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In recent days, I have sensed a great excitement about this school year. Our athletic teams, band, and cheerleaders have worked very hard in preparation for their respective seasons. Our coaches, directors and sponsors of our student organizations are dedicated to ensure that our students are conditioned and ready to represent this college at the highest level.

The student is the primary focus here at Southwest. High expectations are placed on our students and faculty. Whether enrolled in an academic transfer or a career/technical program of study, the Southwest student is confident that he/she will receive quality instruction. Southwest Mississippi Community College has offered college credit since 1929 and is committed to continue the long tradition of excellence. We look forward to providing a wide variety of educational and cultural opportunities to serve our community through workforce training as we anticipate an even greater involvement in the near future.

During the previous year, Southwest athletes excelled on the field and the court receiving numerous team and individual state, regional, and national honors. A large number of Bear athletes received state honors for high academic performance. The college continues to enhance its athletic facilities, as well as maintaining a quality physical plant throughout our campus.

We are pleased to have parents, students, friends, and alumni in attendance this evening. Also, we extend a warm welcome to our visitors and guests. We hope you enjoy the game and continue to be involved in the many activities at Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Go Bears!!

Steve Bishop

Dr. Steve Bishop
President

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#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/High School
1	Leah Lewis	MB	6-0	Fr.	Flowood, MS / Northwest Rankin High School
2	Kirsten Williams	OH	5-7	So.	Sandy Hook, MS / West Marion High School
3	Ava Smith	OH/OPP	5-9	Fr.	Foley, AL / Foley High School
6	Allie Mitchell	L/DS	5-5	So.	Florence, MS / Florence High School
7	Ina Smith	OH	5-9	Fr.	Laplace, LA / John Curtis Christian School
9	Adelynn Creath	MB	5-10	Fr.	Marerro, LA / Academy of our Lady
10	Addie Pennington	S	5-5	Fr.	Monticello, MS / Lawrence County High School
11	Allie Heathcock	RS	6-0	So.	Enterprise, MS / Enterprise High School
12	Anna De Oliveira	MB	6-0	Fr.	Gulfport, MS / West Harrison High School
15	Tierra Martin	RS	6-2	So.	Mobile, AL / McGill-Toolen Catholic High School
17	Caroline East	L/DS	5-6	Fr.	Mendenhall, MS / Simpson Academy
20	Berta Soules	MB	5-11	So.	Waynesboro, MS / South Jones High School
22	Lillian Daviss	OH	5-10	Fr.	Marerro, LA / Academy of our Lady
24	Kelis Parker	S/DS	5-5	So.	Olive Branch, MS / Lewisburg High School
MGR	Marleigh Grace Russell		-	Fr.	Monticello, MS / Lawrence County High School

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Adelynn Creath - #9

Adelynn Creath is a Freshman manager for the Lady Bears. She is from Marrero, Louisiana and went to the Academy of Our Lady. Her parents are Chris and Amanda Creath. She has one sibling, Roman. Adelynn is majoring in accounting at Southwest.



Lillian Daviss - #22

Lillian Daviss is a Freshman outside hitter for the Lady Bears. She is from Marrero, Louisiana and went to the Academy of our Lady. Her parents are Will and Karen Daviss. Lillian is majoring in business at Southwest and plans to do business marketing in the future.



Caroline East - #17

Caroline East is a Freshman defensive specialist/libero for the Lady Bears. She is from Mendenhall, Mississippi and went to Simpson Academy. Her parents are Bryan and Anita East. She has two siblings, Britt and Chase. Caroline is majoring in pre-Dental Hygiene at Southwest. After Southwest, she plans to go to Ole Miss to continue pursuing Dental Hygiene.



Allie Heathcock - #11

Allie Heathcock is a Sophomore right side hitter for the Lady Bears. She is from Enterprise, Mississippi and went to Enterprise High School. Her parenst are Jimmy Don and Brandi Heathcock. Allie is majoring in pre-Nursing at Southwest. Her future plans are to graduate in the fall and transfer to get her Nursing degree.



Leah Lewis - #1

Leah Lewis is a Freshman middle blocker for the Lady Bears. She is from Flowood, Mississippi and went to Northwest Rankin High School. Her parents are Marvin and Tiffany Lewis. She has one sibling, Lauryn. Leah is majoring in Business at Southwest. Her future plans are to play volleyball for as long as she can and own real estate.



Tierra Martin - #15

Tierra Martin is a Redshirt Sophomore right side hitter for the Lady Bears. She is from Mobile, Alabama and went to McGill Toolen Catholic School. Her parents are Darren and Mary Martin. She has one sibling, Darren Jr. Tierra is majoring in pre-Communication at Southwest.



Allie Mitchell - #6

Allie Mitchell is a Sophomore defensive specialist/libero for the Lady Bears. She is from Florence, Mississippi and went to Florence High School. Her parents are David and Tonya Mitchell. She has one sibling, Natalie. Allie is majoring in Biology at Southwest. She plans obtain a bachelors in Biology and become a Physician's Assistant.



Anna De Oliveira - #12

Anna De Oliveira is a Freshman middle blocker for the Lady Bears. She is from Gulfport, Mississippi and went to West Harrison High School.



Kelis Parker - #24

Kelis Parker is a Sophomore libero for the Lady Bears. She is from Olive Branch, Mississippi and went to Lewisburg High School. Her parents are Rico and Markesha Parker. She has three siblings, Khiara, Lee, and Kamari. Kelis is majoring in pre-Nursing at Southwest. Her future plans are to go to Nursing School.



Addie Pennington - #10

Allie Pennington is a Freshman setter for the Lady Bears. She is from Monticello, Mississippi and went to Lawrence County High School. Her parents are Dale and Rachel Pennington. She has one sibling, Braylee. Addie is majoring in pre-Kinesiology at Southwest. Her high school honors include being named Female Athlete of the Year and being selected to the Hall of Fame. Addie received many volleyball honors including MVP (x3), Rookie of the Year, Lady Cougar Award, Most Dependable (x3), Most Versatile (x2), Most Blocks (x3), Most Kills (x2), All-Region Team for Region 7-4A (x3), Ace Award (x2), and Most Saves (x3). Her future plan is to be an athletic trainer.



Marleigh Grace Russell - MGR

Marleigh Grace Russell is a Freshman manager for the Lady Bears. She is from Monticello, Mississippi and went to Lawrence County High School. Her parents are Matt and BreighAnna Russell. She has two siblings, Townes and Mason. Marleigh is majoring in Elementary Education at Southwest. She plans to get her degree with the dream of impacting students every day in the classroom.



Ava Smith - #3

Ava Smith is a Freshman outside hitter/ opposite for the Lady Bears. She is from Foley, Alabama and went to Foley High School. Her parents are James and Lyndee Peterson. Ava is majoring in pre-Radiologic Sciences at Southwest. In high school, Ava was a 2 Volleyball MVP winner, selected for FHS pageant, and was on the Homecoming court. Her future plans are to continue her volleyball career at a 4-year while getting her degree to become an MRI Technician.



Ina Smith - #7

Ina Smith is a Freshamn outside hitter for the Lady Bears. She is from Laplace, Louisiana and went to John Curtis Christian School. Her parents are Jermi and Ashonte Smith. Ina is majoring in Nursing at Southwest. In high school, Ina was All State, All Metro, 1st Team All District, and had 1,000 kills. Her future plans are to become a travel nurse practitioner and move to Houston, Texas.



Berta Soules - #20

Berta Soules is a Sophomore middle blocker for the Lady Bears. She is from Waynesboro, Mississippi and went to South Jones High School. Her parents are Jason and Mecklin Soules. She has one sibling, Analeigh Soules. Berta is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. Her future plans are to attend Southern Mississippi to major in Sports Coaching.



Kiristen Williams - #2

Kirsten Williams is a Sophomore outside hitter for the Lady Bears. She transferred from the University of Mobile. She is from Sandy Hook, Mississippi and went to West Marion High School. Her parent is Ruby Mark. Kirsten is majoring in pre-Health Bio at Southwest. Her high school honors include Beta Club, NHS, NTHS, NSHSSS, HOSA, and Distinguished Young Women. She has played volleyball, basketball, softball, cheer, and track since 7th grade and graduated with special honors and MS Scholar Tech Masters.

Kirsten was on the Superintendent's List, voted Homecoming Queen, Most Beautiful, Most Athletic, and Most Talented, received the Distinguished Young Women's Award, Student of the Month, and was a Celebrate Sela Volunteer as well as Blood Drive participant. Her future plans are to become a Family Doctor and possibly specialize.

Southwest Mississippi Community College
2026 Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 7	William Carey	Hattiesburg, MS	1/3/4 PM
Aug. 22	PRCC Tri Match	Poplarville, MS	TBD
Aug. 26	Miss. Gulf Coast	Perkinston, MS	6 PM
Aug. 28	Miss. Gulf Coast	Summit, MS	5 PM
Aug. 31	Pearl River	Summit, MS	6 PM
Sept. 1	Louisiana Christian	Wesson, MS	3:30 PM
Sept. 2	Co-Lin	Wesson, MS	6 PM
Sept. 9	Jones	Summit, MS	6 PM
Sept. 11	ESCC	Andalusia, AL	1 PM
	Calhoun	Andalusia, AL	3 PM
Sept. 12	CA South	Andalusia, AL	9 AM
	Bishop	Andalusia, AL	11 AM
Sept. 16	Coahoma	Clarksdale, MS	5 PM
Sept. 18	Southern Union	Hanceville, AL	3 PM
	Wallace State	Hanceville, AL	6 PM
Sept. 19	Lawson State	Hanceville, AL	12 PM
	Snead State	Hanceville, AL	3 PM
Sept. 21	Miss. Gulf Coast	Summit, MS	6 PM
Sept. 23	Jones	Perkinston, MS	6 PM
Sept. 28	Northeast Miss.	Summit, MS	5 PM
Sept. 30	Co-Lin	Summit, MS	6 PM
Oct. 2	Gadsden	Gulf Shores, AL	9 AM
	NW Shoals	Gulf Shores, AL	1 PM
Oct. 3	LBW	Gulf Shores, AL	11 AM
	Southern Union	Gulf Shores, AL	3 PM
Oct. 5	Pearl River	Poplarville, MS	6 PM
Oct. 7	East Central	Decatur, MS	6:30 PM
Oct. 12	Itawamba	Summit, MS	5 PM
Oct. 14	Meridian	Meridian, MS	5 PM
Oct. 16	St. Louis CC	Jackson, TN	1 PM
	Jackson State CC	Jackson, TN	3PM
Oct. 17	Rust	Jackson, TN	10 AM
	JSCC	Jackson, TN	12 PM
Oct. 19	Northwest Miss.	Summit, MS	5 PM

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Chris Laird
Head Volleyball Coach

Chris Laird enters his second season as Southwest's Head Volleyball Coach. A seasoned veteran of the sport, he brings nearly 30 years of coaching experience to the Bears.

Laird, a Tylertown native, comes to Southwest following a brief run as an assistant coach at Jones College. Prior to that he spent eight seasons as the head coach at Pensacola State College. During his run as the Pirates coach, he led them to 133 wins and was selected as conference coach of the year five times.

From 2005-2010, Laird was in Thibodaux, LA leading the Nicholls State Volleyball team. His run with the Colonels came following a two-year stint as an assistant at South Alabama and one season at Alabama-Huntsville.

Laird began his coaching career as a student assistant at Southern Miss in 1994. While in at USM, he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

In addition, Laird was also responsible for starting multiple USA juniors volleyball clubs and was an indoor and outdoor volleyball official in the NCAA, NAIA and USA Volleyball leagues.



Lainey Brumfield
Assistant Volleyball Coach

Lainey Brumfield is in her second season as assistant coach of the Southwest Volleyball Team. Despite this being Brumfield's first collegiate job, she brings almost a decade's worth of experience as a player and coach.

The Foxworth-native and West Marion High School-graduate came to Summit after a successful playing career at William Carey where she played both indoor and beach volleyball for the Crusaders. It was at this time that she also began her coaching career with Mississippi Matrix Club Volleyball for two years before spending the 2024 season as an assistant at Petal Middle School.

