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Numerous Fall Teams Recognized for High Cumulative GPAs



University School Varsity Volleyball Team led by Head Coach Elescia McGee

University School's varsity volleyball is "head of the class" as six fall teams are named academic champions by Florida High School Athletic Association. The other USchool teams to win special designation for highest cumulative GPA are boys' and girls' cross-country, boys' and girls' swimming and diving; and golf.

"I always tell my teams that without academics, there is no athlete. The two must work together in order to be successful, which is why 'student' goes before athlete in the term student athlete," said volleyball head coach Elescia McGee. "[FHSSA's acknowledgement] reassures me that we are heading in the right direction and that our student-athletes are the cream of the crop."

McGee added that she applauds all the teams who earned the academic champion title because she understands how much students have to handle during the sports season. Hosting short study halls on the way to games is an example of how she encourages students to maintain a standard of excellence in "both realms".

"Success in both realms will help the way students view any obstacle," McGee said. "What you learn on the court, field or pool becomes second nature to you and can improve your mindset in life."

Athletic Director Paul Herfurth concurred, stating: "Our mission in USchool athletics is to be extremely competitive without sacrificing academic excellence and integrity. This honor is indicative of the fact that our student-athletes have made academics the priority and foundation for their success. I am extremely proud and congratulate our fall teams. Thanks to our coaches, faculty, staff and parents for being guiding lights throughout the way."

University School Team	Class & Position	Cumulative GPA
USchool Varsity Volleyball	Class 4A Rank: #1	3.707
USchool Varsity Boys Cross-Country	Class 2A Rank: #3	3.831
USchool Varsity Girls Cross-Country	Class 2A Rank: #4	3.857
USchool Varsity Boys Swimming & Diving	Class 1A Rank: #3	3.534
USchool Varsity Girls Swimming & Diving	Class 1A Rank: #11	3.566
USchool Varsity Golf	Class 1A Rank: #17	3.436