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Swimming and Diving

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STATESBORO, Ga. – On Thursday afternoon, head coach [Amanda Caldwell](#) announced the 2021 Swimming and Diving recruiting class. The Eagles will welcome nine newcomers for the 2021-22 season.

"Collectively speaking, these 9 women will be striking a change in our team," said head coach [Amanda Caldwell](#). "They are bringing talent, depth, and character qualities that will continue to grow our program. I could not be more excited for what the upcoming year has in store and look forward to bringing these women together with our already young team."

Madie Banks

Panther Creek HS / Raleigh Swimming Association

Personal Bests

500 Freestyle 5:06.47
1000 Freestyle 10:25.06
1650 Freestyle 17:21.31
200 Backstroke 2:05.28

Why I chose GS: "I chose Georgia Southern because I already felt like part of the team after talking to some of the girls. I could tell that the girls were like family to each other and were willing to work hard and that's exactly what I was looking for! Another reason I chose GS was because they have a great Computer Science program (which is what I want to major in) and I know I will be set up for success after I graduate. I cannot wait to attend GS and be on the amazing swim team!"

Zurine Clavo

I.E.S. de Excelencia Deportiva "Ortega Y Gasset"/ Madrid, Spain

Personal Bests

LCM 200 Freestyle - 2:09.09
LCM 400 Freestyle - 4:26.38
LCM 800 Freestyle - 9:09.06
LCM 1650 Freestyle - 17:32.24

Why I chose GS: "I have chosen GS because this university has a wide selection of careers and amazing facilities. In addition, the swimming team seemed to me very strong and competitive with a very nice coach."

Grace Drawdy

South Forsyth HS / Swim Atlanta

Personal Bests

500 Freestyle - 5:11.01
1000 Freestyle - 10:33.3
200 Backstroke - 2:08.72
100 Butterfly - 58.13
200 Butterfly - 2:04.94
400 IM - 4:33.72

Why I chose GS: "I chose Georgia Southern because it's a university that offers the total package. It is a place where I can grow as a student athlete. The academic offerings are diverse and challenging, and I absolutely love the positive and supportive team culture of the Women's swim team. I love everyone's commitment to excellence and drive to be the best they can be. I can't wait to spend the next 4 years in Statesboro!"

Jenna Maloy

Riverside HS / YMCA of the Triangle Area Swim Team

Personal Bests

100 Breaststroke - 1:07.91
200 Breaststroke - 2:25.55
100 Butterfly - 57.08
200 Butterfly - 2:04.95
200 IM - 2:09.65

Why I chose GS: "I chose Georgia Southern because it felt like the perfect fit for me, with the family atmosphere of the team, the beautiful campus, and the amazing coaching staff. I also am super excited for the many opportunities I will be given at Georgia Southern. "

Hannah Merrill

Rockwall HS / Rockwall Aquatic Center of Excellence

Personal Bests

1650 Freestyle - 18:06.39
100 Butterfly - 57.15
200 Butterfly - 2:03.48
400 IM - 4:35.91

Why I chose GS: Stepping onto Georgia Southern's campus for the first time, I quickly sensed a positive environment. I chose GS because of the importance that culture plays to the women on the team and to Coach Amanda. I'm so excited to see what we can accomplish together as a team. I can't wait to be an Eagle! #GATA 🦅

Megan Phifer

Tipton HS

Personal Bests

1m (11 dives) 396.90
1m (6 dives) 243.30

Why I chose GS: "I chose Georgia Southern because I see a future of growth here within myself and teammates. I wanted nothing more than to be apart of this blue collar family that has the same drive to work hard for a better future."

Marissa Santos

Boca Ciega HS/ West Florida Lightning Aquatics

Personal Bests

1m (10 dives) - 301.60

3m (10 dives) - 310.00

Why I chose GS: "I chose Georgia Southern because of the great team atmosphere and the beautiful campus!"

Denise Quentin

Malone University / Schwerte, Germany

Personal Bests

50 Freestyle - 23.62

100 Freestyle - 51.02

200 Freestyle - 1:52.83

100 Breaststroke - 1:06.13

100 Butterfly - 56.00

200 IM - 2:06.46

Why I chose GS: "I chose Georgia Southern because I wanted to explore all the great opportunities the University provides."

Abby Wenham

Discovery HS/Swim Atlanta

Personal Bests

50 Freestyle - 23.64

100 Freestyle - 51.82

200 Freestyle - 1:55.84

100 Backstroke - 58.74

200 Backstroke - 2:08.74

Why I chose GS: "I chose Georgia Southern because I wanted to attend a university that has a top program in my major along with a competitive swimming program. Georgia Southern offers me both, and I can't wait to be an eagle!"