



## FEB. 22-23 // AUBURN MONTGOMERY

**No. 10 Argonauts**

**13-1**  
Overall

**3-0**  
GSC

**Ashliegh McLean**  
Head Coach




**AUM Warhawks**

**13-1**  
Overall

**2-1**  
GSC

**Eric Newell**  
Head Coach



.392	BA	.373
122	R	117
150	H	121
25	2B	18
12	3B	5
7	HR	13
107	RBI	90
220	TB	188
.475	OBP	.469
.574	SLG	.580
52	BB	47
38	K	52
40	SB	68
8	E	12
.978	FLD	.967
1.49	ERA	0.78
59	H	42
26	R	12
3	SHO	8
26	BB	15
85	K	60
.183	BA	.148

### A Look at Auburn Montgomery

The Warhawks from AUM have gotten off to just as hot a start at West Florida, with a 13-1 record that includes a win over No. 3 North Georgia in the season-opener. The team's first loss of the year came last weekend against West Alabama to open GSC play.

Pitching has been the name of the game for AUM so far, with a Division II-best eight shut-outs and a 0.78 team ERA that ranks second in the country. Sophomore Michaelyn Foster has led the way with a pair of no-hitters (against NAIA Brewton Parker and GSC foe West Alabama) and a perfect 0.00 ERA over 27.0 innings.

The Warhawks haven't slouched at the plate either, batting .373 and averaging more than 8 runs per game. Five AUM starters are batting .400 or better, and another tow are hitting .350 or higher.

### Oh Yeah, We're Ranked

With a 13-1 record through the first three weeks of the season, the University of West Florida softball team has jumped up to No. 10 in the first regular season NFCA Coaches Poll of the year. UWF had the biggest jump in the poll, starting from unranked position at the beginning of the year.

UWF has gotten off to an outstanding start in every facet of the game, ranking 8th in Division II in batting (.392), 17th in ERA (1.49), 12th in fielding percentage (.978), 8th in on-base percentage (.475), and 9th in scoring (8.71 runs per game). The Argonauts also lead the Gulf South Conference in batting, OBP, scoring, opponent batting average, and winning percentage.

## Schedule

Home: 5-0    Away: 0-0    Neutral: 8-1

### February

1	#5 Saint Leo %	W, 9-2
2	Lander %	W, 13-2
2	Eckerd %	W, 7-4
3	Tuskegee %	W, 6-0
8	Florida Tech #	L, 0-1
8	#5 Saint Leo #	W, 3-2
9	California (Pa.) #	W, 8-0
9	#18 PBA #	W, 11-5
10	#8 West Chester #	W, 8-3
13	<b>Spring Hill (DH)</b>	<b>W, 8-3; W, 8-0</b>
16	<b>CBU (DH)*</b>	<b>W, 24-2; W, 8-3</b>
17	<b>CBU*</b>	<b>W, 9-1</b>
22	<b>AUM*</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
23	<b>AUM (DH)*</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
27	<b>Miles (DH)</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>

### March

1	<b>Mississippi College*</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
2	<b>Mississippi College (DH)*</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
9	North Georgia	11:00 AM ET
9	Wingate	3:00 PM ET
10	Wingate	10:00 AM ET
10	North Georgia	12:00 PM ET
13	<b>Montevallo (DH)*</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
16	Valdosta State (DH)*	3:00 PM ET
17	Valdosta State*	1:00 PM ET
20	Spring Hill	3:00 PM
23	Delta State (DH)*	2:00 PM
24	Delta State (DH)*	1:00 PM
30	<b>Shorter (DH)*</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
31	<b>Shorter*</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>

### April

6	Union (DH)*	1:00 PM
7	Union*	1:00 PM
13	<b>Lee (DH)*</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
14	<b>Lee*</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
19	Alabama Huntsville (DH)*	1:00 PM
20	Alabama Huntsville*	1:00 PM
25	Florida Southern (DH) @	1:00 PM
26	<b>West Alabama*</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
27	<b>West Alabama (DH)*</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>

### May

2-5	GSC Tournament	TBA
9-11	NCAA Regionals	TBA
16-17	NCAA Super Regional	TBA

% Gulf Coast Invitational  
 \* Gulf South Conference Game  
 (DH) Doubleheader  
**BOLD** - Home Game  
 # NFCA Leadoff Classic  
 @ at Tallahassee CC

### Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	Went 3-3 with 2 runs against SHC... Has team-best 11-game hitting streak
10	Callan Taylor	1B	Scored 3 runs and had 3 RBIs in series opener against Christian Brothers
16	Mallory Vining	2B	Hit first career home run, and went 3-for-3 in Game 2 against Christian Brothers
24	Rhiannon Sassman	3B	Reigning GSC Player of the Week... Hit .900 in series against CBU
18	Mika Garcia	SS	Went 3-for-4 in season-opener against #5 Saint Leo
9	Teala Howard	LF	Two-time GSC Freshman of the Week... Second on team with .500 batting average
14	Rachel Wright	CF	Has started every game since 2016... Batting .452, second on team with .738 slugging %
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	Went 3-for-4 with a double and a triple in series-opener against CBU
22	Kathleen Smiley	DP	11th in UWF history with 17 career home runs... Leads UWF with 15 RBIs

# UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown	Previous School
1	Harley Tagert	OF	5-5	So.	R/R	Jay, Fla.	Jay HS
2	Madison Lanier	C/1B	5-9	R-Fr.	R/R	Uniontown, Ohio	Green HS
3	Ashley McNally	C	5-4	R-Jr.	R/R	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Jacksonville
4	Kelsey Sweatt	P	5-6	So.	R/R	Jacksonville, Fla.	USC Upstate
7	Morgan Zettle	OF	5-8	Fr.	L/R	Tallahassee, Fla.	Lincoln HS
8	Kara Wilson	MI	5-7	Jr.	R/R	Odessa, Fla.	Gaither HS
9	Teala Howard	3B/OF	5-5	Fr.	L/R	Lake Butler, Fla.	Union County HS
10	Callan Taylor	1B	5-6	Jr.	R/R	Navarre, Fla.	Navarre HS
11	Courtney McLellan	OF	5-8	So.	L/L	Bradenton, Fla.	Lakewood Ranch HS
12	Jibrasha Moore	OF	5-5	Jr.	L/L	Pensacola, Fla.	West Florida HS
13	Grace Gilbert	P/OF	5-5	So.	R/R	Chipley, Fla.	Chipley HS
14	Rachel Wright	OF	5-6	Sr.	R/R	Cantonment, Fla.	Tate HS
16	Mallory Vining	IF	5-8	Fr.	R/R	Ponchatoula, La.	Ponchatoula HS
17	Ally Merrill	1B	5-9	So.	R/R	Sarasota, Fla.	Riverview HS
18	Mika Garcia	SS	5-4	So.	R/R	Orange Park, Fla.	Oakleaf HS
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	5-8	Jr.	R/R	Chino Hills, Calif.	Ontario Christian HS
20	Tori Perkins	P	5-8	Sr.	R/R	Pensacola, Fla.	UAB
22	Kathleen Smiley	1B	5-5	Sr.	R/R	Pensacola, Fla.	West Florida HS
24	Rhiannon Sassman	IF	5-7	Sr.	L/R	Orlando, Fla.	East River HS
25	Sara Spears	OF	5-5	Sr.	L/L	Pensacola, Fla.	Escambia HS
27	Hanna Stapleton	P	5-4	So.	R/R	Navarre, Fla.	Tallahassee CC

**Head Coach** Ashliegh McLean

**Assistant Coach** Emma Johansen

**Graduate Assistant** Becca Taylor

**Student Assistant** Taylor Baynes

## By Position

### Pitchers (4)

Grace Gilbert  
Tori Perkins  
Hanna Stapleton  
Kelsey Sweatt

### Catchers (3)

Madison Lanier  
Ashley McNally  
Jacquelynne Poling

### Infielders (7)

Mika Garcia  
Ally Merrill  
Rhiannon Sassman  
Kathleen Smiley  
Callan Taylor  
Mallory Vining  
Kara Wilson

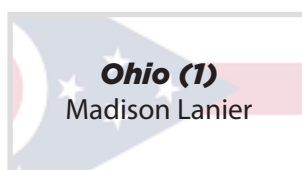
### Outfielders (6)

Courtney McLellan  
Jibrasha Moore  
Sara Spears  
Harley Tagert  
Rachel Wright  
Morgan Zettle

### Utility (1)

Teala Howard

## By Hometown



### Florida (18)

Harley Tagert	Grace Gilbert
Ashley McNally	Rachel Wright
Kelsey Sweatt	Ally Merrill
Morgan Zettle	Mika Garcia
Kara Wilson	Tori Perkins
Teala Howard	Kathleen Smiley
Callan Taylor	Rhiannon Sassman
Courtney McLellan	Sara Spears
Jibrasha Moore	Hanna Stapleton

## QUICK FACTS

### UNIVERSITY

Name	University of West Florida
Location	Pensacola, Fla. 32514
Founded	1967
Enrollment	13,030
Nickname	Argonauts
Primary Colors	Royal Blue (PMS 285) Kelly Green (PMS 3405 / 06B085)
Affiliation	NCAA Division II
Conference	Gulf South
President	Dr. Martha Saunders
Athletic Director	Dave Scott
Athletics Phone	(850) 474-3003
Athletics Fax	(850) 474-3342
Athletics Web Site	GoArgos.com