In addition to playing for her high school team, Brumfield also suited up for Mississippi Matrix as a player during her sophomore, junior and senior years.

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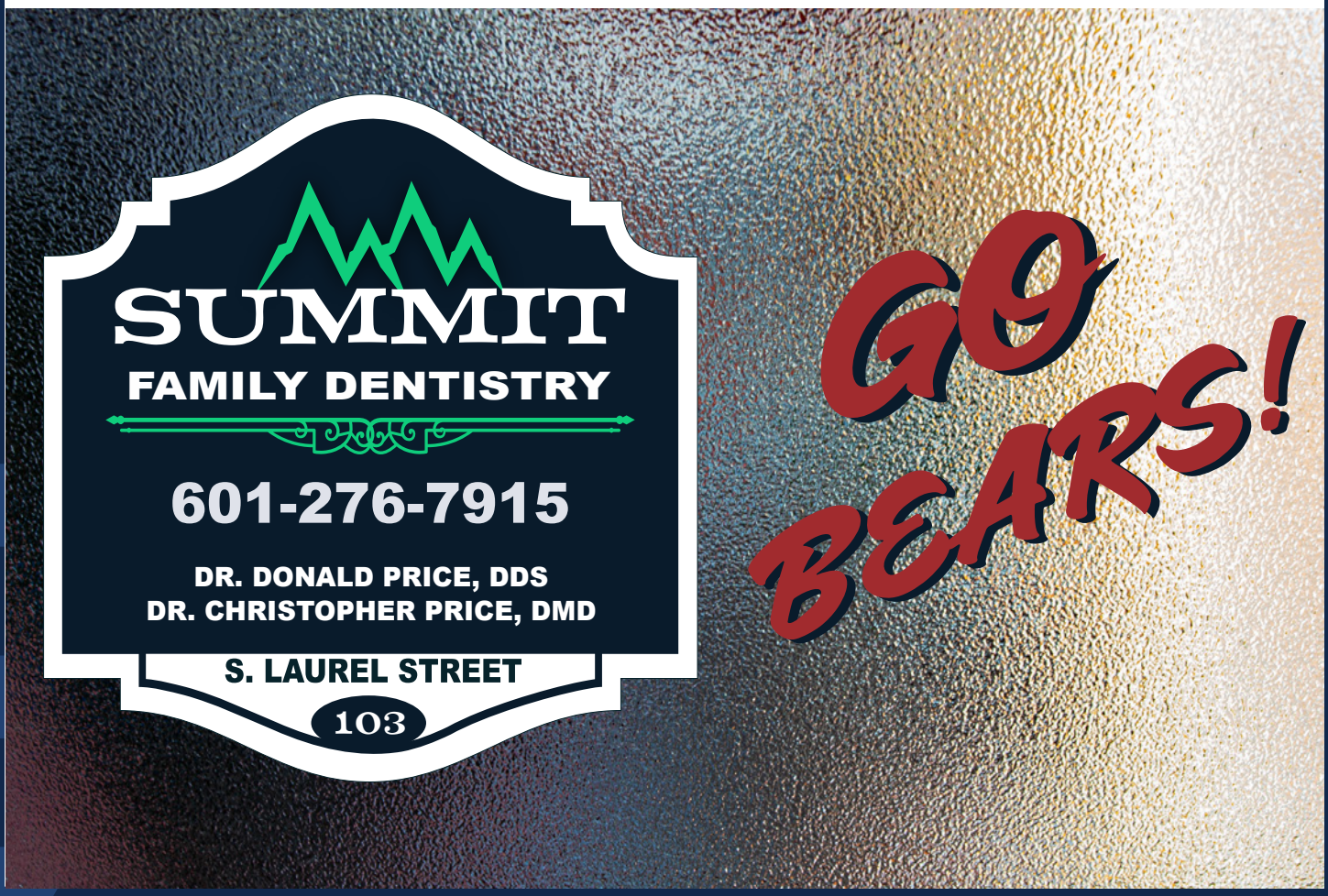


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#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/High School
0	Addison Champagne	GK	5-7	So.	St. Amant, LA / St. Amant High School
2	Trinity Stokes	D	5-3	So.	Sumrall, MS / Sumrall High School
3	Lucy Stewart	D	5-2	Fr.	Gulfport, Mississippi / Gulfport High School
4	Aubrey Allison	F	5-7	Fr.	Brandon, MS / Brandon High School
5	Wesley Porter	MF	5-2	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA / Parkview Baptist School
6	Kenedee Riley	D	5-10	Fr.	Brandon, MS / Brandon High School
7	Liliana Vazquez	F	5-6	Fr.	Byhalia, MS / Byhalia High School
8	Cori Bergeron	MF	5-4	Fr.	Lafayette, LA / St. Amant High School
9	Abigail Capasso	MF	5-3	Fr.	Lucedale, MS / George County High School
10	Nicole Galvan	MF	5-5	So.	Mexico City, Mexico / Colegio Bista Hermosa
11	Shelby Worthington	MF	5-7	Fr.	Long Beach, MS / Long Beach High School
14	Darcy Neyland	MF	5-6	Fr.	Long Beach, MS / Long Beach High School
15	Micayla Sowden	D	5-5	So.	Petal, MS / Petal High School
17	Ava Flynn	MF/F	5-4	Fr.	Magnolia, MS / Oak Forest Academy
19	Alyssa Clark	D	5-8	Fr.	Ocean Springs, MS / St. Martin High School
21	Adrien Collier	MF	5-9	So.	Biloxi, MS / Biloxi High School
22	Aleyah Walker	D	5-4	Fr.	Laurel, MS / West Jones High School
23	Sophia Mitchell	MF/F	5-4	Fr.	Baton Rouge, LA / University Lab School
24	Zoey Brown	F	5-10	So.	Brandon, MS / Northwest Rankin High School
26	Ellyana Holman	D	5-5	So.	Ponchatoula, LA / Ponchatoula High School
30	Hailey Powell	MF/D	5-11	So.	Petal, MS / Petal High School
32	Makenzie Hepler	D	5-9	So.	Carriere, MS / Pearl River Central High School
88	Amina Rozelle	F	5-5	Fr.	McComb, MS / McComb High School

2026-27 LADY BEARS SOCCER ROSTER



AUBREY ALLISON - #4

Aubrey Allison is a Freshman forward for the Lady Bears. She is from Brandon, Mississippi and went to Brandon High School. Her parents are Danyell and Camela Allison. She has three siblings, Ashton, Austin, and Aiden. Aubrey is majoring in Nursing at Southwest. In high school, she was in Beta Club and NHS and finished with High Honors. Aubrey's future plans include getting her bachelors then going to nursing school to become a CRNA.



CORI BERGERON - #8

Cori Bergeron is a Freshman midfielder for the Lady Bears. She is from Lafayette, Louisiana and went to St. Amant High School. Her parents are Peter and Dawn Bergeron. She has two siblings, Drake and Brett. Cori is majoring in Psychology at Southwest. Cori's honors include a 33 ACT score, 4.7 GPA and 3rd in her class, Composite Academic All-State, Certified Patient Care Technician, Outstanding Student in Physics, All Metro (x2), Freshman All-State 1st Team, All District (x4), Literary Rally for Chemistry (2nd at District, 6th at State), and USYS Regional Champions. Her future plans are to get her bachelors in Psychology then attend Medical School to become a Psychiatrist.



ZOEY BROWN - #24

Zoey Brown is a Sophomore forward for the Lady Bears. She is from Brandon, Mississippi and attended Northwest Rankin High School. Her parents are Jeffrey and Zandra Brown. She has two siblings, Jalyn and Ryan Brown. Zoey is majoring in Biology at Southwest. Zoey was a 3x state champion in high school and plans to attend Dental school after Southwest.



ABIGAIL CAPASSO - #9

Abigail Capasso is a Freshman midfielder for the Lady Bears. She is from Lucedale, Mississippi and went to George County High School. Her parents are Elliott Capasso and Imagine Capasso. Abigail is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest. She graduated high school Top 20 in her class with Highest Honors, was awarded the Jarrett Williams State Farm Athlete of the Month, and varsity soccer Player of the Year. Abigail plans to attend a four year after Southwest in pursuit of a career in Physical Therapy.



ADDISON CHAMPAGNE - #0

Addison Champagne is a Sophomore goalkeeper for the Lady Bears. She is from St. Amant, Louisiana and attended St. Amant High School. Her parents are Scot and Amy Champagne. She has one sister, Lainey Champagne. Addison is a Physical Education Major at Southwest. Awards and honors she has received include Keeper of the Week, Academic State Team, Freshmen All-State, and 2nd district two years in a row.



ALYSSA CLARK - #19

Alyssa Clark is a Freshman center back for the Lady Bears. She is from Ocean Springs, Mississippi and went to St. Martin High School. Her parents are Chris and Jennifer Clark. Alyssa is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest. She plans to become a Sports Medicine Physician's Assistant.



ADRIEN COLLIER - #21

Adrien Collier is a Sophomore center back for the Lady Bears. She is from Biloxi, Mississippi and attended Biloxi High School. Her parents are Robert and Tyrian Collier. Adrien is majoring in Radiology Services at Southwest. Awards and honors she has received includes being on the President's List.



AVA FLYNN - #17

Ava Flynn is a Freshman midfielder/forward for the Lady Bears. She is from Magnolia, Mississippi and went to Oak Forest Academy. Her parents are Kane and Kacey Crawford. She was one sibling, Aubrey Flynn. Ava is majoring in Pre-radiology at Southwest. Awards Ava received in high school included Offensive MVP, leader in goals scored, and leader in assists as well as MAIS Features. Ava plans to continue her education to become an ultrasound technician.



NICOLE GALVAN - #10

Nicole Galvan is a Sophomore attacking mid for the Lady Bears. She is from Mexico City, Mexico and attended Colegio Vista Hermosa. Her parents are Burno Carlos Galvan and Marisol Oliva. She has two siblings, Ian and Alexa Galvan. Nicole is majoring in Finance at Southwest. Nicole wants to become a professional soccer player.



MAKENZIE HEPLER - #32

Makenzie Hepler is a Sophomore center back for the Lady Bears. She is from Carriere, Mississippi and went to Pearl River Central High School. Her parents are Jeremy and Jennifer Hepler. She has one sibling, Jacob. Makenzie is majoring in Criminal Justice at Southwest.



ELLYANA HOLMAN - #26

Ellyana Holman is a Sophomore center back for the Lady Bears. She is from Ponchatoula, Louisiana and went to Ponchatoula High School. Her parents are Woody and Miranda Holman. She has four siblings, Nate, Nash, Noah, and Eliza. Ellyana is majoring in Elementary Education at Southwest. Her future plans are to continue her athletic and academic career.



SOPHIA MITCHELL - #23

Sophia Mitchell is a Freshman forward/ midfielder for the Lady Bears. She is from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and went to University Lab School. Her parents are Chris and Angie Mitchell. She has two siblings, Savannah and Summer Mitchell. Sophia is majoring in Biology at Southwest. Awards and Honors received include Principal Honor Roll, All-Academic Class Team Swimming, and All-Academic Class Team Soccer. Sophia plans to become a veterinarian.



DARCY NEYLAND - #14

Darcy Neyland is a Freshman midfielder for the Lady Bears. She is from Long Beach, Mississippi and went to Long Beach Senior High School. Her parents are Corey and Audri Neyland. She has one sibling, Fae Neyland. Darcy is majoring in pre-Political Science at Southwest. Darcy plans to attend a four-year school followed by law school after Southwest.



WESLEY PORTER - #5

Wesley Porter is Freshman midfielder for the Lady Bears. She is from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and went to Parkview Baptist School. Her parent is Sonya Cardia-Porter. She has one sibling, Sophia. Wesley is majoring in Criminal Justice/Psychology. Her high school honors include 5x Louisiana State Cup Champion, 2x Southern Regional Champion, 1x South Region ODP Team, 6x Louisiana ODP Selection, 2026 All-State Second Team, 2026 All-Metro Selection, 2026 LSA Impact Girls POTY Finalist, Second Team All-District 4A (2023, 2024) 3A (2026) and 2023 BVB IA National Excellence 2008 Girls Roster. Her future plans are to go back to Louisiana after Southwest to continue playing soccer and complete her Law degree.



