball coach Tami Audia also will coach the sand volleyball team. The team already has hired an assistant coach, Beth Van Fleet, who played court volleyball at Georgia State before playing beach volleyball professionally. She currently recruits in the Southeast, where numerous club teams play.





GSU

SAND

VOLLEYBALL

COMPLEX









EVERYTHING IS NEW



SAND VOLLEYBALL TIMELINE

Sept. 27, 2011 - Athletics Director Cheryl Levick announces the addition of sand volleyball as the 10th women's sports at Georgia State.

Nov. 11, 2011 - Five new student-athletes become the first-ever signing class: Jansen Button, Sara Olivova, Milani Pickering, Katelyn Rawls and Nikki Senopoulos.

July 18, 2012 - The first trucks of sand arrive for the upper-level court.

Aug. 27, 2012 - Sand volleyball holds its first workout at John Howell Park.

Sept. 3, 2012 - Sand volleyball holds its first workout at the GSU Sand Volleyball Complex.

Sept. 24, 2012 - The GSU Sand Volleyball Complex opens to the public and a small ceremony is held.

Nov. 3, 2012 - The team competes in its first exhibition at Florida State.

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March 9, 2013 - The team attends its first tournament in Cocoa Beach, Fla. at the Ron Jon Surf Shop Beach-n-Boards Festival.

March 10, 2013 - The team picks up its first win, 3-2, over North Florida.

March 12, 2013 - The inaugural match at the GSU Sand Volleyball Complex ends with a 3-2 win over Mercer.

April 22, 2013 - Katie Madewell and Lane Carico are selected to compete at the AVCA National Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala.

May 4, 2013 - Lane Carico is named an AVCA All-American.

May 5, 2013 - Katie Madewell and Lane Carico's run at the AVCA National Championship ends in the semi-finals against USC.

2013 AVCA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lane Carico and Katie Madewell were selected to compete in the pairs AVCA National Championship after posting a 27-5 regular season record.

In pool play, the pair dropped their first two matches, but rallied to win their next three. This moved them into the single-elimination bracket of 16 teams.



As the No. 12 seed, the Panther duo began the tournament with an upset of the No. 5 seed from Pepperdine, winning 21-15, 21-19.

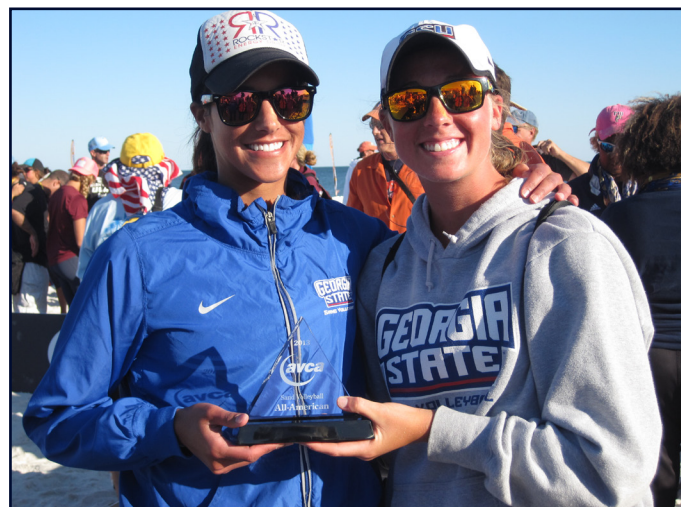
In the quarterfinals, Carico and Madewell defeated the No. 4 seed from FIU in three sets, 21-15, 13-21, 15-12.

The pair fell in the semifinals to the No. 1 seed from USC 21-17, 21-16.



Carico, a graduate student who played one season for Georgia State after a four-year indoor career at Miami (Fla.), was named an AVCA All-American on May 4, 2013. Fourteen players from eight schools were named to All-Americans team.

Carico and Madewell finished the season with a 33-8 record.



After a successful first year in which the Georgia State sand volleyball team went 8-9 and had a pair reach the AVCA National Championship semifinals, the Panthers are ready to hit the sand for their second season. The Panthers will kick off their season this weekend at the UNF Tournament in St. Augustine, Fla.

The Panthers have gone through a few changes since their first season. After being a driving force behind the program, Beth Van Fleet has been rewarded with a promotion to head sand volleyball coach from assistant coach. Kirsten Gallagher, who played both court and sand volleyball at UAB, joins the staff as an assistant coach.

One of the major changes under Van Fleet's leadership is the increased roster size. Last season, GSU had a 12-person roster; this year, the Panthers have 15. Ten of those 12 will return with one lone graduated senior, Lane Carico. Carico was only with the program one season, but made an immediate impact. She and partner Katie Madewell advanced to the semifinals at the AVCA National Championships and finished the year with a 33-8 record. Carico was also named an AVCA All-American.

