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DEAR COACHES,

GRATEFUL IS THE WORD THAT COMES TO MIND AS WE CLOSE OUT THE 2021-2022 CHEER SEASON AND ARE PREPARING FOR OUR 2022-2023 CHEER SEASON. I AM GRATEFUL FOR GHSA BEING COMMITTED TO OUR ATHLETES AND ALLOWING US TO HAVE ATHLETICS WHILE MAINTAINING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. I AM GRATEFUL FOR SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL SYSTEMS THAT ALLOWED ATHLETICS TO CONTINUE AS WELL. I AM GRATEFUL FOR MY GCCA COACHING FAMILY THAT ALWAYS PROVIDED ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT WHEN I NEEDED IT. I AM GRATEFUL FOR MY ATHLETES WHO ENDURED THE LONGEST SEASON OF THEIR CHEER CAREERS. IN A WORLD WHERE THERE SEEMS TO BE NO “NORMAL” ANYMORE, WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE AT LEAST A SMALL AMOUNT OF NORMALCY AS WE COACHED OUR ATHLETES ON THE SIDELINES AND THE COMPETITION FLOOR.

COACHING IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC HAS CHALLENGED US IN WAYS THAT WE COULD’VE NEVER IMAGINED. THIS CHEER SEASON TAUGHT OUR ATHLETES AND US AS COACHES RESILIENCY. OUR ATHLETES HAD TO LEARN TO BE FLEXIBLE AND ADAPT QUICKLY TO CHANGES. EACH WEEK BROUGHT NEW CHALLENGES THAT HAD TO BE OVERCOME AND OUR ATHLETES STEPPED UP AND FINISHED STRONG. IT MADE ME REALIZE THAT WE CANNOT TAKE OUR TIME WITH OUR ATHLETES FOR GRANTED. IT MADE ME APPRECIATE THE TIME I WAS GIVEN WITH THEM. AS COACHES, ALWAYS KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE TO YOUR ATHLETES. EVERY DAY WILL NOT BE EASY AND CHALLENGES WILL COME, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE IMPACT YOU MADE ON THEIR LIVES AND THAT YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE TO ENCOURAGE AND CHEER THEM ON TO THE FINISH OF EVERY SEASON.

OUR GCCA SPRING CONFERENCE WAS JUST WHAT I NEEDED TO GET MY CHEER SPIRIT REFILLED AND READY TO PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. WE HAD SUCH AMAZING SPEAKERS THAT GAVE US SO MANY NEW IDEAS TO BRING TO OUR OWN TEAMS. IT WAS AWESOME TO SEE AND FELLOWSHIP WITH MY COACHING FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE STATE ALL WHILE REFUELING MY PASSION FOR THIS SPORT AND MY ATHLETES. MY WISH IS FOR GCCA TO HELP YOU TO CONTINUE TO FUEL YOUR PASSION FOR COACHING AND BE YOUR BEST FOR YOUR ATHLETES. WE ALL NEED SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND TO KNOW WE ARE DOING OUR BEST. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE SUPPORT AND RESOURCES YOU NEED TO BE THE BEST COACH YOU CAN BE FOR YOUR ATHLETES.

I AM EXCITED AS WE MOVE INTO THIS NEW SEASON. WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE AND LIFT EACH OTHER. WE NEED TO EXTEND GRACE, PATIENCE, AND LOVE TO EACH OTHER, OUR ATHLETES, AND OURSELVES. I WISH EACH OF YOU THE BEST AS YOU FINISH OUT YOUR SCHOOL YEAR WITH TRYOUTS, FITTINGS, AND PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMER CAMPS. I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE A RESTFUL AND REJUVENATING SUMMER AS WE PREPARE FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON.

CHEERS,

Cyndi Blair
PRESIDENT GCCA

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team of the year

RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL

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2023 TEAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM



Congratulations

TO THE

**Ashley Taube GCCA
Coach of the Year for 2022
Coach Jen Spiegel
Hillgrove High School**

2022

Senior Testimonies



From Savannah Christian Preparatory School

I WISH I WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THOSE 4 YEARS OF CHEERLEADING WOULD BE THE BEST MOMENTS OF MY LIFE AND SOMETHING I WOULD ALWAYS LOOK BACK ON AND SMILE. I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THOSE MEMORIES WITH MY TEAMMATES AND COACHES FOREVER AND THAT'S SOMETHING I'LL NEVER FORGET!