### SEASON IN REVIEW

2018 Record	31-21
GSC Finish	6th
Highest 2018 National Ranking	3rd
Final 2018 National Ranking	N/A
Starters Returning/Lost	9/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	16/5
Home Facility	UWF Softball Complex
Capacity	200

### PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Softball	1986
All-Time Record	1,485-626-1 (.703)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	12
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2018
Record	1-2
GSC Tournament Appearances	22
Last GSC Tournament Appearance	2018
Record	1-1
GSC East Championships	7
Last GSC East Championship	2006
GSC Tournament Championships	3
Last GSC Championship	2005

### ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Primary Softball Contact	Murphy Powell
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## NEWS AND NOTES

UWF is one of three GSC teams in the top 25, including No. 7 Valdosta State and No. 20 Alabama Huntsville. UWF has already played three ranked opponents this year and holds a 4-0 record against those teams.

### Sassman On Fire

After hitting .706 with seven extra-base hits last week, University of West Florida senior third baseman Rhiannon Sassman has been named the Gulf South Conference Softball Player of the Week for the fourth time in her career.

Over five games last week, Sassman tallied 12 hits, scored eight runs, and slugged 1.471, while stealing four bases and not striking out. She hit .900 (9-10) with three doubles, two triples, and two home runs in the weekend series against Christian Brothers, leading the team in each of those categories.

A two-time All-GSC performer, Sassman leads the GSC this year in batting (.590), slugging (1.077), on-base percentage (.660), and triples (4), while ranking in the top five in the league in runs scored (17), hits (23), RBIs (15), and doubles (5). The senior leads all Division II student-athletes in triples (4) and ranks fourth in total bases (42) and fifth in hits (23).

Sassman currently ranks sixth in UWF history with a .372 career batting average, fourth with a .613 career slugging percentage, ninth with 37 career doubles, third with 20 career triples, and is tied for first with 26 times hit by pitch. Her 20 triples also lead all active Division II softball players, ranked second among active players at any NCAA level, and rank second in Gulf South Conference history.

This is UWF's third weekly conference honor of the season, including Teala Howard's two Freshman of the Week honors in the first two weeks of the year.

### About Last Week

UWF got off to a perfect 3-0 start in conference play with a sweep over Christian Brothers, scoring 41 total runs and hitting .488 as a team in the three-game series. It was an all-around dominant performance for the Argonauts to stretch their winning streak to nine games.

UWF's 24 runs scored in Game 1 of the series tie the program records for the most runs scored against a four-year school and the biggest margin of victory over a four-year school, matching an identical 24-2 win over Pikeville in 1996. The total is also the most runs UWF has scored in a single game since the game against Pikeville on March 22, 1996.

UWF has now scored eight or more in eight consecutive games, dating back to February 9, against California (Pa.).

### No Sweatt

Sophomore Kelsey Sweatt has gotten off to an outstanding start in her UWF career, posting a 0.96 ERA over her first seven appearances in the circle. Sweatt has earned the win in her last four appearances, including starts against No. 5 Saint Leo and No. 18 Palm Beach Atlantic in Clearwater and against Spring Hill at home.

Sweatt recorded 10 strikeouts in two consecutive trips to the circle, going 5.2 innings of scoreless, two-hit relief against No. 18 PBA, and starting her first game at the UWF Softball Complex against Spring Hill on Wednesday, with a complete game win. She followed that with a complete game win over Chris-

# THE ASHLIEGH MCLEAN FILE



Ashliegh McLean was named head coach of the UWF softball program in May 2018, after four years as an assistant with the team.

In her final three years as an assistant from 2016-18, the UWF pitching staff ranked in the top three in the Gulf South Conference in ERA (2.72), shutouts (32), opponent batting average (.241), strikeouts (822) and wins (119), and Argonaut pitchers have earned nine All-GSC or All-South Region awards.

In McLean's first season as a full-time assistant coach in 2016, her efforts led the UWF pitching staff to a 2.50 ERA and a .238 batting average against -- a major improvement from the team's 3.57 ERA and .264 batting average in 2015.

The staff improved even more on the way to the program's 2017 trip to the NCAA Championships in Salem, Virginia, posting a 2.49 ERA and .231 batting average against while recording a Gulf South Conference-best 15 shutouts.

UWF ranked second in the GSC in opponent batting average (.257), third in shutouts (7), and fourth in ERA (3.23) and strikeouts (227) under McLean in 2018, on the way to another 30-win season.

McLean first joined the UWF coaching staff after spending two-years as a pitcher for the Argonauts softball program in 2011 and 2012. She started 39 games for the Argos in the circle and over 30 games in right field being a key utility player for West Florida and was listed as one of the GSC's top newcomers in 2011.

Originally from McKinney, Texas, McLean is the daughter of Kevin McLean and Sandy Ring and earned her masters degree in Physical Education from UWF.