After kicking off their season at the UNF Tournament, the Panthers will return to Atlanta to host the Diggin' Duals Tournament March 10 and 11 at the GSU



Sand Volleyball Complex. The tournament will feature FIU, UAB, South Carolina and Mercer.

"We are very excited for this year," head coach Beth Van Fleet said.

"We have a strong schedule that allows us to maximize our dates we are allowed to play. We will be playing many of the top teams from the east coast, in addition to hosting some great teams, all of whom attended the national tournament as a team.

"We have a tough schedule across the board," she added. "Sand volleyball has a short season. We don't have the luxury to start slow. We must peak early and maintain that level the entire season."

Following the Diggin' Duals Tournament, the Panthers will return to the Ron Jon Surf Shop Beach-n-Boards Fest in Cocoa Beach March 16 and 17. On March 29 and 30, GSU will host the Sand

in the City Tournament, featuring College of Charleston, ULM and national champion Pepperdine. The Panthers will then compete in three more tournaments and one dual to close out the regular season.

"Our facility provides a home court advantage and allows us to host our tournament," Van Fleet said. "We are thankful for the facility we have and that teams want to come visit."

The 2014 team includes five newcomers. Moriah Bellissimo, a graduate student, joins the team after a four-year career at Georgia Southern. Bellissimo was a two-time winner of Georgia Southern's Student-Athlete of the Year and also named a Capital One All-American in 2012. The Panthers also feature four freshmen: Sarah Agnew of Coppell, Texas; Delaney Rohan of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; Jessica Fourspring of Greer, S.C.;

Natalie Wilson of Plymouth, Minn. Ten of the 12 original members of the squad return as well.

“The first thing that comes to mind when it comes to our team is roster depth,” Van Fleet said. “We are competitive at every flight. Our returnees have been wonderful at establishing our culture and communicating with the newcomers. All 15 of our student-athletes have bought into our coaching system and work together to make sure it is an effective system for our program.

“The newcomers to our team will make an immediate impact. In practices already, they are very poised and calm, but also focused and attacking smartly. The returners have improved their level of play tremendously from the summer and the fall. Each day we get better and grow our mental game.”

In the inaugural season, the Panthers had an overall team record of 8-9. GSU went 2-1 at home and 0-4 against ranked opponents. Carico and Madewell led all GSU pairs with a 33-8 record. Carico and Madewell reached the AVCA National Championship pairs semifinals and won two tournaments, the Georgia State pairs tournament and the Florida State pairs tournament.

Jansen Button and Sara Olivova, the GSU pair with the second-best record, went 11-17 overall, 9-8 in duals.

“Last year we marched into tournaments blindly,” Van Fleet said. “This year we have a better understanding how they will run. Of course, there will still be hiccups along the way, but this team is very good at rolling with the punches.

“What we learned last year has helped us set up our schedule this year. We learned the basics as far as putting together the season and what kind of endurance is needed for the season and tournaments versus just a dual.”

Georgia State has just one solo dual on its schedule. The rest of the schedule is filled with tournaments that are setup in various ways. Some tournaments will only feature duals, where two teams play each other at a time.

Others will feature just bracketed pairs tournaments, where pairs attempt to move through brackets. A few of the tournaments will feature a combination of these two types, scheduling several duals in addition to a pairs tournament. GSU’s first two tournaments of the season are solely dual tournaments.

“We are ready to compete,” Van Fleet said. “We have worked hard to add competition on a weekly basis. We are excited about the staff we have in place, with our assistant coach Kirsten Gallagher and volunteer assistant coach Damien Scott. They provide insight and have helped develop our players.”





No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
2	Moriah Bellissimo	5-9	Gr.	Blackstone, Va. (David W. Butler HS/Georgia Southern)
3	Jansen Button	5-7	So.	Menifee, Calif. (Paloma Valley HS)
4	Karlee Kavanaugh	5-10	So.	Chugiak, Alaska (Chugiak HS)
5	Kaitlynn Hufstetler	5-6	So.	Canton, Ga. (Cherokee HS)
10	Alexis Townsend	5-7	So.	Houston, Texas (Dawson HS)
11	Milani Pickering	5-8	So.	Mesa, Ariz. (Mountainview HS)
12	Molly Smestad	5-10	Sr.	Austin, Texas (Northwest HS/Arkansas-Monticello)
13	Sarah Agnew	5-8	Fr.	Coppell, Texas (Coppel HS)
14	Katelyn Rawls	5-11	So.	Wellington, Fla. (Wellington Community HS)
15	Delaney Rohan	5-10	Fr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn. (Totino-Grace HS)
20	Jessica Fourspring	5-11	Fr.	Greer, S.C. (Riverside HS)
21	Alexis Elmurr	5-6	So.	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy HS)
22	Sara Olivova	5-11	So.	Franklin, Mich. (Seaholm HS)
23	Natalie Wilson	5-10	Fr.	Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata HS)
25	Katie Madewell	5-11	Sr.	Kettering, Ohio (Kettering Fairmont HS/Ohio State)