HALLEY POWELL - #30

Hailey Powell is a Sophomore midfielder/ defender for the Lady Bears. She is from Petal, Mississippi. Her parents are Eric and Tanya Powell. Hailey is majoring in Pre-vet/ Biology at Southwest. Hailey plans on becoming a veterinarian.



KENEDEE RILEY - #6

Kenedee Riley is a Freshman center back for the Lady Bears. She is from Brandon, Mississippi and went to Brandon High School. Her parents are Ron and Tamala King. Kenedee is majoring in Nursing at Southwest. Her high school awards include Honors and Silver Scholarship level. Her future plans are to become a registered nurse.



AMINA ROZELLE - #88

Amina Rozelle is a Freshman forward for the Lady Bears. She is from McComb, Mississippi and went to McComb High School. Her parents are Aaron and Joland Rozelle. Amina is majoring in Pre-Dental Hygiene at Southwest. Her high school honors include Superintendent Scholar, Honors Graduate, C.C. Moore Athletic Award, and MVP award in sports and academics. Her future plans are to attend Southwest for two years then further her education at the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry.



MICAYLA SOWDEN - #15

Micayla Sowden is a Sophomore defender/ wingback for the Lady Bears. She is from Petal, Mississippi and attended Petal High School. Her parents are Donald and Carmen Rico. She has two siblings, Harleigh and Rico. Micayla is majoring in pre-Psychology at Southwest. She made the Dean's list and is in Phi Theta Kappa. Her future plan is to graduate from Southwest and get her degree.



LUCY STEWART - #3

Lucy Stewart is a Freshman defender for the Lady Bears. She is from Gulfport, Mississippi and went to Gulfport High School. Her parents are Brandon and Regina Stewart. Lucy is majoring in Elementary Education at Southwest.



TRINITY STOKES - #2

Trinity Stokes is a Sophomore defender for the Lady Bears. She is from Sumrall, Mississippi and attended Sumrall High School. Her parents are Clarence and Hope Stokes. She has three siblings, Faith, Jeremiah, and Genesis. Trinity is majoring in Pre-psychology at Southwest. Trinity plans to continue her education in Psychology to pursue a career helping people.



LILIANA VAZQUEZ - #7

Liliana Vazquez is a Freshman wingback for the Lady Bears. She is from Byhalia, Mississippi and went to Byhalia High School. Her parents are Eduardo Vazquez and Floriela Vargas. Liliana is majoring ins Pre-biology at Southwest. Her future plans are to attend a university after Southwest and apply to an Occupational Therapy program to earn her Master's Degree.



ALEYAH WALKER - #22

Aleyah Walker is a Freshman defender for the Lady Bears. She is from Laurel, Mississippi and went to West Jones High School. Her parents are Jimmy and Alicia Walker. She has one sibing, Amyah. Aleyah is majoring in Business and Communication at Southwest. Her high school honors include Beta Club, Best Club, Class Secretary, Future Leaders of Jones County, Page for the State Senate. Key Club, National Honor Society, Forest General Spirit Girls, FCA, and First Priority. Her future plans are to major in Business with a minor in Communication to pursue her goal of becoming a Lawyer.



SHELBY WORTHINGTON - #11

Shelby Worthington is a Freshman midfielder for the Lady Bears. She is from Long Beach, Mississippi and went to Long Beach High School. Her parents are Bradley and Kara Worthington. Shelby is majoring in pre-allied Health at Southwest.

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Nicole Daigle Cooper
Head Women's Soccer Coach

Nicole Daigle Cooper enters her fourth season as Head Coach of the Southwest Mississippi Community College Lady Bears soccer program. Her promotion to head coach followed a fruitful tenure as an assistant coach, where she helped foster academic and athletic success across both programs.

A graduate of Destrehan High School in Louisiana, Daigle Cooper began her collegiate career at Southwest, playing for the Lady Bears from 2013-15 and earning her Associate Degree in 2015. During that time, she served as team captain and was recognized as an All-State honoree. She continued her playing career at the University of the Southwest from 2015-17, captaining the Lady Mustangs to an RRAC Tournament appearance. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology in 2017 and was awarded the NAIA Champions of Character Award for exemplifying the NAIA core values through her academic and athletic achievements.

In her first season as head coach, the Lady Bears posted a 3.34 team GPA while earning 11 NJCAA Academic Award honorees and 15 MACCC Academic All-Conference selections. In her second season, the team achieved a 3.51 GPA with 13 NJCAA Academic Award winners and four MACCC All-District Academic honors. In her third season, the Lady Bears posted a remarkable 3.63 team GPA and celebrated two MACCC Conference Award winners. Since arriving at Southwest, Daigle Cooper has also coached 4 Holbrook Award winners, recognizing outstanding academic excellence.

Daigle Cooper also earned a Master's Degree from Delta State University in Human and Sports Performance. She is married to Assistant Coach Dalton Cooper, and together they have a son, Dallas Kane Cooper



Dalton Cooper
Assistant Women's Soccer Coach/ Recruiting Coordinator

Former Southwest soccer player Dalton Cooper is in his seventh year as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the Lady Bears program. He previously served as an assistant for the men's program simultaneously during his first three years.

A graduate of Gautier High School, Cooper played for Southwest from 2012-14 and was a team manager before receiving his Associate's degree in 2015. He was an Academic All-State honoree as a sophomore.

In his first season as coach, 10 Lady Bears and seven Bears received conference academic awards, with some receiving national. The Lady Bears combined for a 3.22 team GPA. In his second year, the Bears combined for a 3.26 and the Lady Bears an impressive 3.41 GPA.

After Southwest, Cooper attended the University of the Southwest in Hobbs, NM in 2015-16 where he played one season for the Mustangs. He a honored with the NAIA Champions of Character Award during his time at USW.

He worked in the private sector before joining the coaching staff.

He is married to fellow Bear Soccer Coach Nicole Daigle Cooper.

SMCC LADY BEARS SOCCER COACHES



Kaleb Jones
Assistant Women's Soccer Coach

Former Bear Kaleb Jones is in his second year as assistant coach with the Lady Bear Soccer Team.

Jones – who has 13 years of experience in the sport – made the move back to Summit after brief stops as an assistant football coach, coaching special teams at Williamson High School in Mobile, Alabama and at Resurrection High School in his native Pascagoula as an assistant soccer coach.

The multi-sport athlete – exceling in both soccer and track – graduated from Pascagoula High in 2020 before suiting-up for the Bear Men's Soccer Team the following year. Following a successful run at Southwest where he showed his elite athleticism, Jones received a track scholarship from Emmanuel College in Georgia.

He spent one season with the Lions before finishing his undergrad and track career at Southern Miss.

LADY BEAR SOCCER
IN THE NCAA/NAIA

2025

Ava Benton	*Shaw University*
Mia Encinia	*William Carey University*
Ingrid Flores	*Freed-Hardeman University*
Tiaona Frick	*Texas Wesleyan University*
Evie Peet	*Niagara University*

2024

Holly-Bo Dunning	*Campbellsville University*
Maylee McLeod	*Louisiana Christian University*
Kayla Martin	*William Carey University*
Gabrielle "Gabby" Venable	*Mount Mercy University*

2023

Hannah Case	*Trevecca Nazarene University*
Jennifer Neal	*Belhaven University*
Juliette Charriez Rivera	*University of the Cumberlands (KY)*
Aoife Saunders	*University of Houston-Victoria*

2022

Chloe Folse	*McNeese State University*
Taylor Levy	*Alabama A&M University*
Ashlinn Palm	*Alabama A&M University*
Alexandra Shimasaki	*Mississippi Valley State University*
Ellie Wood Life	*University/Freed-Hardeman University*

2021

Zy Henderson	*Tougaloo College*
Juana Wulff	*Columbia College*

2020

Camila Cevallos	*Mississippi College*

2019

Elisha Clough	*Mississippi University for Women*
Chrisi Godfrey	*Belhaven University*
Katie Mills	*Belhaven University*
Layla Wilson	*Mississippi University for Women*

2018

Aimee Dilworth	*Louisiana State University-Shreveport*
Auset Gibbs	*Jacksonville State University*
Nevin Holley	*Mississippi University for Women*
Allison Sherman	*Louisiana State University-Shreveport*

2017

Nohemy Giraldo	*Alcorn State University*

2016

Lydia Byrd	*University of Northwestern Ohio*
Kennedy	*Mount Belhaven University*
Taylor Laurent	*William Carey University*

2014

Nicole Daigle	*University of the Southwest*

2013

Jessica St. Pierre	*Delta State University*

LADY BEARS SOCCER IN THE PROS

Juana Wulff *FC Pinzgau (Austria)*

Southwest Mississippi Community College
2026 Soccer Schedule

WOMEN'S

Aug. 6	Southern Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge, LA	7 PM
Aug. 8	Alcorn	Summit, MS	6 PM
Aug. 15	Columbia State	Foley, AL	9 AM
Aug. 17	Blue Mountain	Freedom Ridge Park, MS	5 PM
Aug. 21	Jacksonville	Jacksonville, TX	1 PM
Aug. 23	Trinity Valley	Athens, TX	11 AM
Aug. 26	US Sports University	Daphne, AL	5 PM
Aug. 31	Wallace State	Hanceville, AL	4 PM
Sept. 10	Southern Union	Opelika, AL	11 AM
Sept. 12	Arkansas Cossatot	Summit, MS	11 AM
Sept. 15	Pearl River *	Poplarville, MS	5 PM
Sept. 18	Northwest Miss. *	Summit, MS	5 PM
Sept. 22	Meridian *	Meridian, MS	5 PM
Sept. 25	Jones *	Ellisville, MS	5 PM
Oct. 2	Itawamba *	Summit, MS	5 PM
Oct. 6	Holmes *	Ridgeland, MS	1 PM
Oct. 9	Hinds *	Summit, MS	5 PM
Oct. 13	Gulf Coast*	Perkinston, MS	5 PM
Oct. 20	East Mississippi*	Summit, MS	5 PM
Oct. 23	East Central *	Decatur, MS	5 PM
Oct. 27	Co-Lin *	Summit, MS	5 PM

MEN'S

Aug. 11	St. Thomas Uni.	Kenall, FL	9:30 AM
Aug. 12	College Dreamers	Miami, FL	7:30 AM
Aug. 21	Jacksonville	Jacksonville, TX	3 PM
Aug. 22	East Texas Baptist Uni.	Texas	6 PM
Sept. 2	Mobile JV	Mobile, AL	2:30 PM
Sept. 6	Oxford of Emory	Birmingham, AL	1 PM
Sept. 9	Northeast Alabama	Summit, MS	1 PM
Sept. 12	Arkansas Cossatot	Summit, MS	1 PM
Sept. 15	Pearl River *	Poplarville, MS	7 PM
Sept. 18	Northwest Miss. *	Summit, MS	7 PM
Sept. 22	Meridian *	Meridian, MS	7 PM
Sept. 25	Jones *	Ellisville, MS	7 PM
Oct. 2	Itawamba *	Summit, MS	7 PM
Oct. 6	Holmes *	Ridgeland, MS	4 PM
Oct. 9	Hinds *	Summit, MS	7 PM
Oct. 13	Mississippi Gulf Coast *	Perkinston, MS	7 PM
Oct. 20	East Mississippi *	Summit, MS	7 PM
Oct. 23	East Central *	Decatur, MS	7 PM
Oct. 27	Co-Lin *	Summit, MS	7 PM