## **UWF Pitching Awards During McLean's Tenure**

Becca Taylor, NFCA First Team All-South Region (2017)  
Kalyn Chapman, NFCA First Team All-South Region (2016)  
Becca Taylor, D2CCA First Team All-South Region (2017)  
Kalyn Chapman, D2CCA Second Team All-South Region (2016)  
Sarah Maloney, D2CCA Second Team All-South Region (2017)  
Becca Taylor, First Team All-GSC (2017)  
Kalyn Chapman, Second Team All-GSC (2016)  
Sarah Maloney, Second Team All-GSC (2018)

# ASSISTANT COACH EMMA JOHANSEN

Emma Johansen joined the West Florida softball staff in July 2018, after spending four years on staff at Alabama State in Montgomery.

In 2016, Johansen helped lead the team to 28 wins, which was the third-highest single-season win total in program history, and the Lady Hornets led the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) in team batting average (.321), runs scored (296), hits (482), doubles (92), and home runs (38).

Johansen also helped coach ASU to its first SWAC championship, which helped clinch an NCAA Tournament berth. Before ASU, Johansen served as the assistant softball coach for Auburn University at Montgomery and played a role in leading the team to the 2014 NAIA National Championship. In the summer of 2017, Johansen also coached the Swedish National Team in the European National Championships.



# PLAYER BIOS

## #1 • Harley Tagert



Sophomore, OF  
Jay, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.):** Appeared in 25 games and hit .200 as a freshman... Also slugged .400 and scored 12 runs... Scored first career run in season-opener against Nova Southeastern (2/2), and picked up first career hit -- a double -- against Christian Brothers (3/11).

**High School:** Named an All-Area performer by the Pensacola News Journal three times in her four years at Jay HS... Also named All-State three times.

**Personal:** Daughter of Ricky and Diann Tagert... Has one sibling, Haven... Enjoys camping and going to the beach... Member of Senior Beta Club and the National Honor Society in high school.

## #2 • Madison Lanier



R-Freshman, C/1B  
Uniontown, Ohio

**2018 (Fr.):** Redshirted.

**High School:** Three-time All-Conference, three-time All-County All-Star, two-time academic scholar, and honorable mention All-Northeast Ohio in 2015... Led team in batting and hits as a sophomore (.463, 38 hits), junior (.477, 42 hits) and senior (.403, 22 hits), and had a team-best 31 RBI as a sophomore... Team won their league in 2015.

**Personal:** Daughter of Geoff and Kim Lanier... Mom Kim played basketball at Albertus Magnus... Dad Geoff is an assistant basketball coach at Cincinnati... Enjoys going to the beach, fishing and riding her bike... Has known UWF women's basketball coach Stephanie Lawrence-Yelton for 12 years.

## #3 • Ashley McNally



Junior, C  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

**2018 (So.):** Made 23 starts and played in 36 games behind the plate... Caught fifth-most base-stealers in Gulf South Conference (8) and had the third-best caught stealing percentage in the conference (25.8%)... Posted .357 on-base percentage... Recorded first career hit and RBI against Union (3/4)... Reached base four times against Spring Hill (3/7) after picking up a hit, drawing a walk and being hit by a pitch twice all in the same game.

**High School:** Starred for Northeast High School ... Twice named second team South County and first team South County ... Career numbers: .345 batting average which included 95 hits, 63 runs, and 66 RBIs ... Team finished second in region and fourth in district ... Played club ball with the Clearwater Bombers.

**Personal:** Daughter of Carmen and Donald McNally... Has one sibling, Connor... Hopes to become a physical therapist after college... Worked with yearbook, newspaper and National Honor Society in high school... Enjoys going to the beach and reading.

## #4 • Kelsey Sweatt



Sophomore, P  
Jacksonville, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.; USC Upstate):** Made 10 appearances, including 3 starts, as a freshman at USC Upstate... Had a 3-1 win-loss record... Posted a 3.04 ERA.

**High School:** Attended Oakleaf High School where she lettered in both softball and volleyball... Posted over 50 wins in the circle during her prep career... Threw over 500 innings and struck out nearly 600 batters... Had almost 10 no-hitters... Received All-County and All-State honors and was named Player of the Year for Clay County and Jacksonville First Coast.

**Personal:** Parents are Derald and Tuesdi Sweatt... Has three sisters, Brittany and Christina Sweatt and Lorin Singleton, and two brothers, Parker Sweatt and Jordan Singleton... Her father played baseball at Brewton Parker from 1987-90.

## #7 • Morgan Zettle



Freshman, OF  
Tallahassee, Fla.

**High School:** Hit over .300 every year at Lincoln HS, batting .362 with three home runs as a junior... Started every game in center field at LHS for three years... Member of the All-Big Bend second team in 2016-17, and a member of the All-State Academic Team in 2017-18... Team was a four-time runner-up in the District Championship.