By Class

GRADUATE - 1
 SENIORS - 2
 SOPHOMORES - 8
 FRESHMEN - 4

By State

TEXAS - 3
 OHIO - 2
 MINNESOTA - 2
 ALASKA - 1
 ARIZONA - 1

CALIFORNIA - 1
 FLORIDA - 1
 GEORGIA - 1
 MICHIGAN - 1
 SOUTH CAROLINA - 1
 VIRGINIA - 1

ABOUT SAND VOLLEYBALL

- Collegiate sand volleyball is an “emerging sport.” It has 10 years to gain the minimum 40 sponsoring institutions for two years in a row required to be considered an NCAA championship sport.
- There are currently 40 programs committed to playing sand volleyball this 2013-14 season. Five teams are considering playing this season, while 33 Division-I teams are considering adding the sport by the 2014-15 season.
- Players will not wear the traditional sand volleyball uniform of a bikini. The AVCA concept calls for a two-piece uniform- shorts or briefs and a top, or a one-piece.

THE RULES

- Each team competition is called a dual and will consist of five matches of pairs. The winning team will need to win three matches in a best-of-five format. The separate matches will be conducted as best-of-three set competitions, with rally scoring to 21 points in the first two sets and to 15 points in the third. Teams must win by at least two points in all cases.
- Sand volleyball differs from indoor volleyball in ways other than the numbers of players. No open hand tipping is allowed. The block touch is allowed as the first of three allowable contacts. Coaches may only speak to players or give any feedback during timeouts or in between sets. Finally, to mitigate the impact of the sun and wind, the players switch sides of the court every seven points in a 21-point set and every five points in a 15-point set.
- The court is 8 x 16 meters, with 5 to 6 meters on each side for a free zone.

GAMEDAY IN ATLANTA

- The GSU Sand Volleyball Complex is located on the southwest side of the Sports Arena, adjacent to Piedmont Avenue, 1/2 a block from the State Capitol.
- The complex is a short walk from the Georgia State MARTA station and is close to several parking decks.
- The complex features a beach-like setting, with three courts on different levels, wooden boardwalks, palm trees, lights and stone bleachers at each court.



BETH VAN FLEET

Head Coach, 1st Year

Pontiac, Ill.
Xavier, 2001

Effective July 1, 2013, Beth Van Fleet, a long time sand volleyball professional and former GSU star, took over as the head coach of the Georgia State sand volleyball team.

She spent the 2012-13 season as an assistant coach for the inaugural season of Georgia State sand volleyball.

Van Fleet spent eight seasons (2003-10) with the Association for Volleyball Professionals, competing in over 80 career sand tournaments and representing the United States abroad. She is well-known throughout the sport and has worked with some of the top athletes and coaches in the game. She earned five top-10 finishes during her pro career and medaled during NORCECA competition in Mexico and Guatemala City.

Based in San Diego, Calif. for much of her professional career, Van Fleet was also the west coast director for Team VolleyChick, a company that hosted clinics and tournaments for players of all ages.

Van Fleet has aided the GSU court volleyball staff from 2010-12.

She worked with the team during practice, scouted opponents and offered match analysis.

During her collegiate court career in the Panther uniform, Van Fleet piled up 1,177 kills from 1995-98, the fourth-most in school history. She became one of the first players in GSU history to amass both 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs, earning second-team all-conference honors her junior and senior seasons.

Van Fleet helped lead the Panthers (then in the Trans America Athletic Conference) to two regular-season conference championships, three

winning seasons and 69 victories in four years.

Van Fleet was also an all-conference academic selection all four seasons, graduating in 1999 with a 3.79 GPA in marketing.

While in college, Van Fleet worked as a head club coach in the metro-Atlanta area, helping prep athletes succeed on the court and earn collegiate scholarships.

A native of Tampa, Fla., Van Fleet currently resides in Atlanta.





KIRSTEN GALLAGHER

Assistant Coach, 1st Year

Tampa, Fla.
Georgia State, 1999

Kirsten Gallagher, in her first year as an assistant sand volleyball coach, came to Georgia State after a five-year playing career at UAB. Gallagher played five years on the indoor volleyball team and two years for the sand volleyball team.

