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Eagles add two local standouts from Savannah.
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STATESBORO – Volleyball coach [Chad Willis](#) announced today that Jordan Christy (Savannah, Ga./Habersham School), Paige Collins (Atlanta, Ga./Holy Innocents), Jillian Gray (New Lenox, Illinois/Joliet Catholic Academy), Logan Jones (Savannah, Ga./Savannah Christian), Ashley Lovett (Shawnee, Kan./St. James Academy) and Megan Vickery (Anderson, S.C./T.L Hanna) have signed to attend Georgia Southern and play for the Eagles, beginning in the 2021 season.

"Needless to say, we're excited and anxious to announce and welcome this 2021 class to Eagle Nation," said Willis. "I want to take this opportunity to give credit to [Taylor Sherwin](#)—recruiting coordinator—for all of her hard work, diligence and organization in putting this group together. This is a deep class filled not only with talent and versatility, but a ton of character and competitiveness across the board. I'm grateful to Taylor, Efrain, our staff and team for working tirelessly to promote our program throughout the country as we continue to elevate our culture and build towards championships. The addition of this class is a testament to that continued effort in pursuing excellence and building a program our families, friends, alumnae and fans will all be proud of. We fully anticipate this group being prepared to arrive in Statesboro this fall and immediately impact our program both on and off the court."

Jordan Christy, 6-0, OH, Savannah, Ga. / The Habersham School / ClubSAV

Lettered four seasons for coach Susan Barry at The Habersham School • Named Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools (GAPPS) all-state from 2017-20 • Named GAPPS all-region from 2016-20 and to GAPPS All-Star Team from 2017-20 • Named first-team All-Greater Savannah in 2019 and 2020 and earned honorable mention honors in 2018 • Collected 564 kills (6.1 kills per set), 193 digs, 81 aces and 15 blocks as a senior while leading Habersham to the state title.

Willis on Christy:

"We're looking forward to having Jordan come in and add immediate depth to our attacking group. Being one of the two Savannah standouts we were able to add to this class, Jordan brings athleticism, versatility and point-scoring ability to our team. Her experience, coming off a state championship this fall, is an example of the mentality and competitive edge we continue to emphasize. Jordan has an incredibly high ceiling, and we're looking forward to seeing her continued growth and development."

Paige Collins, 5-8, DS/L, Atlanta, Ga. / Holy Innocents / A5

Four-year starter for coach Taylor Noland at Holy Innocents • Named first-team all-state and first-team all-region in 2019 and 2020 • Helped lead the Golden Bears to the 2020 1A private State title • Named AVCA High School All-Region • Collected 346 kills, 380 digs and 53 aces while hitting .271 in her senior season • Owns school career records for digs (1275) and kills (982) • Played club at A5 for former Eagle Katie Bange (2013-16).

Willis on Collins:

"Paige is the true definition of a 'do it all' type player. Coming off a stellar prep career, culminating in a state title and being coached by Eagle alumna (Katie Bange),

as well as training for one of the premier clubs in the country, we expect Paige to add great depth on both sides of the ball. What stands out the most with Paige is her competitive drive and contagious energy level anytime she's on the floor. We can't wait to get her to campus and have her representing the True Blue."

Jillian Gray, 6-1, OH, New Lenox, Illinois / Joliet Catholic Academy / Uno VBC 18 Elite

Played for coach Christine Scheibe at Joliet Catholic Academy • As a junior captain, led Joliet to the Class 3A State Championship game in 2019 and averaged 3.2 kills per set • Named a 2018 Prep Volleyball Soph 79 Elite Honorable Mention and a National semifinalist for Prep Volleyball Sophomore of the Year • Earned Daily Southtown all-area honorable mention in 2018 • Named to Prep Volleyball's list of Players to watch for 2021 following her freshman season • Her senior season has been postponed to the spring.

Willis on Gray:

"Jillian was the first commit in this class and continues a strong legacy out of Joliet Catholic High School in Illinois to come to Georgia Southern. Jillian is a six-rotation outside we came across early on, and we anticipate having a bright future ahead. Jillian has trained in a highly-competitive high school and club environment, which will benefit us tremendously but more importantly, her work ethic and character on and off the court will be a welcomed addition to our team's culture and vision moving forward."

Logan Jones, 5-6, L/DS, Pooler, Ga. / Savannah Christian / ClubSAV

Lettered four years for Julie Jones at Savannah Christian • Named Class A first-team all-state in 2019 and 2020 and first-team all-region from 2018-20 • Named to Greater Savannah First Team from 2018-20 • Averaged 4.7 digs per set and recorded 352 digs, 81 assists and 45 aces as a senior • Named to the All-American Under-Armour Watchlist 2020 • Owns the Georgia state record for digs in a match with 52 and finished her career with 1,168 digs, 170 aces and 278 assists • Sister, Landon, is a senior on the Georgia Southern volleyball team.

Willis on Jones:

"The second player and another outstanding addition coming out of nearby Savannah, Logan adds tremendous depth to our ball control and first contact group. Logan's training pedigree, competitive drive, and training experience both from high school and club will undoubtedly boost that position group. Logan commits herself to pursuing excellence on and off the court and is already knowledgeable with our team culture and what we're building. We are thrilled to have her joining Eagle Nation."

Ashlyn Lovett, 5-8, DS/L, Shawnee, Kan. / St. James Academy / MAVS

Played for coach Nancy Dorsey at St. James Academy • Finished the 2020 season with 491 digs (5th in Kansas), averaging 6.5 digs per set (4th in Kansas) and 16.4 digs per match (2nd in Kansas) • Senior co-captain with her twin sister, Olivia, who is committed to Loyola Chicago • Helped the Thunder to a 28-4 record, and they were ranked as high as ninth nationally in the USA Today Super 25 rankings • St. James finished the year ranked second in Kansas • Named to 2020 All-State 5A Tournament Team, AVCA All-Region Team and earned first-team All-EKL honors • Named Honorable Mention All-EKL in 2019 after helping St. James to a 40-3 record and the 5A state championship game • The Thunder finished the season ranked 20th nationally and first in Kansas.

Willis on Lovett:

"Ashlyn will bring immediate stability and depth to our backcourt. After a phenomenal prep career playing for one of the best high school and club programs in the country, Ashlyn's knowledge of the game and skill set will help solidify our ball control and first contact group as one of the best I've coached. Ashlyn is a dynamic player; her energy and effort are contagious but her attitude and passion for people is a great example of what we're continuing to pursue and strive to build in a championship culture."

Megan Vickery, 6-1, M/RS, Anderson, S.C. / T.L. Hanna / Upward Stars

Lettered four seasons for coach Becky Easton • Led South Carolina 5A in blocks (80) and ranked third in hitting percentage in 2020; tallied 205 Kills, 33 aces, 80 blocks and 62 digs • Named all-state in 2019 and all-region all four years • Named to 2019-2020 Upstate Sports Awards' All-Upstate Team and named to Under Armour All-American Watchlist in 2019 and 2020 • Finished high school career with 906 kills, 412 blocks and 129 aces while hitting .364.

Willis on Vickery

"We're getting physicality and a stronger net presence in Megan, and she will be a welcomed addition to our middle/rightside position group. Early on her recruiting process, one of the many things that stood out with Megan was the improvement levels we witnessed every opportunity we had to see her play. It's that commitment to training and working hard, but more importantly, Megan's love for the game and her teammates that are going to resonate deep with our program and all of Eagle Nation."