- ANSLEA SCHUMAN SCPS CLASS OF 2022

I WISH I WOULD HAVE KNOWN HOW MUCH FUN IT WAS AND STARTED DOING IT EARLIER! AND I WISH I KNEW HOW MUCH THESE FRIENDSHIPS WERE GOING TO MEAN TO ME!

- CLARA COPPOCK SCPS CLASS OF 2022

I WISH I WOULD HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY OF THE GAMES (BOTH HOME AND AWAY) FOR GRANTED BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT EVEN IF IT WAS RAINING OR THE SUN WAS SHINING WE ALWAYS HAD FUN JUST BEING ALL TOGETHER! I ALSO WISH I WOULD HAVE COME INTO IT FRESHMAN YEAR NOT BEING NERVOUS BECAUSE IT WAS THE BEST PART ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL AND I LOVED THE FRIENDSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS THAT CAME FROM CHEER!

- LANDYN HILDEBRANDT SCPS CLASS OF 2022

THE TRANSITION FROM MY MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEER TEAM AND HIGH SCHOOL CHEER TEAM WAS AN ADJUSTMENT. IT WAS A DIFFERENT CHEER STYLE AND COACHING STYLE. THERE WAS A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY BUT I WAS TO ADAPT FAIRLY EASILY. COACH BOWERS HELP MY TRANSITION AND SO DID THE SENIORS FROM MY FRESHMAN YEAR. I AM VERY THANKFUL FOR THE HELP IN MY TRANSITION BECAUSE IT MADE ME INTO THE CHEERLEADER I AM TODAY.

- ASHLEE MOON SCPS CLASS OF 2022

THERE'S NOTHING REALLY I WISH I WOULD'VE KNOWN BEFORE DOING CHEER. IT WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS HIGH SCHOOL CHEER AND NOT A PUBLIC SCHOOL. BUT OVERALL IT WAS GREAT TO LEARN NEW THINGS AND SEE HOW OTHER PEOPLE CHEER.

- KENIYAH WILLIAMS SCPS CLASS OF 2022

I WISH THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE QUIT COMPETITION CHEER MY SENIOR YEAR BECAUSE I FELT LIKE I WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH WHEN IN REALITY EVERYONE HAS A SPECIAL PART IN MAKING A TEAM ALL COME TOGETHER AS ONE.

- KYLEE SAXON SCPS CLASS OF 2022



2022 COTY A-4A TOP 30

SUMMER ADAMS DAWSON COUNTY	ALLY ANDERSON HART COUNTY	EMMA BLAIR TRION	AVA BOWLES COMMERCE
EMERSON BRANNEN COLUMBUS	LAYNEE BROOKINS WASHINGTON COUNTY	FAITH BROWN COMMERCE	ZOEY FRANKLIN MODEL
KYNDALL FRENELLE WHITEWATER	ADALYN GREER LAKE OCONEE ACADEMY	MCKAELYN HANEY SONORAVILLE	KARSYN HAYES BACON COUNTY
LINDSEY HERRING LAKE OCONEE ACADEMY	EMMA HIBBS STARR'S MILL	LAURA ANN KEITH TRION	
REBECCA LANSON STARR'S MILL	ALEX McEWEN OCONEE COUNTY	MADISON MILLS SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN	ELLIS NOBLES COLUMBUS
CARDEN ORR MODEL	SYLER OWEN MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN	KERRI RHODES WHITEWATER	SARAH ROYAL SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN
RYLEIGH SHEPARD EAST LAURENS	LORI SMITH RIDGELAND	LILLIE STIPE PIERCE COUNTY	CLAIRE THOMAS CALVARY DAY
MELINDA THOMPSON THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL	SKYLAR WALKER DAWSON COUNTY	MADELINE WOELFL OCONEE COUNTY	