She competed in the first collegiate sand volleyball match and is one of a handful of people to play two years of collegiate sand volleyball. Gallagher also competed in the 2012 AVCA National Championship with her partner Heather Thomas.

During her five years at UAB, Gallagher played in 273 sets for the Blazers after redshirting in 2008. On Sept. 26, 2011, she was named Conference-USA’s defensive player of the week. She had a career high 16 kills, on a .609 hitting percentage, in a 3-2 win over Houston on Sept. 21, 2012.

Gallagher hails from Auburn, Ala., and attended Auburn High School. While there, she was a four-year letterwinner, named to the 2007 Alabama all-state second team and 2006 Alabama all-state first team and was the 2006 Opelika-Auburn News Volleyball Player of the Year.

Gallagher received her B.S. in business administration (management) from UAB and is currently working toward her MBA and M.S. in health administration while at Georgia State.





Damien Scott

Volunteer Assistant Coach

Damien Scott joins the sand volleyball staff this season as a volunteer assistant coach.

Scott comes to the Panthers with eight years of professional volleyball experience and four years of collegiate experience.

From 2011-2013, Scott played in the French League. He was in the Italy A2 league from 2010-11, preceded by a stint in the Greek League D1 from 2009-2010 and Al Kuwait SC from 2008-09.

In the summer of 2008, Scott found a great deal of success in Patriotas de Lares. He was the Puerto Rico MVP and came in second place in the Puerto Rico Liga Superior. Over that time, he was first in points scored in the league, second in attacks and third in service aces. Scott was named to both the Puerto Rico All-Star Team and the Most Offensive Team.

From 2007-11, Scott was a medalist at the USA Adult Nationals. For four consecutive years starting in 2008, he won gold with Team Paul Mitchell. In 2011, he was awarded silver.

In his college days, Scott attended UCLA and lettered in volleyball for four years, in addition to lettering in football in 2004. In 2006, Scott was named captain and his team won a national championship.

In addition to his volunteer work with Georgia State, Scott is the owner and coach at Provolley Camps. He coached the Laguna Beach Volleyball Club in the summer of 2007 and the Oragne Coast Volleyball Club in 2005. He served as the strength and conditioning coach for the UCLA men's volleyball team in 2006.

Scott graduated from UCLA in 2006.





Anne Bryan

Athletic Trainer

Anne Bryan was hired as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Georgia State on June 1, 2012.

Bryan has worked as the assistant athletic trainer for court volleyball, sand volleyball and cheer and dance. In addition, Bryan supervises the graduate assistant tasked with working with men's and women's tennis.

Before Georgia State, Bryan was a graduate assistant athletic trainer with volleyball, cross country and track and field at Georgia Southern. In the spring of 2010, Bryan had her clinical internship at Virginia, where she worked with the women's lacrosse team.

In the summers of 2007 and 2008, Bryan served as a Harrisburg City Islanders sports medicine intern.

For four years Bryan was an athletic training student at Longwood. While there, she gained valuable experience working with various high school and college athletics, as well as general medical rotation.

Bryan is BOC certified, licensed in the state of Georgia to practice athletic training, certified CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, certified emergency first responder and certified Graston Technique (Module 1).

She is also a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association, and Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association.

At Georgia Southern, Bryan was a teaching assistant for two classes and was a guest lecturer of for four classes.

Bryan graduated from Longwood with a B.S. in athletic training in May 2010. She received her M.S. in kinesiology with an emphasis in athletic training in May 2012 from Georgia Southern.

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Moriah Bellissimo

Graduate | 5-9

Blackstone, Va.
Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern (2009-12): Two-time winner of Georgia Southern’s Student-Athlete of the Year ... Named Capital One All-American in 2012 ... Four-time letterwinner in court volleyball ... Second Team All-SoCon selection in 2012 ... Three-time SoCon Academic Honor Roll and two-time SoCon All-Academic selection ... Played 121 matches with 783 kills, 1,555 digs, 202 blocks, 185 assists and 87 aces in her career ... Won 2010 SoCon Tournament title ... Won SoCon South regular-season division title in 2012 ... 4.0 GPA in nutrition and food science ... Earned SoCon Presidential Scholarship in 2012.

Prep: Graduate of David W. Butler High School ... Earned four varsity letters in volleyball and

track and field and one in basketball ... Helped lead the Bulldogs to state quarterfinal her senior year, earning all-conference and All-Mecklenburg County honors ... Posted a .458 hitting percentage her senior campaign ... Recorded a match-high 37 kills ... Named all-conference, Team MVP, all-county and Union County Player of the Year her junior year after team finished tied for first in the conference ... Posted team bests in kills, blocks and passing percentage her junior year ... After the Bulldogs won the conference tournament her sophomore year, earned all-conference honors and best offensive player ... In 2006, named all-county female athlete for outdoor track ... Qualified for 3A Regionals ... Was best all-around and all-conference in 2007 outdoor track.