**Personal:** Daughter of Brian and Julie Zettle... Has one sibling, Emily... Both parents swam at Brevard Community College... Her uncle and aunt swam at Florida State, and her cousin, Alex, currently swims at the University of Texas... Was class president at LHS all four years... Earned Lincoln High School's Principle's Award... At LHS, worked on the yearbook, was involved in student government, worked with the dance marathon, was on the student director advisory council for Leon County, and worked with the Children's Home Society Student Leadership Council... Enjoys writing, spending time with family, and going to the beach.

## #8 • Kara Wilson



Junior, UTIL  
Odessa, Fla.

**2018 (So.):** Made 14 starts and played in 36 games... Hit .269 with 10 RBIs and a team-high 4 sacrifice flies... Hit .375 as a pinch-hitter and hit .353 (6-17) when coming off the bench... Had .571 on-base percentage when leading off an inning... Hit .333 with runners in scoring position and .300 with two outs... Had a pair of three-game hitting streaks on the year, from March 3-7 and from April 21-24... Had multi-hit game against Florida Southern (4/24)... Recorded two multi-RBI games, on 4/18 against Spring Hill and on 4/21 against Montevallo.

**2017 (Fr.):** Appeared in 28 games and made 1 start... Singled against Miles in first at-bat of career... Had a pinch-hit single, RBI and a run scored against Christian Brothers on 3/27 and West Alabama on 4/8... Hit pinch-hit single in seventh inning against Southern Indiana in 4-3 NCAA Championship victory... Hit .333 with bases empty on the year.

**High School:** Hit .370 with a .652 slugging percentage and a team-high 19 RBIs as a freshman at Steinbrenner HS.

**Personal:** Daughter of Gary and Mary... Has one sibling, Kaitlin... Member of Legacy Club and Exchangelles Service Club.

## #9 • Teala Howard



Freshman, UTIL  
Lake Butler, Fla.

**High School:** Played softball and volleyball at Union County HS... First Team All-State and the Florida Miss Softball Runner-Up in 2018... Hit .620 with a .671 OBP as a senior, and had a .674 OBP with 41 stolen bases as a sophomore in 2016... Prep Zone Player of the Year, First Team All-Area, and Offensive Player of the Year in 2017... Led team in batting average each year from 2015-17... Team won the 1A State Softball Championship in 2017 and were state runners-up in 2016.

**Personal:** Daughter of Shands and Danielle Howard... Has two siblings, Sabrena and Shands... Hopes to become an oncology nurse... Member of HOSA and FFA... Enjoys hunting, going to the beach, and spending time with her family.

# PLAYER BIOS

## #10 • Callan Taylor



Junior, IF  
Navarre, Fla.

**2018 (So.):** Played in 48 games and made 44 starts, hitting .293... Led UWF in RBIs (32) and ranked second in slugging (.488), doubles (9), and home runs (4), while recording the third-most walks (21) and fourth-most total bases (60) on the team... Led team with 9 multi-RBI games and also had 7 multi-hit games... Had 10-game reached base streak from March 24-April 8, batting .458 and leading team in batting, hits (11), runs (9), doubles (3), home runs (3), RBIs (12), total bases (23), slugging (.958) and walks (10) in that time... Named GSC Player of the Week on March 27 after leading UWF in batting (.667), hits (6), home runs (2), RBIs (7), total bases (13), slugging (1.444) and on-base percentage (.727) in the UAH series and she had at least one extra-base hit and one RBI in each game of the series... Had .385 on-base percentage when leading off an inning... Hit .339 with runners in scoring position, .348 with two outs and led team with 12 two-out RBIs... Ranked fourth in the GSC in total fielding chances (290) and was fifth in fielding double plays (12) and putouts (270).

**2017 (Fr.):** Made 58 starts and played in 60 games as a freshman... Led UWF freshmen with .271 batting average and .372 on-base percentage... Ranked second on team with 25 walks and fourth with 3 home runs... Started collegiate career with a two-hit game against Miles at the Gulf Coast Invitational (2/3)... Hit first career home run in GSC opener against Mississippi College (2/18) and added 3 RBI... Hit first career grand slam and set a personal record with 4 RBI against Barry (3/7)... Hit the go-ahead, 2-run double against Valdosta State in the South 1 Regional Tournament (5/12)... Had clutch RBI on two occasions in the NCAA Championship, with a 2-run home run against Armstrong State (5/25) and an RBI double in the 7th inning against Southern Indiana (5/26).

**High School:** Freshman year selected by Northwest Florida Daily News for All-Area first team and Pensacola News Journal for All-Area softball team... Sophomore year got voted as MVP for softball... Junior year had the highest batting average on varsity team.