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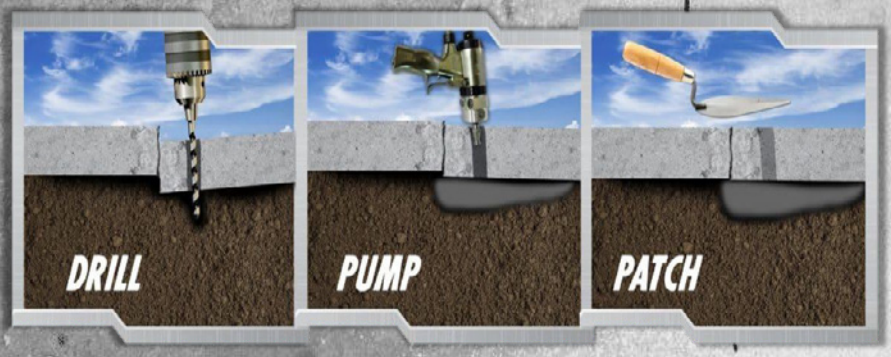

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2026 SOUTHWEST MEN'S FUTBOL ROSTER

#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Cl.	Hometown/High School
0	Beau Tanner	6' 3"	158	GK	Fr.	Lucedale/George Co. HS
1	David Farkas	6' 4"	178	GK	Fr.	Budapest, Hungary/Cserepka Iskola
2	Theo Tayau	5' 7"	145	D	Fr.	Paris, France/Etablissement du Saint Esprit
3	Chris Cobon	5' 11"	170	MF	So.	Laurel/West Jones HS
4	Louis Cypers	6' 3"	175	D	Fr.	Brussels, Belgium/Athenee Royal de Waterloo
5	Jules Bertrand	6' 1"	160	MF	Fr.	Lyon, France/Hippolyte Fontaine
6	Tyler Daramy	6' 6"	212	D	So.	Stockholm, Sweden/Rudbeck Sollentuna HS
7	Gavin Miller	5' 9"	155	F	Fr.	Brandon/Northwest Rankin HS
8	Mason Moha	6'	160	MF	Fr.	Richland/Richland HS
9	Braiden Bonds	5' 11"	172	F	Fr.	Long Beach/Long Beach HS
10	Ilan Marin	5' 5"	133	F	So.	Villette d'anthon, France/Lycee Hippolyte Fontaine
11	Fidel Gonzalez	6'	151	F	Fr.	Pearl/Pearl HS
12	Elijah Davis	5' 11"	197	MF	So.	Brandon/Northwest Rankin HS
13	Jaxon Eubanks	5' 10"	168	MF	Fr.	Lucedale/George Co. HS
14	Brayan Pelayo	5' 9"	149	F	Fr.	Ridgeland/Ridgeland HS
15	Sergio Armendariz	5' 5"	134	F	Fr.	Hattiesburg/Oak Grove HS
16	Brian Cobon	5' 5"	178	D	Fr.	Laurel/West Jones HS
17	Marlon Huddleston	6'	189	D	So.	Sumrall/Sumrall HS
18	Dillan Garay	5' 11"	169	D	Fr.	Picayune/Picayune HS
19	Landon Vaughn	6'	180	D	Fr.	Richland/Richland HS
20	Cooper Creel	5' 11"	170	F	Fr.	Brookhaven/Loyd Star HS
21	Sammy Velasquez	5' 3"	173	D	So.	Chunky/Newton Co. HS
22	Ethan Jensen	6' 3"	173	F	Fr.	Soso/West Jones HS
23	Tyler Walsh	6'	173	MF	So.	Sumrall/Sumrall HS
24	Tripp Richards	6' 2"	152	D	Fr.	Sumrall/Sumrall HS
25	Adrian Lopez	5' 10"	203	GK	Fr.	Biloxi/St. Martin HS
30	Alex Menjivar	5' 11"	182	MF	Fr.	Carthage/Leake Central HS
77	Daxus Arkin	5'10"	137	F	Fr.	Long Beach/Long Beach HS
88	Chase Fortenberry	5' 10"	170	MF	Fr.	Magnolia/Parklane Academy
99	Sebastian Vinson	5' 7"	151	F	Fr.	Summit/Parklane Academy

2026-27 SOCCER ROSTER



DAXUS ARKIN - #77

Daxus Arkin is a Freshman left back for the Bears. He is from Long Beach, Mississippi and went to Long Beach High School. His parents are Steve and Bree Arkin. Daxus is majoring in Welding at Southwest. His future plans are to travel the states and do shallow underwater welding.



SERGIO ARMENDARIZ - #15

Sergio Armendariz is a Freshman mid-fielder for the Bears. He is from Hatties-burg, Mississippi and went to Oak Grove High School. His parents are Arciliadiz Armendariz and Olivia Martinez. He has three siblings, Manuel, Esmeralda, and Estrella Armendariz. Sergio is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest.



JULES BERTAND - #5

Jules Bertand is a Freshman right back for the Bears. He is from Chalon Sur Saone, France and went to Lycee Hypolite Fontaine. His parents are Arnaud Bertand and Steph-anie Gauthier. He has two siblings. Jules is majoring in pre-Exercise Science Human Performance at Southwest. His future plans are to become a professional player.



BRAIDEN BONDS - #9

Braiden Bonds is a Freshman forward for the Bears. He is from Long Beach, Mississippi and went to Long Beach High School. His parents are Greg and Jaime Bonds. He has one sibling, Brynna. Braiden is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. In high school, he received Player of the Year in 2024. His future plans are to work in HVAC.



BRIAN COBON - #16

Brian Cobon is a Freshman midfielder for the Bears. He is from Laurel, Mississippi and went to West Jones High School. His parent is Edilzar Cobon. Brian is majoring in Construction Management at Southwest. His future plans are to get his Construction Management degree at Southern Mississippi after Southwest.



CHRIS COBON - #3

Chris Cobon is a Sophomore left back/ midfielder for the Bears. He is from Laurel, Mississippi and went to West Jones High School. His parents are Edilzar Cobon and Teresa Roldan. Chris is majoring in Business Management at Southwest.



COOPER CREEL - #20

Cooper Creel is a Freshman midfielder for the Bears. He is from Brookhaven, Mississippi and went to Loyd Star High School. His parents are Jamie and EJ Creel. He has two siblings, Chandler and Camille. Cooper is majoring in Political Science at Southwest. In high school, Cooper was named District MVP, District MVP Midfielder, and MVP Offensive Player. His future plans included going to Ole Miss or Mississippi College after Southwest.



LOUIS CYPERS - #4

Louis Cypers is a Freshmen center back for the Bears. He is from Brussels, Belgium and went to Athenee Royal de Waterloo. His parents are Simon Cypers and Camille Dejean. Louis is majoring in Business at Southwest.



TYLER DARAMY - #6

Tyler Daramy is a Sophomore center back for the Bears. He is from Stockholm, Sweden and went to Rudbeck Sollentuna. His parent is Souna Daramy. Tyler is majoring in International Business at Southwest. His future plans are to go D1.



ELIJAH DAVIS - #12

Elijah Davis is a Sophomore center mid for the Bears. He is from Brandon, Mississippi and went to Northwest Rankin High School. His parent is Tatum Davis. Elijah is majoring in General Studies at Southwest.



JAXON EUBANKS - #13

Jaxon Eubanks is a Freshman defensive midfielder for the Bears. He is from Lucedale, Mississippi and went to George County High School. His parents are Phillip and Kristina Eubanks. He has three siblings, Boston, Kipton, and Audri. Jaxon is majoring in Business at Southwest. In high school, Jaxon was a 2025 State Champ, 2026 South State Champ, 2026 Midfielder of the Year, 2026 6A Scholar Athlete Award winner, a Top 20 graduate, and voted Most Likely to Succeed. He hopes to finish his degree and play at a 4-year school after Southwest.



DAVID FARKAS - #1

David Farkas is a Freshman goalkeeper for the Bears. He is from Kaposvar, Hungary and went to Cserepka Gimnazium. His parents are Andras Farkas and Katalin Kerekes. He has one sibling, Abigel. David is majoring in Business at Southwest.



CHASE FORTENBERRY - #88

Chase Fortenberry is a Freshman fullback for the Bears. He is from McComb, Mississippi and went to Parklane Academy. His parents are Troy and Lori Fortenberry. Chase is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest. His high school honors include MAIS All-District, Mu Alpha Theta, Administrator's List, and Honors Society. His future plans are to continue playing soccer, earn his bachelor's degree, and go on to Physical Therapy.



DILLAN GARAY - #18

Dillan Garay is a Freshman center back for the Bears. He is from Picayune, Mississippi and went to Picayune Memorial High School. His parents are Vanessa Garay and Jose Gutierrez. Dillan is majoring in Electricity at Southwest. His high school honors include the All-Star Game, Defensive Player of the Year (x2), and an MVP Award. His future plan is to get better in his future goals.



FIDEL GONZALEZ - #11

Fidel Gonzalez is a Freshman midfielder for the Bears. He is from Pearl, Mississippi and went to Pearl High School. His parents are Alfonso and Ashley Gonzalez. He has one sister. Fidel is majoring in Business at Southwest. He plans to graduate college and start his own business.



MARLON HUDDLESTON JR. - #17

Marlon Huddleston Jr. is a Sophomore right back for the Bears. He is from Hattiesburg, Mississippi and went to Sumrall High School. His parents are Marlon Huddleston Sr. and Kim Huddleston. He has one sibling, Marleigh. Marlon is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest. Marlon's honors include SHS Hall of Fame Inductee, Most Valuable Defender in 2023 and 2024, Best Teammate Award Recipient, 4A Region 7 MHSAA All-Region First Team, Central MS All-Star Team selection, MHSAA All-Region Second Team, Mississippi Scholar with Honor Roll, and PTK inductee at Southwest. His future plans are to get a BS in Kinesiology, Master's in Athletic Training, and Doctorate in Physical Therapy.



ETHAN JENSEN - #22

Ethan Jensen is a Freshman striker for the Bears. He is from Laurel, Mississippi and attended West Jones High School. His parents are Jeremy Jensen and Kasey Moody. Ethan is studying at Southwest to become a Physical Therapy Assistant.



ADRIAN LOPEZ - #25

Adrian Lopez is a Freshman goalkeeper for the Bears. He is from Biloxi, Mississippi and went to St. Martin High School. His parents are Adrian Lopez Sr. and Ashley Lopez. Adrian is majoring in Criminal Justice at Southwest.



ILAN MARIN - #10

Ilan Marin is a Sophomore left wing for the Bears. He is from Lyon, France and attended Dijon School. His parents are JC and Sandrine Marin. He has one sibling, Loan. Ilan is majoring in Business at Southwest. His future plans are to become a professional soccer player.



ALEXANDER MENJIVAR - #30

Alexander is a Freshman midfielder for the Bears. He is from Carthage, Mississippi and went to Leake Central High School. His parents are Jose Menjivar and Maria Miranda. Alexander is majoring in Carpentry at Southwest.



GAVIN MILLER - #7

Gavin Miller is a Freshman midfielder for the Bears. He is from Brandon, Mississippi and went to Northwest Rankin High School. His parents are Andy and Marissa Miller. He has one sibling, Morgan. Gavin is majoring in Engineering at Southwest. He graduated high school with High Honors, Distinguished Academic Endorsement, and Platinum Work Keys. Gavin plans to attend Mississippi State after Southwest to continue pursuing Engineering.



MASON MOHA - #8

Mason Moha is a Freshamn midfielder/ right back for the Bears. He is from Richland, Mississippi and went to Richland High School. His parents are Kevin and Renee Moha. He has two siblings, Makenna and Sanford. Mason is majoring in Criminal Justice at Southwest. In high school, Mason was honored with Honor Roll, Top Ranger, Student of the Month, back to back 1st Team All-District, 2nd Team All-District, Ranger Award (x2), RHS Soccer Recon Rudy and MVP awards, Most Passionate Player, and had a 3.9 GPA.

He hopes to potentially play at a 4-year after Southwest and will go to the Police Academy if he doesn't get that opportunity.



BRAYAN PELAYO - #14

Brayan Pelayo is a Fershamn wing/striker for the Bears. He is from Ridgeland, Mississippi and went to Ridgeland High School. Brayan is majoring in Finance at Southwest.



TRIPP RICHARDS - #24

Tripp Richards is a Freshman left back for the Bears. He is from Sumrall, Mississippi and went to Sumrall High School. His parents are Jason and Carrie Richards. He has one sibling, Reese. Tripp is undecided on his Major at Southwest.