Personal: Moriah Bellissimo was born on July 16, 1991, in Richmond, Va. ... Parents are Mike and Carson Bellissimo ... Father earned four letters in football at Richmond ... Brother, Jacob, plays football at Carson-Newman ... Has one year of eligibility in sand for Georgia State.

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Katie MADEWELL

Senior | 5-11

Kettering, Ohio
Kettering Fairmont/Ohio St.

2013: Reached the semifinals with partner Lane Carico at the AVCA National Championships ... Had a 33-8 record in the 2013 season ... Went 14-2 in dual matches and 14-3 in tournament matches ... Never lost more than one match in a row and largest win streak was nine straight matches ... Won the Georgia State and Florida State pairs tournaments.

2011-12 (Ohio State): Transferred to Ohio State where she played volleyball at the club level ... Led the OSU indoor club team to a second place finish at the NCVF national tournament in 2012.

2010 (Findlay): Played one season at the Findlay.

Prep: First team all-area selection while at Kettering Fairmont High School in Kettering, Ohio ... Set a career-best 24 aces in a single match, which was one shy of a state record ... Member of the Cincinnati Classics Red club team ... Began playing sand volleyball at age 17 ... Won three open level womens' club doubles tournaments ... Took first place in the inaugural Ohio Valley Regional sand volleyball tournament ... Played in over 20 sand tournaments throughout the Great Lakes area throughout her career.

Personal: Katie Madewell was born Feb. 21, 1991, in Kettering, Ohio ... Parents are David and Susan Madewell ... Has two brothers, Nick and Chris, and one sister, Melissa ... Sociology major.



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Molly SMESTAD

Senior | 5-10

Austin, Texas
Northwest/Ark.-Monticello

2013: Had 4-14 total record in first season at Georgia State ... Went 4-11 with partner Alexis Elmurr ... Had 0-3 record with Alexis Townsend ... Competed at the fourth flight spot.

2010-2012 (Arkansas at Monticello): Played two seasons at Arkansas at Monticello ... Recorded a personal best 17 digs in one game ... On multiple occasions had three service aces in one game.

Prep: Two-year letterwinner at Northwest High School in Justin, Texas ... Was bi-district champion in 2008 and 2009 ... Placed fifth in club sand volleyball at the Jr. Beach Nationals in 2008 and 2009 in 18U division ... Academic all-district in 2010... Was a member of the 692Beach VB (sand volleyball) and 900VB (indoor volleyball) club teams.

Personal: Molly Smestad was born on Oct. 28, 1991, in North Richland Hills, Texas ... Parents are Sam and Julie Smestad ... Has one brother, Tyler ... Sociology major.



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Jansen **BUTTON**

Sophomore | 5-7

Menifee, Calif.
Paloma Valley

2013: Went 11-17 with partner Sara Olivova in inaugural season ... Had 9-8 dual record and 2-9 tournament record ... Largest win streak was three matches.

Prep: Four-year letter winner at Paloma Valley High School where she earned numerous awards and accolades ... 2008 Honorable Mention All-Sunbelt League and Second Team All-Sunbelt League in 2009 ... First Team All-Sunbelt League 2010 and 2011 ... Set a school record of 530 varsity career digs and set a record for most varsity career games played with 237 ... Broke the dig record with 13 digs in a single

set against Hemet High School in 2011, finishing the match with 27 total digs ... Named MVP senior year ... Played sand club with 692 West, and also played for the USA Travel Performance Team ... Member of the National Honor Society junior and senior years ... Part of the Scholastic Honor Society and a Seal Bearer sophomore, junior and senior years.

Personal: Jansen Button was born on Dec. 20, 1993, in Hemet, Calif. ... Parents are Joel and Lynne Button ... Has two sisters, Jordan and Jenna Jenna played softball Mary (N. D.) ... Nursing major.



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Alexis ELMURR

Sophomore | 5-6

Lewis Center, Ohio
Olentangy

2013: Totaled a 4-15 record in inaugural season ... Went 4-11 with Molly Smestad ... Had 0-4 record with Karlee Kavanaugh ... Played in the fourth flight.

Prep: Elmurr played three varsity seasons at Olentangy High School in Lewis Center, Ohio, where she earned three scholar-athlete awards ... Began playing sand volleyball in summer before junior year ... Played in the Buckeye Sand Volleyball

Club ... Attended national championship in Chicago ... Member of show choir for three years ... Won National Choral Award, the highest honor ... AP Scholar in 2012 ... Graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Personal: Alexis Elmurr was born on July 15, 1994, in Hattiesburg, Miss. ... Parents are Johnny and Michele Elmurr ... Has two brothers, Victor and Jimmy, who both play high school football ... English major.