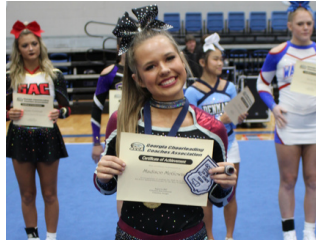
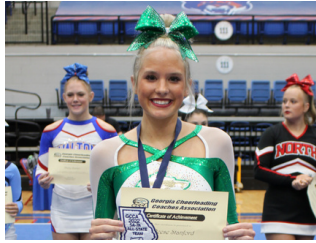
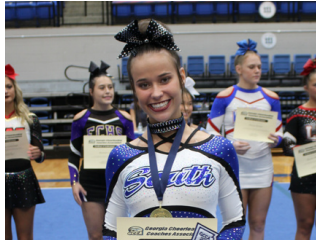
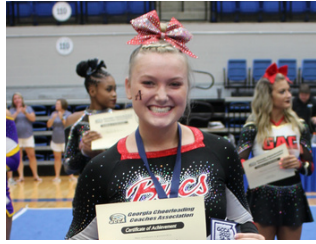
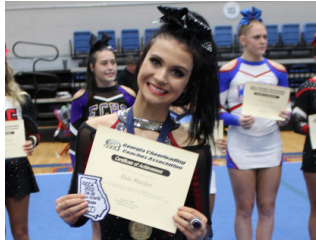
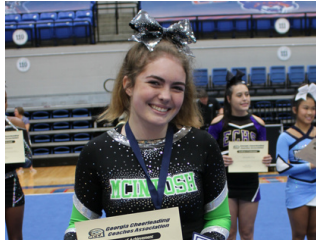
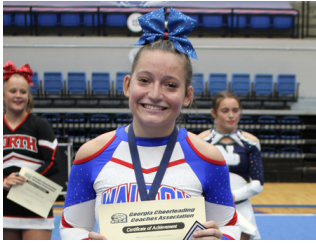
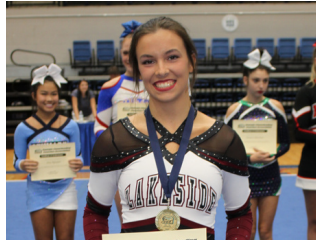
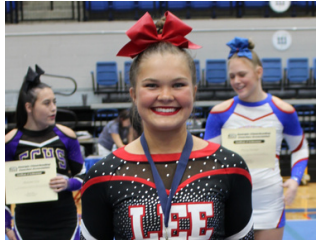
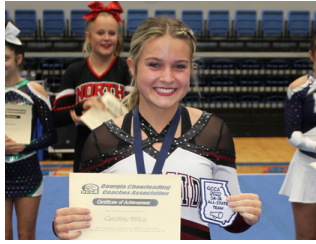
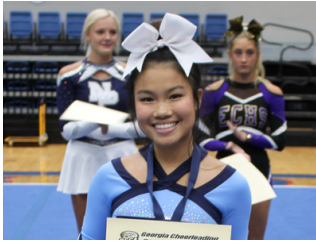
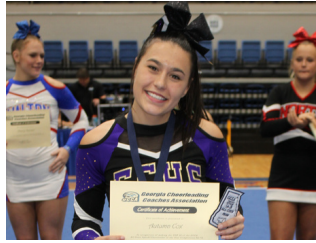
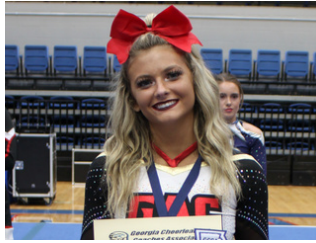
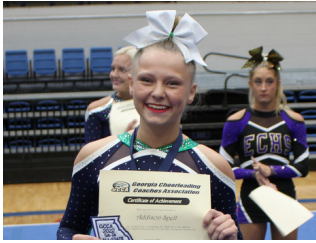
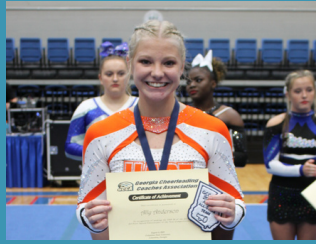
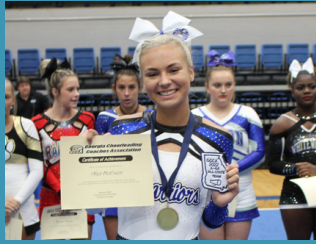
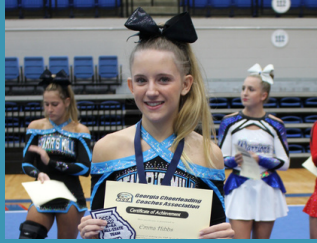
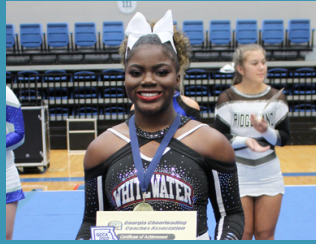
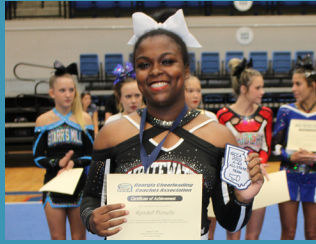
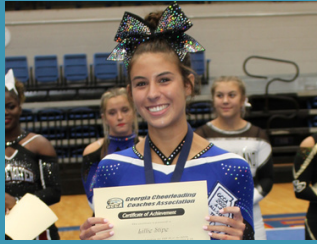
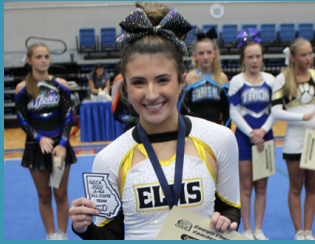
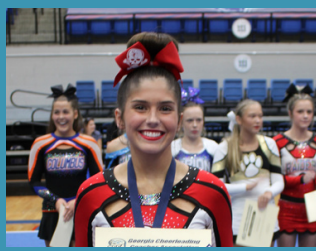
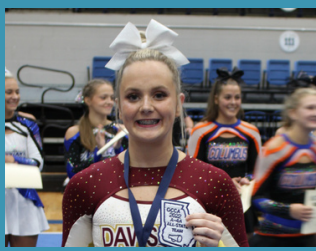
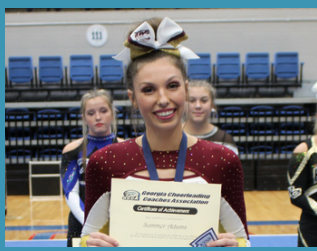