**Personal:** Daughter of Angie and Greg... Has two siblings, Cade and Cota... Mother, Angie, played basketball at Troy, and father, Greg, played baseball at Lurleen B. Wallace... Member of her class board and FCA, and coaches little league softball... Enjoys playing beach volleyball and fishing.

## #11 • Courtney McLellan



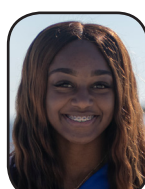
Sophomore, OF  
Bradenton, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.):** Appeared in 30 games as a freshman, hitting .273 and slugging .409... Had 3 RBIs, 4 runs scored and 3 doubles on the year... Scored first career run and recorded her first career stolen base against Palm Beach Atlantic (2/7)... Picked up first career hit -- a double -- against Union (3/4)... Went 1-for-2 with an RBI and a double against Christian Brothers (3/11)... Had pinch-hit single against Delta State in GSC Tournament (5/4)... Hit .364 as a pinch-hitter.

**High School:** Member of the softball, weightlifting and volleyball teams at Lakewood Ranch HS... Team won district championship one year and was a runner-up in the region.

**Personal:** Daughter of Denise and Richard McLellan... Has two siblings, Cassidy and Cole... Hopes to become a nurse... Has been a member of SGA at Lakewood Ranch HS, FCA, National Honor Society, and Quill and Scroll, and she had perfect attendance in high school... Enjoys playing the piano, swimming and going to the beach.

## #12 • Jibrasha Moore



Junior, OF  
Pensacola, Fla.

**2018 (So.):** Started all 52 games for UWF in right field... Hit .318, which ranked third on the team, and led team with 29 stolen bases... Ranked sixth in the Gulf South Conference in steals... Ranked second on team with 48 hits... Tied for team lead with 3 outfield assists... Hit .379 with runners on base, .341 with runners in scoring position and .341 with two outs... Had UWF's longest hitting streak of the year, at 8 games... Hit .483 during 8-game hitting streak that lasted from 4/21-29 and led team in batting (.483), hits (14), total bases (15), on-base percentage (.516), multi-hit games (4), and steals (9) in that time... Did not commit an error all year... Was a perfect 21-for-21 in stolen base tries from March 24 through the end of the season... Hit .404 with 19 hits and 13 stolen bases in April... Ranked second on team with 13 multi-hit games... Hit .529 against left-handed pitching.

**2017 (Fr.):** Made 11 starts as a freshman and played in 34 games... Fourth on the team with 7 stolen bases... Had .667 OBP when leading off an inning... Scored game-winning run in season-opening tournament against Rollins... Scored game-tying run against Southern Indiana in NCAA Championship.

**High School:** Team MVP at West Florida HS as a junior and as a senior... Won district, regional and state championships as a sophomore in 2014.

**Personal:** Daughter of Titana and Dewitt Dukes... Has one sibling, Titera.

## #13 • Grace Gilbert



Sophomore, P  
Chipley, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.):** Played in 44 games and made 30 starts, with 26 appearances and 12 starts in the circle... Set UWF freshman record with .365 batting average, which also led the team... Became 2nd player in UWF history and the first since 2001 to lead the team in both pitching wins (12) and batting average (.365)... Ranked third on team with 8 doubles and fourth with 38 hits... Led team with 12 wins in the circle and ranked second in appearances (26), starts (12), ERA (3.18)... Recorded 11 multi-hit games and 3 multi-RBI games... Threw six innings of relief against Embry-Riddle in the NCAA Tournament, allowing just two hits and one unearned run in a winning effort... Had first multi-hit game of the year against Barry (2/10), going 2-4 with a double... Had two hits in back-to-back games against Alabama Huntsville on 3/24-25, with a pair of RBIs in each game... Had season-high three RBIs in a two-hit game against West Georgia on 3/30, with a double and a stolen base... Had three consecutive two-hit games from 4/28-5/3, batting .600 with four runs, an RBI and a double... Had two hits in GSC Tournament game against Alabama Huntsville (5/3) and another in NCAA Tournament against North Alabama (5/11)... Did not allow an earned run in her first 8 innings of the year... Threw complete game at Barry, going the full seven innings and not allowing an earned run... Threw 11-inning complete game at GSC Festival against West Alabama, picking up her fourth win of the year... Threw complete game shutout against Florida Southern (4/24), with five strikeouts and just three hits allowed... Had 7-game hitting streak from 3/24-4/8, hitting .417 with a team-high 10 hits and 3 doubles in that time... Hit .374 against right-handed pitching and .388 with runners on base... Hit .349 with runners in scoring position and had a .444 on-base percentage when leading off an inning.

**High School:** Played softball for four years at Chipley HS.

**Personal:** Daughter of Lana and Bill Gilbert... Has one sister, Sarah, and she plays softball at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

# PLAYER BIOS

## #14 • Rachel Wright



Junior, OF  
Cantonment, Fla.