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Kaitlynn HUFSTETLER

Sophomore | 5-6

Canton, Ga.
Cherokee

2013: Went 2-9 in first season ... Had 2-5 record with Nikki Senopoulos ... Also had 0-4 record with Karlee Kavanaugh ... Played in fifth flight spot.

Prep: Member of the Cherokee High School Volleyball Team ... 4-year letter winner ... Named 2nd All-County Team by the Cherokee Tribune ... Played setter and on the right side ... Member of the North Atlanta Volleyball Club for indoor volleyball and

Triple Crown Volleyball for sand volleyball ... First sand volleyball recruit for GSU from the state of Georgia.

Personal: Kaitlynn Hufstetler was born on March 12, 1994, in Canton, Georgia ... Parents are Eugene and Angela Hufstetler ... Has three siblings, Cheyenne, Alex and Nicole ... Communications major.



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Karlee KAVANAUGH

Sophomore | 5-10

Chugiak, Alaska
Chugiak

2013: Went 2-13 in first season ... Played with three different partners over the season (Alexis Elmurr, Kaitlynn Hufstetler and Alexis Townsend) ... Had best record with Townsend at 2-5 ... Competed in the fourth and fifth flights.

Prep: A first team all-state selection at Chugiak High School in Chugiak, Alaska ... Earned a first team all-conference and a Spiketacular All-Tournament team nod in 2011 ... Team captain in 2011 ... Helped Chugiak High School to a fourth-place finish at the Alaska 4A state

tournament in 2011 as well as a third-place finish in 2009 ... Placed second in the Alaska State Beach Volleyball Open Championships in 2011 and was selected to participate in the 2011 USAV HP Beach Championship ... In 2010, participated in the beach volleyball bilateral exchange in Russia.

Personal: Karlee Kavanaugh was born on May 5, 1994, in Anchorage, Alaska ... Parents are Kelly Kavanaugh and Donna Pircher ... Has a sister, Kasey, who plays indoor volleyball at East Carolina ... Communications major.



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Sara OLIVOVA

Sophomore | 5-11

Franklin, Mich.
Seaholm

2013: Went 11-17 with partner Jansen Button in inaugural season ... Had 9-8 dual record and 2-9 tournament record ... Largest win streak was three matches.

Prep: Attended Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Mich. ... In 2010 was named All-League, All-District and All-Region ... All-State Honorable Mention as an outside hitter in 2010 ... Member of Instant Replay Volleyball Club ... Began volleyball in 8th grade in Czech Republic ... Also

an accomplished skier ... Member of several groups and clubs, attended competitions ... Moved to metro Detroit freshman year of high school and knew very little English.

Personal: Sara Olivova was born on May 22, 1993, in Ostrava, Czech Republic ... Parents are Daniel Oliva and Jana Andrys ... Stepfather was a captain of the Czech Junior National Team and mother was professional track runner and a member of the Czech National Team ... Exercise Science major.



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Milani PICKERING

Sophomore | 5-8

Mesa, Ariz.
Mountainview

2013: Recorded a 9-12 record in inaugural season ... Had one win with Lane Carico in the second flight against Tulane ... Had 7-11 record with Katelyn Rawls, going 7-9 in duals and 0-2 in tournaments ... Went 1-1 with Alexis Townsend at the No. 3 spot at the FIU tournament.

Prep: Qualified for the 2011 USAV Beach Championship and placed fifth at the USA Beach High Performance Championship tournament ... Selected for the USA Beach Bilateral Exchange in Russia and was a team captain 2008 ... Led

Mountainview High School to the state playoffs with a perfect 12-0 record and first place in the Bronze Nike Tournament in 2011 ... Was also named the track and field sprinter of the year her sophomore season.

Personal: Milani Pickering was born on Feb. 23, 1994, in Mesa, Ariz. ... Parents are Ronnie Pickering and Julie Millhollon ... Has one brother, Tito, a former Jr. National Olympic rower ... Exercise Science/Kinesiology major.



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Katelyn RAWLS

Sophomore | 5-11

Wellington, Fla.
Wellington Community

2013: Had 7-11 record in first season ... Competed in all 18 matches with partner Milani Pickering ... Went 7-9 in dual matches and 0-2 in tournaments ... Competed at both the third and fourth flights.