2022 COTY 5A-7A TOP 30

MARY MARGARET ASHCRAFT JACKSON COUNTY	KYLI AVERY SOUTH FORSYTH	ADDISON BAIRD VILLA RICA	EMERSON BEDNAROWSKI McINTOSH
TAYLEN BRYSON OLA	KENNEDY COLLIER UNION GROVE	ELIZA COX EAST COWETA	ALYSSA CUMMINGS GREATER ATLANTA CHRISTIAN
EMILY CYBUL WALTON	ELIZABETH DAVIS LAKESIDE-EVANS	PEYTON DAVIS NORTH FORSYTH	MACY DEBOY McINTOSH
MADISON DELONG EAST COWETA	AVERY GUNTER WALTON	EMERSON HALCOMB NORTH GWINNETT	
KATHRYN HENDRICK ALLATOONA	CAROLINE HILLEY LAKESIDE-EVANS	KATE MAIDEN NORTHGATE	BAYLEE McCARTHY LEE COUNTY
MADISON MCGOWAN NORTHGATE	ELLA ROSE MOWRY NORTH PAULDING	AVA NGUYEN DENMARK	ANNABELLE REASONS LANIER
ALEXIS ROBINSON LANIER	PIPER ROBINSON DENMARK	ADDISON SPELL CREEKVIEW	REESE STANFORD BUFORD
MARY STEGALL VILLA RICA	EMMA VIAR NORTH PAULDING	EASTON WECHTER CREEKVIEW	