BEAU TANNER - #0

Beau Tanner is a freshman goalkeeper for the Bears. He is from Lucedale, Mississippi and went to George County High School. His parents are Dusty and Kristi Tanner. He has one sibling, Hayes. Beau is majoring in pre-Kinesiology at Southwest. He graduated high school with Highest Honors, was a State Farm Player of the Month, and 6A State Championship and Match Ball. Beau plans to become a PT after Southwest and either attend University of Southern Alabama or Southern Miss.



THEO TAYAU - #2

Theo Tayau is Freshman right back for the Bears. He is from Argenteuil, France and went to Establissement du Saint Esprit. His parents are Olivier and Celine Tayau. He has one brother, David. Theo is majoring in Business at Southwest. His honors include the baccalaureate. His future plans are to become better and reach the highest level step by step.



LANDON VAUGHN - #19

Landon Vaughn is a Freshman center back for the Bears. He is from Richland, Mississippi and went to Richland High School. His parents are Brian and Reannon Vaughn. Landon is majoring in Business at Southwest. He wants to own his own landscaping business and help others.



SAMMY VELASQUESZ - #21

Samuel Velazquez is a Sophomore defender for the Bears. He is from Chunky, Mississippi and went to Newton County High School. His parent is Rosendo Velazquez. He as one sibling, Christian. Samuel is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest. His future plans are to get his Bachelor's degree.



SEBASTIAN VINSON - #99

Sebastian Vinson is a Freshman striker for the Bears. He is from Summit, Mississippi and went to Parklane Academy. His parents are Brooks and Cynthia Vinson. He has three siblings. Sebastian is majoring in Computer Network Tech at Southwest. His future plans are to go big in the tech industry.



TYLER WALSH - #23

Tyler Walsh is a Sophomore midfielder/ center back for the Bears. He is from Sumrall, Mississippi and went to Sumrall High School. His parents are Ben and Melissa Walsh. He has one sibling, Ryan. Tyler is majoring in Business at Southwest. At Southwest, Ryan was named to the President's List and received Excellence in Sociology. In high school, he graduated with High Honors and was name a MAC Soccer All Star. Ryan wants to attend a university and pursue a degree in business after Southwest.

SMCC BEARS SOCCER COACHES



Zach Mills
Head Men's Soccer Coach

Dr. Zach Mills is in his seventh year in charge of the Men's soccer program at Southwest. He previously served as the head coach of the women's program simultaneously for the previous three seasons. This is his second stint with the Bears having served as men's head coach from 2016-18.

He is in his first year as Assistant Director of Athletics for Student-Athlete Performance and Internal Operations.

In his first season back at Southwest, 10 Lady Bears and seven Bears received conference academic awards, some of which received national. The Lady Bears combined for a 3.22 team GPA. Mills' 2021 Women's squad finished the year with a cumulative GPA of 3.41 while the Men finished with a 3.25 GPA.

Prior to his current run at Southwest, Mills spent two years as head coach of the Eastern Oregon University men's soccer team. During his tenure at EOU, Mills led the Mountaineers to a 20-14-7 record and the program's first-ever appearance in the Cascade Collegiate Conference tournament in 2018.

In 2019, the Mountaineers advanced to the CCC tournament championship game for the first time and also made their initial trip to the NAIA national tournament. Members of the 2019 squad included former Bears Joaquin Bermejillo, Patrick Larsen and Felipe Madero.

Also at EOU, Mills had two players named to the All-CCC 1st Team, three to the 2nd Team and had seven Honorable Mention selections.

In his first stint at SMCC (2016-18), Mills directed the Bears to a 23-10-2 record and the program's first-ever trips to the MACJC/NJCAA Region 23 playoffs. He also coached the program's first-ever All-American (3rd team), Jaime Delor.

Also under Mills' guidance, the 2017-18 Bears were the MACJC men's soccer Academic Team of the Year with a combined GPA of 3.33.

A native of Petal, MS, Mills is a 2010 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In 2018, he received a Master's degree in teaching Languages with an emphasis in Spanish and TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages), also from USM.

Mills received a doctorate in Performance Psychology from Grand Canyon University in 2025.

Mills was an All-State and All-Region player during his time at Jones College. He then finished his collegiate career as an All-Academic student athlete at Delta State University.

In 2015, Mills played professional soccer with FC Olimpia in Moquegua, Peru, and led the team in scoring with 32 points.

In addition to his duties at Southwest, Mills is in his second year of the staff of Mississippi Brilla, a USL 2 club. Brilla plays in the Mid-South Division.

Mills is married to the former Vanessa Cervantes Flores. They are the parents of a daughter, Donatella Hadasah.



Brenden Flannell
Assistant Men's Soccer Coach

Brenden Flannell is in his second year as an assistant coach with the Bear Men's Soccer Team. He brings a wealth of experience to Southwest, both as a former professional player and coach.

A native from Mansfield, IL, Flannell grew up playing for his school, Blue Ridge CUSD #18 and for local travel clubs Illinois FC and Mahomet-Seymour SC. After graduating high school in 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Flannell faced limited options and decided to stay close to home, signing with Millikin University in Decatur, IL. He played there for 2.5 years before leaving to pursue his soccer dreams. Flannell moved to Detroit, MI, and began playing professional indoor soccer with Detroit Waza Flo, where he also assisted in coaching the women's professional indoor team.

At the end of that season, he moved to Windsor, Ontario, to play for Windsor City FC. After one season in Canada, Flannell returned to college, enrolling at Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in International Business.

Following graduation, he returned to professional indoor soccer with Summit City United in Fort Wayne, IN. While in Fort Wayne, he assisted with both the semi-pro indoor team and the Indiana Tech University men's soccer team.

In addition to his duties at Southwest, he has also been hired as an assistant coach at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he will work with the staff of the women's soccer team.



Joshua Thomas
Assistant Men's Soccer Coach

Joshua Thomas is in his first year as an assistant coach with the Bear Men's Soccer Team.



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2026 SOUTHWEST BEARS FOOTBALL

#	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Previous School
0	Ronde Baker	RB	Fr.	5'11	208	Terry High School
0	Zay Lowery	DL	So.	6'3	285	West Point High School / Jackson State
1	Kaleb Perry	DB	So.	5'10	185	Cleveland Central High School
1	Zay Martin	WR	So.	5'10	175	University Lab (LA) / Jones College
2	Jakhari Williams	QB	RS So.	6'2	215	First Presbyterian Day School (GA) / Syracuse University
2	Jordan Magee	LB	So.	5'10	205	Terry High School
3	Glendarious Ford	DB	So.	6'1	175	Terry High School
3	Kaison Koenenn	QB	Fr.	6'2	190	Hancock High School
4	JJ Moultrie	DB	RS Fr.	5'11	175	Hoover High School (AL) / University of Louisiana - Monroe
4	Keena Galloway Jr	WR	So.	5'7	155	Stone High School
5	Ferzell Shepard	WR	RS Fr.	6'2	175	Scotlandville High School (LA) / Mississippi State University
5	Connor White	DB	So.	6'2	210	Ocean Springs High School / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
6	Demarcus Johnson	DL	So.	6	235	Vicksburg High School / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
6	Tahj Williby	WR	So.	6'4	200	Donaldsonville High School
7	Bryhsen Smith	WR	So.	6'	190	Ocean Springs High School
8	Demonte Martin	DB	Fr..	6'1	195	South Pike High School
8	Will Smith	RB	So.	5'9	191	Ocean Springs High School
9	AJ Lewis	WR	RS Fr.	6'2	200	Oak Grove High School / Mississippi State University
9	Ryshawn Perry	DL	So.	6'3	245	Newton High School (GA)
10	Kainen Rush	WR	So.	5'11	175	Gautier High School / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
11	Fred Nicholson	LB	RS Fr.	5'11	225	Gautier High School / University of Southern Mississippi
12	Nyrikius Johnson	RB	Fr.	5'11	215	Germantown High School
13	Kemon Folse	DB	RS Fr.	6'	175	Thibodaux High School / University of North Alabama
14	Chaston Ramsey	DB	Fr.	6'1	180	D'Iberville High School

15	Henry Funches	WR	Fr.	6’3	190	Mendenhall High School
17	Deori Pope	WR	Fr.	6’2	188	Zephyrhills High School (FL)
18	Thomas McKnight	WR	Fr.	6’1	170	Vicksburg High School
19	Bernard Lackey	DB	So.	6’2	205	Newton High School (GA) / East Carolina University
20	Jace Jackson	RB	Fr.	6’	215	Mccomb High School
21	Kavion Newson	DB	Fr.	6’	175	Columbia High School
22	Steven Ramsey	LB	Fr.	6’3	245	D’Iberville High School
23	Miles Bass	DB	Fr.	6’1	190	Clinton High School
24	Kaiden Street	DB	So.	5’11	175	Pascagoula High School
25	O’rhyon Burnice	LB	Fr.	5’11	205	Cleveland Central High School
27	Antwon Thomas	DE	Fr.	6’6	245	Cleveland Central High School
28	Toney Scott	RB	Fr.	5’9	185	Hattiesburg High School
29	Ian Newton	DB	Fr.	6’1	185	Harrison Central High School
30	Myles Payne	WR	Fr.	6’1	190	Madison Central High School
32	Nemo Sowders	DB	RS So.	6’1	185	Bay High School
33	Simon Naylor	K	RS Fr.	6’	175	Germantown High School / Jackson State University
36	Keviyon Lamons	DE	Fr.	6’2	245	Eufaula High School (AL)
38	JJ Mccullum	LB	Fr.	5’11	220	Raleigh High School
40	Miles Adams	DL	RS So.	6’6	250	Flomaton High School (AL) / Hinds Community College
41	Alan Long	K	So.	5’10	190	Long Beach High School
42	BJ Ducre	LB	So.	6’1	208	Picayune High School
43	Tank Bishop	LS	So.	5’11	245	Pascagoula High School
44	Janarious Harris Jr	DE	So.	6’3	240	Shadow Creek High School (TX) / San Joaquin Delta College
45	Caleb Bryant	DL	RS So.	6’3	265	Vicksburg High School / Hinds Community College
47	Braxden Havard	TE	Fr.	6’	238	Montgomery High School (TX)
48	Makon Burnette	TE	Fr.	6’2	250	Picayune High School
52	Willie Edmond	OL	So.	6’2	315	Vicksburg High School
55	Zaylin Dedeaux	OL	So.	6’6	335	Ocean Springs High School
56	Braylin Bryant	OL	Fr.	6’2	295	South Pike High School
70	Willie Price	OL	Fr.	6’3	290	Center Hill High School
72	Nero Taylor	OL	So.	6’	343	Gulfport High School
73	Antonio Ross	OL	So.	6’5	345	Hartfield Academy / Southern Illinois University
74	Khavali Williams	OL	So.	6’5	285	Madison Prep Academy
75	Card’a Thompson	OL	So.	6’5	290	West Jefferson High School (LA)
76	Deshawn Feazell	OL	RS Fr.	6’2	315	Moss Point High School / Southeastern Louisiana University
77	JJ McCann	OL	So.	6’3	335	Gulfport High School
89	Phillip Burchfield	TE	So.	6’3	240	Clinton High School
93	Camarion Tanksley	DL	Fr.	6’2	285	Peachtree Ridge High School (GA)
95	Arterious Dixon	DL	Fr.	6’3	385	Harrison Central High School
99	Albert Sparkman	DL	So.	6’1	310	Mccomb High School

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MILES ADAMS - #40

Miles Adams is a Sophomore defensive lineman for the Bears. He transferred from Hinds. He is from Flomaton, Alabama and went to Flomaton High School. His parent is Adrienne Smith. Miles is undecided on a major at Southwest.



RONDE BAKER - #0

Ronde Baker is a Freshman running back for the Bears. He is from Terry, Mississippi and went to Terry High School. His parent is Latasha Baker. Ronde is majoring in Sport Medicine at Southwest.