Prep: Attended Wellington High School in Wellington, Fla. ... Was a four-year letter-winner... Made first team all-county in 2010 ... Named second team all-county in 2009, 2010 ... Named the top athlete to watch in the county in 2009, 2010 and 2011 ... AAU All-Star in 2008, 2009 and

2011 ... Awarded athlete of the week in 2011 ... Has single-game career-highs of 23 kills, 19 digs and 10 blocks ... Team went 23-1 in 2011 and was district champion ... Team was district runner-ups in 2009 and 2010 ... Also played varsity basketball ... Member of Ocean Breeze Volleyball club team.

Personal: Katelyn Rawls was born on Jan. 14, 1994, in West Palm Beach, Fla. ... Parents are Michael and Louanne Rawls ... Has one sister, Ashley ... Exercise Science major.



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Alexis TOWNSEND

Sophomore | 5-7

Houston, Texas
Dawson

2013: Totaled a 3-10 record in inaugural season ... Played with four different partners over the course of the season (Milani Pickering, Molly Smestad, Nikki Senopoulos, Karlee Kavanaugh) ... Competed in matches in the Nos. 3, 4 and 5 flights.

Prep: Played club sand volleyball with the Absolute Volleyball Academy of Texas and played indoor volleyball at Dawson High School ... First member of the Absolute Volleyball Academy of Texas to sign a letter of intent to play sand volleyball at the collegiate level ... Named an AAU player to watch in 2009 and an AAU Top-100 athlete during the 2010-11 season ... Earned a second-team all-district

nod her sophomore and junior seasons at Dawson High School ... Led team as libero at junior nationals in senior year ... Began playing indoor volleyball in seventh grade and sand volleyball senior year ... Earned an academic award for having a 3.5 or higher GPA ... Member of Christ on Campus sophomore and junior years ... Attended three high schools in four years.

Personal: Alexis Townsend was born Oct. 8, 1993, in Bryan, Texas ... Parents are Carl Townsend and Trisha Simon ... Has three siblings, Slay, Gioia, and Akim ... Aunt played indoor volleyball at Texas State ... Journalism major.



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Sarah AGNEW

Freshman | 5-8

Coppel, Texas
Coppel

Prep: Four-year letterwinner in track and field ... Ran the 800m and participated in the pole vault ... Was a nationally ranked pole vaulter and 2nd team all-nation 2009-12 ... Academic all-district selection 2009-13 ... Track all-district and all-region selection in 2012 ... Track all-district, all-area and all-region selection in 2013 ... Voted CHS most athletic in 2013 ... Member of 692 Beach Volleyball club team ... Invited to compete in San Diego Pro-Am tournament in 2012 ... Invited to compete in BVCA Club National Championship in 2013 ... Medaled in every tournament since 2012 with partner Kelly Koop ... Won gold medal at 2012 Galveston USAV

Beach Qualifier ... Also won gold medal at 2013 Gulf Shores - Gulf Coast Tournament ... Won silver medal at 2012 USAV Beach National Championships 18U ... Also an accomplished equestrian ... Academic all-district for four straight years.

Personal: Sarah Agnew was born on May 30, 1995, in Dallas, Texas ... Daughter of Brian and Dana Agnew ... Has one brother, Matthew ... Has one cousin who runs cross country at Central Florida ... Exercise Science major.



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Jessica **FOURSPRING**

Freshman | 5-11

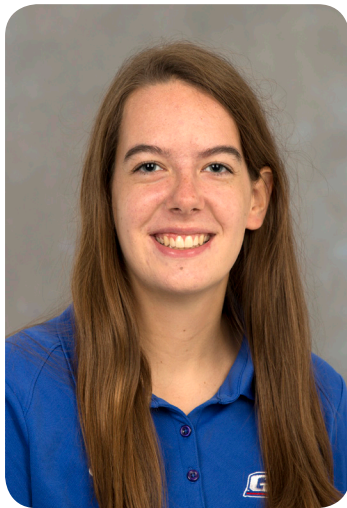
Greer, S.C.
Riverside

Prep: Three-year letterwinner in volleyball at Riverside High School ... 2011 and 2012 all-region selection ... 2011 and 2012 Riverside MVP ... 2012 Daytona Beach champions with Club South ... 2011 and 2012 Eastside High All-Tournament Team ... 2011 Best of the Beach MVP ... 2012 Battle at the Beach All-Tournament Team ... Member of Club South club team ... 2011 Spartanburg Herald All-Academic Team ... Three-year letterwinner in track and field ... National Honor Society member ... National Art Honor Society member ... Member of Key Club, Atlas and Fellowship of Christian Athletes ... Part of Student-Athlete Leadership Team.

Personal: Jessica Fourspring was born on Nov. 30, 1994, in Charlotte, N.C. ... Parents are Doug and Karen Fourspring ... Has two siblings, Matthew and Abigail ... Exercise science major.