**2018 GSC All-Tournament Team**

**2018 GSC Spring Academic Honor Roll**

**2016 GSC All-Tournament Team**

**\*\*\*Ranks 8th in UWF history in doubles (38)\*\*\***

**2018 (Jr.):** Started all 52 games for UWF in center field... Ranked fourth in the GSC with 16 doubles... Started every game UWF played for the third consecutive year, and is UWF's active career leader in games played (172) and doubles (38)... Led team with 16 doubles, ranked second with 65 total bases, and was third on team in runs scored (29), hits (42) and stolen bases (9), while ranking fifth in RBIs (9)... Recorded 10 multi-hit games... Had two RBIs, two runs scored, and two hits (a double and a home run) against Barry (2/10)... Had three consecutive multi-hit games against Spring Hill and Christian Brothers, wrapping it up with a three-hit game on CBU... Had six-game hitting streak from 3/3-12, batting .533 (8-15) with six doubles, and a .933 slugging percentage in that stretch... Had multiple doubles in four games... Recorded three outfield assists, which tied for the team lead.

**2017:** Started all 61 games in center field for UWF... Made game-saving catch at the wall and a three-hit game against Valdosta State in the South 1 Regional Semifinal... Led UWF with a .375 batting average against left-handed pitchers and was second on the team with 16 two-out RBI.

**Personal:** Daughter of Martin and Diana Wright... Has one sibling James Savage... Plans to become a physical therapist after graduation... Worked with Miracle League... Enjoys going to the beach, boating, camping, traveling, and rock and fossil hunting.

## #16 • Mallory Vining



Freshman, IF  
Ponchatoula, La.

**High School:** Played volleyball, basketball, and softball as Ponchatoula HS... All-District Honorable Mention 2015, All-District First Team 2016 & 2017, All-State Honorable Mention 2016 & 2017, Class Team Academic All-State 2018... Won district championship in softball in 2015, and helped lead basketball team to a state championship in 2015 and district championships in 2015, 2017, and 2018.

**Personal:** Daughter of Autumn and Bryce Vining... Has two siblings, Scarlett and Ashton... Hopes to attend medical school after graduation... Member of the student council at Ponchatoula HS, Interact, the Spanish Club, the National Honor Society, and was a volunteer for the Special Olympics and the Walk to End Alzheimer's... Enjoys playing with her dogs, going to the movies, camping, and spending time with her family.

## #17 • Ally Merrill



Sophomore, 1B  
Sarasota, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.):** Played in 27 games and made 11 starts... Had 5 RBIs, drew 5 walks, and scored 6 runs on the year... Had four-game hitting streak (2/3-10) to start her career, hitting .625 over her first 8 at-bats... Got first career hit and RBI against Tuskegee (2/3)... Had first career extra-base hit and stolen base against Nova Southeastern (2/9)... Picked up two multi-hit games as a freshman, against Barry (2/10) and West Alabama (2/17)... Hit .333 when coming off the bench... Hit .348 (8-23) with runners on base.

**High School:** Played softball and volleyball for four years at Riverview HS... Named softball Offensive Player of the Year as a junior and a senior.

**Personal:** Daughter of Jack and Amy Merrill... Has one sibling, Lauren... Her mom Amy played volleyball at the University of Memphis.

## #18 • Mika Garcia



Sophomore, SS  
Orange Park, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.):** Played 35 games and made 34 starts as a freshman... Hit .303 with two doubles, a triple, two home runs and 16 RBIs... Had a 3-hit game in first career start, against Nova Southeastern (2/9), and she also had her first career run scored, RBI and stolen base in that game... Hit first career home run against Alabama Huntsville (3/25) in a 7-6 win... Had 6-game hitting streak from 3/24-4/7, hitting .450 with 9 hits, 5 RBIs, 3 multi-hit games and a home run in that time... Hit game-tying home run in sixth inning of GSC Tournament win over Delta State (5/4)... Had 6 multi-hit games on the year and three multi-RBI games.

**High School:** Named Clay County Player of the Year in 2015... Two-time All-State player at Oak Leaf HS in Orange Park, and three-time all-county... Hit .360 with 35 hits and 28 RBI at OLHS as a senior... Her team at Oak Leaf HS reached the Florida state semifinals in 2015, and was named the No. 1 team in the nation by MaxPreps in 2016.

**Personal:** Daughter of Marilou Harrison and Luis Garcia... Has one sibling, Luis... Father played minor and Major League Baseball from 1993-2002, with the Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates... Played baseball through 7th grade... At 10 years old, hit a home run over the Green Monster in Cooperstown, New York, becoming one of the first girls to do so... Enjoys dancing, writing and cooking.