MILES BASS - #23

Miles Bass is a Freshman cornerback for the Bears. He is from Clinton, Mississippi and went to Clinton High School. His parents are Michael and Charita Bass. He has one sibling, Devin. Miles is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His high school honors include 7A First Team Cornerback. His future plans are to continue playing football at the Division I level.



TANK BISHOP - #43

Tank Bishop is a Sophomore long snapper for the Bears. He is from Hurley, Mississippi and went to Pascagoula High School. His parents are Josh and Miranda Bishop. Tank is undecided on his major at Southwest.



BRAYLIN BRYANT - #56

Braylin Bryant is a Sophomore offensive lineman for the Bears. He is from Magnolia, Mississippi and went to South Pike High School. His parents are James Bryant and Gwana Thompson. Braylin is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His honors include being inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at Southwest. His future plans are to further his football career or get his degree from Southern Miss.



CALEB BRYANT - #45

Caleb Bryant is a Sophomore defensive end for the Bears. He transferred from Hinds. He is from Vicksburg, Mississippi and went to Vicksburg High School. His parent is Latosca Rosman. He is undecided on a major at Southwest.



PHILLIP BURCHFIELD - #89

Phillip Burchfield is a Sophomore tight end for the Bears. He is from Clinton, Mississippi and went to Clinton High School. His parents are Teague and Robyn Burchfield. He has one sibling, Ellyn. Phillip is majoring in Education at Southwest. As a freshman at Southwest, Phillip received South All-MACCC Honorable Mention honors. In high school, he made the 7A All-State 2nd Team, All-Region 2nd Team, All-Metro 2nd Team, and was Clinton High School Athlete of the Year. His future plans are to play football at the next level and then get into coaching.



MAKON BURNETTE - #48

Makon Burnette is a Freshman tight end for the Bears. He is from Picayune, Mississippi and went to Picayune Memorial High School. His parents are Taylor Burnette and Jenna Mauldin. Makon is majoring in Mathematics at Southwest. His future plans are to become a teacher and football coach after he is done playing football.



O'RHYON BURNICE - #25

Orhyon Burnice is a Freshman linebacker for the Bears. He is from Cleveland, Mississippi and went to Cleveland Central High School. His parents are Michael and Shadreika Burnice. Orhyon is majoring in General Studies at Southwest.



ZAYLIN DEDEAUX - #55

Zaylin Dedeaux is a Sophomore offensive tackle for the Bears. He is from Ocean Springs, and went to Ocean Springs High School. His parent is Mable Dedeaux. Zaylin is majoring in finance at Southwest.



ARTERIOUS DIXON - #95

Arterious Dixon is a Freshman defensive tackle for the Bears. He is from Gulfport, Mississippi and went to Harrison Central High School. His parents are Lajuan and Krystal Dixon. He has one sibling, Ariel. Arterious is majoring in Business and Finance at Southwest. His future plans are to get married and continue his career.



BJ DUCRE - #42

BJ Ducre is a Sophomore linebacker for the Bears. He is from Picayune, Mississippi and went to Picayune Memorial High School. His parents are Broderick and Krystal Ducre. BJ is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest. His future plans are to "Go Big".



WILLIE EDMOND - #52

Willie Edmond is a Sophomore offensive lineman for the Bears. He is from Vicksburg, Mississippi and went to Vicksburg High School. His parents are Willie and Deonna Edmond. Willie is majoring in Computer Engineering at Southwest.



DESHAWN FEAZELL - #76

Deshawn Feazell is a Freshman offensive lineman for the Bears. He transferred from Southeastern. He is from Moss Point, Mississippi and went to Moss Point High School. His Parents are Mitchell and Keisha Feazell. He has one sibling, Jalan. Deshawn is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His future plans are to go D1 and then to the NFL.



KEMON FOLSE - #13

Kemon Folse is a Sophomore defensive back for the Bears. He transferred from North Alabama University. He is from Thibodaux, Louisiana and went to Thibodaux High School. His parent is Kiera Folse. He has two siblings, Khyren and Ke'Arie. Kemon is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest. He is on the Dean's List at Southwest. His future plans are to be a professional athlete.



GLENDARIOUS FORD - #3

Glendarious Ford is a Sophomore defensive back for the Bears. He is from Jackson, Mississippi and went to Terry High School. His parents are Glenna and Rebecca Ford. He has one sibling, Corey. Glendarious is majoring in pre-Engineering at Southwest. His future plans are to play football at the D1 level and to finish Electrical Engineering and graduate.



HENRY FUNCHES - #15

Henry Funches is a Freshman wide receiver for the Bears. He is from Mendenhall, Mississippi and went to Mendenhall High School. His parents are Henry Funches Sr. and Gwana Funches. Henry is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His high school honors include 1st Team All-State tight end. His future plans are to go to the NFL and staying for ten years.



KJ GALLOWAY - #4

KJ Galloway is a Sophomore wide receiver for the Bears. He is from Wiggins, Mississippi and went to Stone High School. His parent is Ikina Galloway. KJ is majoring in Pre-Business at Southwest.



JANARIUS HARRIS - #44

Janarius Harris is a Sophomore linebacker for the Bears. He transferred from San Joaquin Delta. He is from Houston, Texas and went to Shadow Creek High School. His parent is Janarius Harris Sr. Janarius is majoring in Business at Southwest. His honors include 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-Region, and Unanimous pick as Freshman in Juco. His future plans are to graduate from Southwest and move on to a four-year to compete at a high level.



BRAXDEN HAVARD - #47

Braxden Havard is a Freshman halfback/ tight end for the Bears. He is from Montgomery, Texas and went to Montgomery High School. His parents are Brad and Brooke Havard. He has two siblings, Bryson and Brayden. Braxden is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His high school honors include Second Team All-District. His future plans are to continue to play football while getting a degree in Oil and Gas Safety Management.



JACE JACKSON - #20

Jace Jackson is a Freshman running back for the Bears. He is from McComb, Mississippi and went to McComb High School. His parents are Casper and Kenya Jackson. Jace is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest. His future plans are to play Division 1 football.



DEMARCUS JOHNSON - #6

Demarcus Johnson is a Sophomore defensive lineman for the Bears. He transferring from Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is from Vicksburg, Mississippi and went to Vicksburg High School. His parent is Mia Wells. He has two siblings, Ollie and Cateria. Demarcus is majoring in Civil Engineering at Southwest.



NYRIKIUS JOHNSON #12

Nyrikius Johnson is a Freshman running back for the Bears. He is from Canton, Mississippi and went to Germantown High School. His parents are Johnny and Latoria Johnson. He has three siblings, Khloe, AJ, and Alashija. Nyrikius is majoring in Business Career at Southwest. His high school honors include 1st Team All-State. His future plans are to play ball in the league.



KAISON KOENENN - #3

Kaison Koenenn is a Freshman quarterback for the Bears. He is from Hancock County, Mississippi and went to Hancock High School. His parents are Kodie and Stephanie Koenenn. He has one sibling, Makelsie. Kaison is majoring in Business at Southwest. His high school honors include 6A State Offensive Player of the Year, All District MVP, District Player of the Year, WLOX Student Athlete of the Week, WXXV Student Athlete of the Week, and North South All Star. His future plans are to get coached up by Bo Wallace and make it to the highest level.



BERNARD LACKEY - #19

Bernard Lackey is a Sophomore defensive back for the Bears. He is from Covington and went to Newton High School. His parents are Bernard Lackey Sr. and Kenya Nicole Kirk. He has six siblings. Bernard is majoring in Sports Management at Southwest. His future plans are to play at a Power 5 school.



KEVIYON LAMONS - #36

Keviyon Lamons is a Freshman outside linebacker for the Bears. He is from Eufala, Alabama and went to Eufala High School. His parent is Bridget Daniels. Keviyon is majoring in General Studies at Southwest.



ANSON LEWIS JR - #9

Anson Lewis Jr. is a redshirt Freshman wide receiver for the Bears. He transferred from Mississippi State University. He is from Columbia, Mississippi and went to Columbia High School. His parents are Anson and Deshonda Lewis. Anson is majoring in General Administration at Southwest.



ALAN LONG - #41

Alan Long is a Sophomore punter for the Bears. He is from Long Beach, Mississippi and went to Long Beach High School. His parents are John and Amanda Long. Alan is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest.



ZAY LOWERY - #0

Zay Lowery is a Sophomore defensive lineman for the Bears. He transferred from Jackson State University. He is from West Point, Mississippi and went to West Point High School. His parents are Shun and Gwen Lowery. Zay is majoring in Business Entrepreneurship at Southwest. His high school honors include State Champion, Bernard Blackwell All-Star game, All-State, All-Region, All-District 5A, First Team All-District (x2), DPOY Runner-Up, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Student Government, and Academic Honor Roll. His future plans are to become a lawyer.



JORDAN MAGEE - #2

Jordan Magee is a Sophomore linebacker for the Bears. He is from Jackson, Mississippi and went to Terry High School. His parent is Tamekia Magee and he has 3 siblings. Jordan is majoring in Business at Southwest.



DEMONTE MARTIN - #8

Demonte Martin is a Freshman safety for the Bears. He is from Magnolia, Mississippi and went to South Pike High School. His parent is Jasmine Osbey. Demonte is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His future plans are to graduate from Southwest and tranfer to a four-year college to continue playing football.



ZAY MARTIN - #1

Zay Martin is a Freshman wide receiver for the Bears. He transferred from Jones College. He is from Houma, Louisiana and went to University Laboratory High School. His parents are Brian Ross and late April Martin. Zay is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His future plans are to go D1.



JAMARIUS MCCANN - #77

Jamarius McCann is a Sophomore offensive lineman for the Bears. He is from Gulfport, Mississippi and went to Gulfport High School. His parents are Jermaine McCann and Chandra Weathersby. He has three siblings, Zayona Mateen, Tiauna Lanier, and Zamia McCann. JJ is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. Honors JJ has received include Stephen Peterman Offensive Lineman of the Year, 1st Team All-State, Region 4 7A All MVP Team Offense, MS/AL Allstar Game, and All-MAC-CC South Offensive Lineman Honorable Mention. JJ plans to play at a University and declare for the draft.



JJ MCCULLUM - #38

Jamarcus McCullum is a Freshman linebacker for the Bears. He is from Raleigh, Mississippi and went to Raleigh High School. His parent is Lisa Walker. Jamarcus is majoring in General Studies at Southwest.



THOMAS MCKNIGHT - #18

Thomas McKnight is a Freshman wide receiver for the Bears. He is from Vicksburg, Mississippi and went to Vicksburg High School. His parents are Thomas McKnight Sr. and Rochelle McKnight. Thomas is majoring in Real Estate at Southwest. His high school honors include honor roll.



JJ MOULTRIE - #4

JJ Moultrie is a Sophomore cornerback for the Bears. He transferred from the University of Louisiana Monroe. He is from Bessemer, Alabama and went to Hoover High School. His parent is Matasha Johnson. He has one sibling. JJ is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest.



SIMON NAYLOR - #33

Simon Naylor is a Sophomore kicker for the Bears. He transferred from Jackson State University. He is from Madison, Mississippi and went to Germantown High School. His parents are Reginald and Stacee Naylor. He has one sibling, Solomon. Simon is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His high school honors include First Team All-Region (x2 soccer), Second Team All-Region (soccer), First Team All-Region (football), Second Team All-Region (football), Mississippi-Alabama Star Game selection, rated 4.5 stars by Kohl's, and earned Academic Honors. His future plans are to get a degree.



KAVION NEWSON - #21

Kavion Newson is a Freshman defensive back for the Bears. He is from Columbia, Mississippi and went to Columbia High School. His parent is Kendall Newson. Kavion is majoring in Physical Therapy at Southwest.



IAN NEWTON - #29

Ian Newton is a Freshman defensive back for the Bears. He is from Atlanta, Georgia and went to Harrison Central High School. His parent is Lavetta Newton. Ian is majoring in Psychology at Southwest. His future plans are to become a therapist.