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Delaney ROHAN

Freshman | 5-10

Brooklyn Park, Minn.
Totino-Grace

Prep: Four-year letterwinner in court volleyball at Totino-Grace High School ... Named conference MVP and team captain in 2012 ... Team was 2012, 2011 and 2010 conference champions ... Named one of the top 100 seniors in Breakdown Magazine in 2012 ... Named all-conference in 2012 ... Named to both the Pioneer Press Team Honorable Mention and Channel 12 Sports Jam Team Honorable mention ... Was a 2010 all-conference honorable mention ... Set the school record for assists in a single season at 811 and career aces at 172 ... Took first place at the 2010 and 2011 USAV Jr. Hawkeye open in sand volleyball ... Finished in first place at the 2012 AAU Florida open ... Took second place at the 2012 CBVA Jr. Manhattan open ... Was also a two-year letterwinner in track and field ... Awarded an academic excellence award for cumulative GPA above 3.8 for four straight years ... Member of National Honor Society and academic all-state for four years.

Personal: Delaney Rohan was born on Jan. 23, 1995 in Minneapolis, Minn. ... Parents are Joseph and Deborah Rohan ... Mother played varsity volleyball at Winona State ... Has one brother, Connor ... Majoring in biology and wants to become a large animal veterinarian.



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Natalie WILSON

Freshman | 5-10

Plymouth, Minn.
Wayzata

Prep: Three-year letterwinner at Wayzata High School ... All-conference selection in 2011 and 2012 ... Selected to Channel 12 All-Area Team in 2012 ... All-tournament team selection at STMA Tournament in 2012 ... Had a total of 780 kills and 87 blocks in three years ... Posted 22 kills and nine digs against Minnetonka in 2012 ... Team finished second in the state in 2010 with 30-3 record ... Academic all-state Member of MN Select 12s-17s ... Team was fifth at AAU Nationals in 2011.

Personal: Natalie Wilson was born on Aug. 19, 1995, in Minneapolis, Minn. ... Parents are Rob and Nancy Wilson ... Has one sister, Monica ... Aunt played volleyball at Minnesota ... Business major.



Records

Team Year-By-Year Results

2013 (8-9)

Head Coach: Tami Audia

3/9	Stetson	L	1-4
3/10	North Florida	W	3-2
3/10	Jacksonville	W	3-2
3/12	Mercer	W	3-2
3/23	UAB	L	2-3
3/23	Mercer	W	3-2
3/24	No. 8 Charleston	L	3-2
3/30	No. 1 Pepperdine	L	0-5
3/30	FAU	W	3-2
3/30	No. 6 FIU	L	1-4
3/30	Tulane	L	1-4
4/6	Louisiana-Monroe	W	4-1
4/6	No. 3 Florida State	L	1-4
4/12	FAU	W	4-1
4/20	UAB	W	3-2
4/20	Charleston	L	3-2
4/27	Louisiana-Monroe	L	1-4

Honors and Awards

AVCA All-American

Lane Carico, 2013

Top Pair Records

Pair	Record	Position
1. Lane Carico/Katie Madewell	33-8	1
2. Jansen Button/Sara Olivova	11-17	1, 2
3. Milani Pickering/Katelyn Rawls	7-11	3, 4
4. Alexis Elmurr/Molly Smestad	4-11	3, 4
5. Kaitlynn Hufstetler/Nikki Senopoulos	2-5	5
Alexis Townsend/Karlee Kavanaugh	2-5	5

All-Time Roster

A

Agnew, Sarah (2014-pres.)

B

Bellissimo, Moriah (2014-pres.)

Button, Jansen (2013-pres.)

C

Carico, Lane (2013)

E

Elmurr, Alexis (2013-pres.)

F

Fourspring, Jessica (2014-pres.)

H

Hufstetler, Kaitlynn (2013-pres.)

K

Kavanaugh, Karlee (2013-pres.)

M

Madewell, Katie (2013-pres.)

O

Olivova, Sara (2013-pres.)

P

Pickering, Milani (2013-pres.)

R

Rawls, Katelyn (2013-pres.)

Rohan, Delaney (2013-pres.)

S

Senopoulos, Nikki (2013)

Smestad, Molly (2013-pres.)

T

Townsend, Alexis (2013-pres.)

W

Wilson, Natalie (2014-pres.)

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2 Moriah Bellissimo



3 Jansen Button



4 Karlee Kavanaugh



5 Kaitlynn Hufstetler



10 Alexis Townsend



11 Milani Pickering



12 Molly Smestad



13 Sarah Agnew



14 Katelyn Rawls



15 Delaney Rohan



20 Jessica Fourspring



11 Alexis Elmurr



22 Sara Olivova



23 Natalie Wilson



25 Katie Madewell