1A-4A TOP 16



5A-7A TOP 16





1A-4A

CHEERLEADER OF THE YEAR

Emma Hibbs

STARR'S MILL

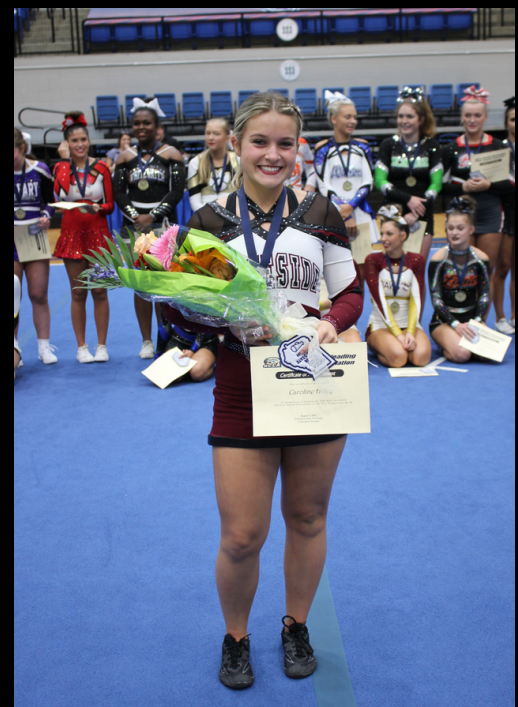


5A-7A

CHEERLEADER OF THE YEAR

Caroline Hilley

LAKESIDE-EVANS



March 10-11, 2023

save the date

2023 Spring Conference

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Competitive cheerleading

1. Tournament directors should scan and send the master score sheets to Penny (penny@ghsa.net) no later than Monday morning at 9 AM following their competition. Scores from the day's competition will be posted on the GHSA website this year.
2. Review all the rules about hair, beads, nails, and jewelry before you allow teams to practice and step on the mat for a competition. The NFHS Spirit Rules book is available in our office or on Amazon.
3. Rosters are due by Oct. 1 st on the MIS site. All cheerleading coaches should have a log-in for that website. If not, ask your AD for that information. Don't forget to ask your Principal to approve your music. The GHSA expects all schools to follow copyright laws. Keep in mind that rosters may be edited at any time.

Spirit Cheerleading

1. Review the rules on hair, beads, and nails. In addition, please know the difference in approved surfaces on which you can stunt and tumble. Under no circumstances should baskets be thrown on asphalt tracks. Please check the NFHS Spirit Rules book that educates you on approved surfaces.
2. Continue to make sure your painted "run through" signs are positive messages cheering on your team or for a cause.
3. September is Cancer Awareness month for fall sports.
4. Remember that Sept. 19-24 is Officials Appreciation week. We would love to see a TikTok from your team or school, please use #thankaref #ghsa #saac.



GHSA
Media
Timeout



Cheerleading
Score
Sheets



Penny Pitts Mitchell

Associate Director

Cheer & Dance/Title IX/Gymnastics/SAAC



IMPORTANT DATES

September 19-24: Official's Appreciation Week

October 1: Deadline to submit rosters online at

app.ghsa.net

November 5: Region/Sectionals

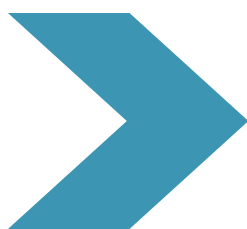
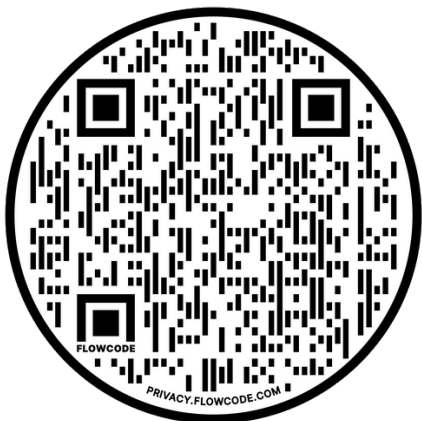
November 11: 2A, 3A, 4A, 6A State Cheerleading

November 12: 1A, 5A, 7A, COED State Cheerleading



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