FREDRICK NICHOLSON - #11

Fredrick Nicholson is a Sophomore linebacker for the Bears. He transferred from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is from Gautier, Mississippi and went to Gautier High School. His parents are Fredrick and Francine Nicholson. Fredrick is majoring in Sports Administration at Southwest. His high school honors include 5A DPOY, 2x First Team All-State LB, and 2x First Team All-State LS.



MYLES PAYNE - #30

Myles Payne is a Freshman wide receiver for the Bears. He is from Brandon, Mississippi and went to Madison Central High School. His parents are Eric and Melissa Payne. Myles is majoring in General Studies at Southwest.



KALEB PERRY - #1

Kaleb Perry is a Sophomore defensive back for the Bears. He is from Cleveland, Mississippi and went to Cleveland Central High School. His parents are Melanie Perry and Mark Robinson. He has four brothers. Kaleb is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His future plans are to be successful in life.



RYSHAWN PERRY - #9

Ryshawn Perry is a Sophomore defensive end for the Bears. He is from Atlanta, Georgia and went to Newton High School. His parent is Shaun Coverson. He has two siblings, Tra and Leah. Ryshawn is undecided on a major at Southwest.



DEORI POPE - #17

Deori Pope is a Freshman wide receiver for the Bears. He is from Zephyrhills, Florida and went to Zephyrhills High School. His parents are Deodrick Pope Sr. and Ashely Davis. He has two siblings, DJ and Deoni. Deori is majoring in Computer Science at Southwest. His high school honors include 2nd Team All-Conference for wide receiver and defensive back. His future plans are to go D1.



WILLIE PRICE - #70

Willie Price is a Freshman offensive lineman for the Bears. He is from Olive Branch, Mississippi and went to Center Hill High School. His parents are Willie and Takiesha Price. He has two siblings. Willie is majoring in Computer Software Engineering at Southwest. His future plans are to try to make it to the NFL, and if not, he will be on TV one way or another



CHASTON RAMSEY - #14

Chaston Ramsey is a Freshman free safety for the Bears. He is from Hattiesburg, Mississippi and went to D'Ibervile High School. His parents are Steven Ramsey and Chasity McDavis. He has three siblings, Chloe, Maddie, and Malia. Chaston is majoring in Physical Therapy at Southwest. His high school honors include First Team All-State. His future plans are to go to the next level and make sure he keeps his grades up.



STEVEN RAMSEY - #22

Steven Ramsey is a Freshman linebacker for the Bears. He transferred from Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is from D'Iberville, Mississippi and went to D'Iberville High School. His parents are Steven Ramsey and Rochelle Dunbar. Steven is majoring in Sports Medicine at Southwest.



ANTONIO ROSS JR. - #73

Antonio Ross Jr. is a Sophomore offensive lineman for the Bears. Antonio transferred from Southern Illinois. He is from Byram, Mississippi and went to Hartfield Academy. His parents are Antonio Ross Sr. and Robin Ross. Antonio is majoring in Physical Education at Southwest. He had 158 pancakes his senior year of high school. His future plans are to go far in football then be a coach to help others reach their goals.



KAINEN RUSH - #10

Kainen Rush is a Sophomore wide receiver for the Bears. He transferred from Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is from Gautier, Mississippi and went to Gautier High School. His parent is Candace Wells. Kainen is majoring to become an Electrician at Southwest. His high school honors include All-State 5A WR MVP.



TONEY SCOTT III - #28

Toney Scott III is a Freshman running back for the Bears. He is from Meridian, Mississippi and went to Hattiesburg High School. His parents are Toney Scott Jr. and Megan Rue. Toney is majoring in Welding at Southwest. His high school honors include A/B Honor Roll, 1st Team All-State, and Beta Student. His future plans are to continue his football career while majoring in Physical Education, to later one day be a football coach.



FERZELL SHEPARD JR - #5

Ferzell Shepard Jr. is a Freshman wide receiver for the Bears. He Transferred from Mississippi State University. He is from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and went to Scotlandville Magnet High School. His parents are Ferzell Shepard Sr. and Carissa Williams. He has four sisters. Ferzell is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His high school honors include All-District (Football), All-Metro (Track), Field MVP, Advocate Star of the Star Boys Track Winner 2025, and Milesplit All-Nationals Honors 2nd Team. His future plans are to sign a six figure deal.



BRYHSEN SMITH - #7

Bryhsen Smith is a Sophomore wide receiver for the Bears. He is from Ocean Springs, Mississippi and went to Ocean Springs High School. His parent is Maegan Anderson. He has two siblings, Ivee and Kaegan. Bryhsen is majoring in Radiologic Technology at Southwest. His future plans are to attend South Alabama to further his education in Radiologic Technologies and become a Nuclear Medicine scientist.



WILL SMITH - #8

Will Smith is a Sophomore running back for the Bears. He is from Ocean Springs, Mississippi and went to Ocean Springs High School. His parents are William and Nafeesah Smith. Zadrien is majoring in Psychology at Southwest. His future plans are to major in Psychology and continue building his future academically and athletically. His goal is to earn an opportunity to play D1 football and compete at the highest level possible. He wants to use his education and sports experience to help others and continue growing as a student-athlete and person.



NEHEMIAH SOWDERS - #32

Nehemiah Sowders is a Sophomore safety for the Bears. He is from Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and went to Bay High School. His parents are Lonnie and Whitney Sowders. He has six siblings, Maloni, Tyler, Blayke, Taylor, Elijah, and Nicholas. Nehemiah is majoring in Computer Science at Southwest. His high school awards include 2nd Team All Region DB, Best Overall Sprinter Award 2025, Track and Field Team Captain 2025, and High Jump State Championship. His future plans are to graduate with his Associate's Degree and play Division 1 football.



ALBERT SPARKMAN - #99

Albert Sparkman is a Sophomore defensive tackle for the Bears. Albert transferred from Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is from McComb, Mississippi and went to McComb High School. His parents are Albert Sparkman and Andrea Hood. He has two siblings, Azaviar and Aniyah Sparkman. Albert is majoring in Accounting at Southwest. His future plans are to make it to the NFL.



KAIDEN STREET - #24

Kaiden Street is a Freshman corner back/ nickel for the Bears. He is from Pascagoula, Mississippi and went to Pascagoula High School. His parents are Rico Street and Kimberly McCann. Kaiden is majoring in Business and Marketing at Southwest. His high school honors include All Region First Team, All South-State First Team, and 3 year Letter Winner.



CAMARION TANKSLEY - #93

Camarion Tanksley is Freshman defensive tackle for the Bears. He is from Duluth, Georgia and went to Peachtree Ridge High School. His parent is Regina Hogan. He has one sibling. Camarion is majoring in Business at Southwest.



NERO TAYLOR - #72

Nero Taylor is a Sophomore center for the Bears. He is from Gulfport, Mississippi and went to Gulfport High School. His parent is Leann Taylor. Nero is majoring in Kinesiology focusing on Exercise Science.



ANTWON THOMAS - #27

Antwon Thomas is a Freshman defensive end for the Bears. He is from Cleveland, Mississippi and went to Cleveland Central High School. His parents are Amie and Shirley Williams. He has two siblings, KJ and Jay. Antwon is majoring in Business at Southwest. His future plans are to go D1 and then to the league.



CARD'A THOMPSON - #75

Card'a Thompson is a Freshman left tackle for the Bears. He is from Gretna, Louisiana and went to West Jefferson High School. His parents are Brian and Sharon Thompson. He has one sister. Card'a is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His future plans are going here God takes him.



CONNOR WHITE - #5

Connor White is a Sophomore safety for the Bears. He transferred from Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is from Ocean Springs, Mississippi and went to Ocean Springs High School. His parents are Chequin White and Shandrella Stennis. Connor is majoring in Biology at Southwest. His honors include First Team All-Region and 2x South State Appearance.



JAKHARI WILLIAMS - #2

Jakhari Williams is a Sophomore quarterback for the Bears. He transferred from Syracuse. He is from Macon, Georgia and went to First Presbyterian Day School. His parents are Elkanah and Cherrell Williams. Jakhari is majoring in General Studies at Southwest. His high school honors include GA Player of the Year (x2), GA Super 7, All-American, and 20+ Division 1 offers. His future plans are to transfer to a four-year program.



KHAVALLI WILLIAMS - #74

Khavalli Williams is a Sophomore offensive tackle for the Bears. He is from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and went to Madison Preparatory Academy. His parents are Joseph and Hywonne Williams. Khavalli is majoring in Kinesiology at Southwest. His future plans are to play football with two degrees.



TAHJ WILLIBY - #6

Tahj Williby is a Sophomore wide receiver for the Bears. He is from Donaldsonville, Louisiana and went to Donaldsonville High School. His parent is Lanecca Williby. He has one sibling, Taya. Tahj is majoring in Entrepreneurship at Southwest. His future plans are to graduate from Southwest and finish his academic and athletic career at a four-year.

SMCC FOOTBALL COACHES



Les George
Head Football Coach

Veteran coach Les George is in his second year as the Head Coach of the Bear Football Team. George is no stranger to the MACCC Conference.

The East Central High School graduate played at Mississippi Gulf Coast where he earned All-Region 23 and All-MACJC honors during his sophomore year in 2006. He finished his undergrad at Bacone College earning a degree in Sports Management. George then returned to his home state and attended graduate school at Belhaven where he spent three seasons coaching the offensive line. George helped make a difference for the Blazers' offense in 2012 in rushing offense and touchdowns as it ranked among the top 12 teams in the nation for both while also setting school single season and game records in both categories. George coached Matt Hall who earned All-American Southwest Conference and AFCA NAIA First Team All-American honors in addition to being named a finalist for the Conerly Trophy.

Following his time at Belhaven, George returned to Gulf Coast as coach of the offensive line, where he was a part of the national championship team in 2019. He also coached 30 players who moved on to play at four-year programs.

Prior to coming to Southwest, George was the Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line Coach at Holmes. While in Goodman, George helped lead the 2024 Bulldogs to their first playoff appearance since 2003.

Among the players under George's leadership were Martinas Rankin, Percy Lewis, Markel Bell and D'Marcus Hayes. Rankin was the most recruited community college lineman in the country in addition to being named All-SEC. Following his time at Mississippi State, Rankin was a third-round pick by the Houston Texans in the 2018 NFL draft. Like Rankin, Hayes, Lewis and Bell were also highly ranked recruits. Hayes also earned an All-Region 23 nod.

George and his wife Chelsey are the parents of three daughters: Lucy, Louise and Laura.



Earvin Moore
General Manager/WRs

Earvin Moore is in his second season as a member of the Bears Football staff. He is the Co-Offensive Coordinator/Director of Recruiting and will be in charge of wide receivers.

A coaching veteran with over 12 years of experience, Moore brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to Southwest.

Moore graduated from Stone High School where he rushed for over 3,500 yards and was an All-State running back for the Tomcats.

Afterward, he attended Mississippi Gulf Coast where he won the Harold "War Daddy" White Award and was a member of the 2007 NJCAA National Championship Team and the 2008 State Championship Team.

Upon graduation, he played at Nicholls State as a running back for the Colonels.

Following his time in Thibodaux, LA he began his coaching career back at Gulf Coast as the Running Backs Coach and Assistant Director of Recruiting.

Following a six-year run with the Bulldogs, he spent the 2018 season coaching running backs at Hinds before two separate stints as Offensive Coordinator at Brusly High School in Louisiana from 2019-21 and 2024. In between those two runs was a stop at Port Allen High School in Louisiana as the Offensive Coordinator.

During the 2018 season at Brusly, he helped lead the team to their first appearance in the state quarterfinals in school history. In addition, the 2018 Panther offense set school records for rushing yards, passing touchdowns and receiving touchdowns in a season.

Moore was also an intern with the Cleveland Browns in 2014 working with the Player Personnel department.

Moore and his wife Whitley are the parents of a son, Samuel. Moore also has a Goddaughter, Imani.



Terrence Cody
Assistant Coach Defensive Line

Terrence Cody enters his second season as assistant coach with the Bears. He will be in charge of the defensive linemen. Cody has found success as a defensive lineman on the junior college, four-year collegiate and national levels winning championships on all three.

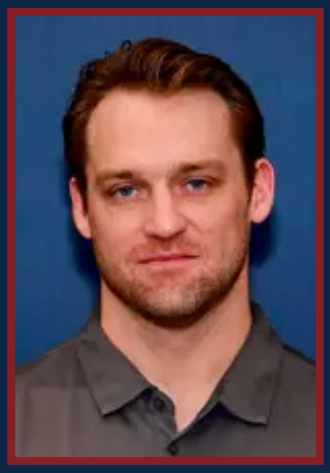
A native of Fort Myers, Florida, Cody began his collegiate playing career at Mississippi Gulf Coast where he was named an NJCAA All-American First Team honoree and was a member of the NJCAA Co-National Championship Team.

After his playing career in Perkinston, Cody enrolled at the University of Alabama where he earned several accolades including a BCS National Championship, an SEC Championship, multiple All-American Awards, SEC First Team honors and was a finalist for the Bednarik and Lombardi Awards and the Nagurski Trophy.

Cody was a second-round pick (57th overall) by the Baltimore Ravens in the 2010 NFL Draft. He spent five seasons with the Ravens and was a part of the team that won Super Bowl XLVII in 2012 giving Cody his third national championship.

Following his playing career, Cody spent a season as a volunteer coach at Dora High School in Alabama.

Cody is the father of two daughters, Talia Cody and Kalia Cody.



Bo Wallace
Assistant Coach Offensive Line

Bo Wallace, known for his time as the starting quarterback for Ole Miss from 2012-2014, is not a stranger to the MACCC. Wallace holds the NJCAA all-time record for passing yards in a season with 4604 from his only season with East Mississippi in 2011. Wallace also led East Mississippi to an undefeated season and national championship win that year and was named NJCAA Player of the Year.

Bo started his coaching career at Marshall County High School in 2016 as quarterback coach. From there, Wallace returned to East Mississippi in 2017 as the team's quarterback coach. In 2020, Wallace spent time as co-offensive coordinator and quarterback coach for Pearl River before joining Holmes as the quarterback coach in 2021. Wallace joined the University School of Jackson as offensive coordinator and admissions assistant in 2023.

Now, in 2026, Bo Wallace joins the Southwest Mississippi Bears as co-offensive coordinator.



Blake Frazier
Defensive Coordinator

Blake graduated from Southwest in 2000 and USM in 2002. He started his coaching career at Jones in 2001 coaching defensive line before coaching at West Alabama in 2002. In 2003, Blake became the head coach and defensive coordinator for Cottage Hill Christian High School. Following that, Frazier spent 7 years as defensive coordinator with Northwest Community College before going to East Central as the defensive coordinator for 5 years. Frazier was the linebacker coach at Magnolia Heights High School from 2017-2021 and also spent time working as a scout in the Canadian Football League. Coach Frazier coached at Olive Branch High School for two years before joining Midwestern State University Mustangs as the defensive coordinator in 2024.

Frazier spent the previous two seasons with the Mustangs before joining the Southwest coaching staff ahead of the 2026 season.



Dawson Robertson
Offensive Analyst/ Running Backs Coach

Dawson Robertson is in his first season as a member of the Bears Football staff.



Tramaine Brock
Defensive Backs Coordinator

Tramaine Brock is in his first season as a member of the Bears Football staff.



Max Courtney
Offensive Analyst/ Tight Ends

Max Courtney is in his first season as a member of the Bears Football staff.

Southwest Mississippi Community College
2026 Football Schedule

Aug. 27	East Mississippi	Summit, MS	7:00 PM
Sep. 3	Northeast Miss.	Booneville, MS	6:30 PM
Sep. 10	Miss. Delta	Summit, MS	6:30 PM
Sep. 17	Hinds	Summit, MS	6:30 PM
Sep. 24	Pearl River	Poplarville, MS	7:00 PM
Oct. 1	Co-Lin (HC)	Summit, MS	6:30 PM
Oct. 8	Miss. Gulf Coast	Perkinston, MS	7:00 PM
Oct. 15	Jones	Summit, MS	6:30 PM
Oct. 22	Northwest Miss.	Senatobia, MS	7:00 PM
Oct. 29	East Central	Decatur, MS	6:30 PM

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IN THE NCAA-NAIA

2025
Donny Anderson - *University of West Alabama*
Gary Bailey, Jr. - *Nicholls State University*
Brian Barnes, Jr. - *University of South Alabama*
Kriston Bell - *University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff*
Antwone Breland - *Troy University*
Brandon Caston - *Arkansas Tech University*
Alavian Hughes - *Miles College*
Skylar Husband - *Nicholls State University*
Bryson McKeithen - *Tuskegee University*
Damion Miller - *Kansas State University*
Miquon Merriweather - *Troy University*
BJ Mitchell - *University of Southern Mississippi*
Sergio Neyra - *Kennesaw State University*
Darius Owens - *East Texas A&M University*
Raiyen Oatis - *Grambling State University*
Andrew Washburn - *University of South Alabama*
Jalen Williams - *University of Arkansas-Pine Blu*

2024
Jeffery Anderson - *Delta State University*
Demarco Blanton - *Arkansas State University*
Kameron Carter - *Louisiana Tech University*
Anthonee Dunn - *Delta State University*
Jeffery Hobbs - *Delta State University*
Steve Mboumoua - *University of Alabama*
Corbet Mims - *Jacksonville State University*
Hackman Pierre - *Western Kentucky University*
Jaylon Price - *Tennessee State University*
Maliek Roberson - *Delta State University*
Jordan Scott - *Florida State University*
Ladamion Williams - *Coastal Carolina University*

2023
Hastings Carruth - *University of Southern Mississippi*
Tyler Daniels - *Texas A&M University-Commerce*
Tyler Ellzey - *University of Arkansas-Monticello*
Jaden Hamlin - *University of Louisiana-Monroe*
DeKaevion Harris - *Grambling State University*
James Kate III - *Prairie View A&M University*
Josh Lambert - *University of Arkansas-Monticello*
Jameer Lewis - *University of Southern Mississippi*
Cortney Lyles - *Jackson State University*
Trelin Miles - *Prairie View A&M University*
Ty Moore - *Northwestern State University*
Ivy Pittman III - *University of Arkansas-Monticello*
Jeremiah Ratliff - *Prairie View A&M University*
Tyler Reed - *University of Arkansas-Monticello*
Kendarius Small - *East Carolina University*
Dante Thomas - *Kansas State University*
Ethan Williams - *University of Southern Mississippi*
Chase Wood - *Olivet Nazarene University*

2022
Shamar Allen - *Jackson State University*
Jacoby Bellazar - *Mississippi State University*
Kharel Coney - *Delta State University*
Detorurean Crosby - *Delta State University*
Jackson Fortenberry - *Mississippi College*
Fred Lewis - *Henderson State*
Demarcus McGilberry - *Henderson State*
Izavion Miller - *Auburn University*
Damuriyon Montgomery - *East Central University*
Markwan Perkins - *Mississippi Valley State University*
Chris Roberson - *Tuskegee University*
Logan Sampson - *University of West Alabama*
Eric Taylor - *Mississippi State University*
Ryan Turner - *Alcorn State University*

2021
Elijah Burns - *University of Arkansas-Monticello*
Kevin Hart - *Southwestern Assemblies of God Uni.*
Avousier Kelly - *South Carolina State University*
Dalyn McDonald - *Southeast Missouri State University*
Kepatrick Magee - *Southwestern Assemblies of God Uni.*
Chad Peters - **Mississippi Valley State University**
Marquise Robinson - *University of South Alabama*

2020
Kemari Clark - *University of Central Arkansas*
Jeremiah Sumrall - *Southwestern Assemblies of God Uni.*
Shavarick Williams - *University of Louisville*

2019
Deion Allen - *Delta State University*
Latrelle Johnson - *Southern University Baton Rouge*
Zarious Keyes - **Southwestern Assemblies of God Uni.**
Gerkithis McCray - *Delta State University*
Da'Bryan Magee - *Delta State University*
Damarcus Mitchell - *Purdue University*
Juandaris Reed - *Alcorn State University*
Dedric Smith - *Mississippi College*
Rodney Sopsher - *Southeastern Louisiana University*
Tamos Stevenson - *Delta State University*
Radell Washington - *Jackson State University*

FOOTBALL
ALL-AMERICANS

2016
Ravian Pierce
-Tight End-Honorable Mention, NJCAA

2015
Vincent Calhoun
-Offensive Lineman-2nd Team, NJCAA

2011
Vintavious Cooper
-Running Back-2nd Team, NJCAA

2010
J. D. Ratliff
-Cornerback-2nd Team, NJCAA

2009
J. D. Ratliff
-Cornerback-1st Team, NJCAA
Mychal Bailey
-Linebacker-2nd Team, NJCAA

1999
Alton Moore
-Linebacker-1st Team, NJCAA & J.C. Gridwire
Kennard Ellis
-Linebacker-2nd Team, J.C. Gridwire

1977
Anthony Williams
-2nd Team, J. C. Gridwire
Levern Lee
-Honorable Mention, J. C. Gridwire
Bubba Willis
-Honorable Mention, J. C. Gridwire

1975
Dennis Newman
-Safety-1st Team

1958
Sammy Howard
Larry Restucher

FOOTBALL
BEARS IN THE PROS

- Zavian Bingham
  Winnipeg Blue Bombers (CFL)
- James Brown
  Chicago Bears
- Omarius Bryant
  Los Angeles Rams
- Larry Chester
  Miami Dolphins
- Nick Franklin
  Jacksonville Jaguars
- Derandus Frye
  New Orleans VooDoo (AFL)
- Howard Green
  Green Bay Packers
- Brandon Jamison
  Carolina Panthers
- Mike Mabry
  Philadelphia Soul (AFL)
- Stacy Mack
  Houston Texans
- Ahmad Miller
  Houston Texans
- Billy Milner
  Miami Dolphins (1st R Draft Pick-1995)
- Alton Moore
  Arizona Cardinals
- Kelvin Morris
  Chicago Rush (AFL)
- Jeremy Pittman
  Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Eric Powell
  Houston Texans
- Glover Quin
  Detroit Lions
- Jeremy Rudolph
  Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Jalon Thigpen
  Ohio Force (Major Leauge Football
- Chris Watton
  Colorado Rush (AFL)
- DaMarcus Mitchell*
  Free Agent
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  Cleveland Browns

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Dawson Robertson
Offensive Analyst/ Running Backs Coach



Tramaine Brock
Defensive Backs Coordinator



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Offensive Analyst/ Tight Ends



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What is the Bear Backer Club?

The Bear Backer Club is Southwest Mississippi Community College's athletic and marching band support fund. Through the efforts of the Bear Backer Club more than 200 men and women SMCC athletes compete in seven intercollegiate athletic programs on conference and regional levels and over 100 students perform in the Bands, and Cheer groups.

What are the goals of the Bear Backer Club?

The Bear Backer Club raises funds to help our athletes and marching band participate in additional projects above and beyond their current budgets. As federal and state funds have continually been reduced, the money raised through the help of our alumni and friends has become more necessary than ever.

Who can join?

Bear Backer membership is open to anyone interested in supporting SMCC athletics and the SMCC marching band.

All-Sport passes are good for all Southwest Mississippi Community College home sporting events.

Bear Backer Membership Levels	*Members can designate their support to a designated sport, band or the general athletic fund.*
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION $2,500 + Donation- 8 All-Sport passes, VIP parking at all home football games and a $50 voucher in the SMCC Gift Shop/Bookstore. **GRIZZLY DIVISION** $1,000 Donation-8 All-Sport passes and VIP parking at all home football games. **CARDINAL DIVISION** $500 Donation-6 All-Sport passes **BEAR SPIRIT DIVISION** $250 Donation- 4 All-Sport passes **BEAR PRIDE DIVISION** $150 Donation-2 All-Sport passes	☐ General Athletic Fund ☐ Football ☐ Men's Basketball ☐ Women's Basketball ☐ Tennis ☐ Baseball ☐ Softball ☐ Men's Soccer ☐ Women's Soccer ☐ Marching Band ☐ Redline Dancers ☐ Cheerleaders

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