## #19 • Jacquelynne Poling



Junior, C  
Chino Hills, Calif.

**2018 (So.):** Played in 39 games and made 31 starts... Slugged .343 with 16 hits and 13 RBIs... Hit first career home run against Lee (4/7)... Started season with a six-game hitting streak, including a 2-hit game against No. 8 North Georgia... Added five doubles on the year, including in a pinch-hitting effort against Spring Hill (4/18)... Had two games with 3 RBIs, against Christian Brothers (3/12) and Lee (4/7)... Had .385 on-base percentage when leading off an inning.

**Personal:** Daughter of David Poling and Jenifer Reed-Poling... Has one sibling, Ryan... Participates with the Let It Be Foundation.

## #20 • Tori Perkins



Senior, P  
Pensacola, Fla.

**2018 (Jr.):** Played 49 games, with 37 starts overall and 12 starts in the circle... Ranked third on the team with a 3.94 ERA, 5 wins, 65.2 innings pitched and 39 strikeouts... Hit .283 with six doubles and four home runs... Third on the team with 23 RBIs and fourth in slugging, at .472... Ranked second on the team with a .359 batting average with runners in scoring position and hit .309 with runners on... Held right-handed batters to a .244 average, and held all opponents to a .253 average with runners on base... Hit first career home run in home-opener against Union (3/3), and hit another home run in the following game against the Bulldogs... Had a pair of hits and two RBIs in second game of season, against Saint Leo (2/2)... Went 3-for-4 with 4 RBIs and a double against Barry (2/10)... Went 3-5 with 5 RBIs, 2 home runs, 4 runs scored in doubleheader against Union (3/3)... Had two multi-hit games in series against West Georgia... Had 8 multi-hit games on the year and 6 games with multiple RBIs... Threw 7.2 innings in extra-inning loss against Saint Leo (2/2) in her first start of the year, allowing just two earned runs... Fired six scoreless innings against Nova Southeastern (2/9), striking out five... Had a stretch of 14 consecutive scoreless innings from 3/3-17.

**Personal:** Daughter of Chris Mason, Greg Mason and Kenny Perkins... Worked with the Tate HS Student Council, Miracle League, SAAC and FCA... Enjoys spending time with friends and family and eating at Vallartas.



# PLAYER BIOS

## #22 • Kathleen Smiley



Senior, 1B  
Pensacola, Fla.

**2018 NFCA All-South Region Second Team**  
**2018 D2CCA All-South Region Second Team**  
**\*\*\*Leads all current UWF student-athletes with 105 career RBIs\*\*\***

**\*\*\*12th in UWF history with 16 career home runs\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*Second among active Argonauts in batting (.319), OBP (.418), slugging (.505), and walks (60)\*\*\***

**2018 (Jr.):** Made 42 starts and played in 46 games as the DP... Led team with 24 walks and ranked third in RBIs (26) and on-base percentage (.439), while ranking fifth in slugging (.471)... Hit .298 on the year and hit .314 with runners on base... Became 31st NFCA All-South Region selection in program history, and the 16th D2CCA/Daktronics All-South Region selection... Batted .373 with 20 walks and .522 on-base percentage from the start of March through the end of the regular season... Hit particularly well against Gulf South Conference pitching, batting .369, slugging .600, and posting a team-best .528 on-base percentage in league play that was good for third in the conference... 21 walks in GSC action were also the second-most in the league... Had six multi-hit games and four multi-RBI games for the year... Had a two-hit game against North Alabama in NCAA South 2 Regional (5/10)... Led team with 12 two-out RBIs... Hit .303 with 2 outs... Had .545 on-base percentage when leading off an inning.

**Personal:** Daughter of Mike and Otelia Smiley... Has two siblings, Anne Margaret and Michael... Enjoys swimming, going to the beach, paddle boarding and painting... Would like to get into real estate or marketing for Major League Baseball after graduating.

## #24 • Rhiannon Sassman



Senior, IF  
Orlando, Fla.

**2016 NFCA First Team All-America**  
**2-Time CoSIDA Academic All-District**  
**2-Time All-Gulf South Conference**  
**2-Time D2CCA All-South Region**  
**2-Time NFCA All-South Region**  
**2018 Gulf South Conference All-Academic Team**  
**3-Time GSC Spring Academic Honor Roll**  
**\*\*\*Ranks 5th in UWF history in triples (16)\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Ranks 7th in UWF career slugging percentage (.572)\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*Ranks 10th in UWF career batting average (.353)\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*Ranks 3rd in UWF history in times hit by pitch (23)\*\*\***

**2018 (Jr.):** Made 27 starts to begin the year before suffering season-ending injury in late March... Led UWF in slugging (.535), triples (3) and on-base percentage (.490), while ranking fourth in batting (.310) and walks (16) and fifth in home runs (2)... Ended season on six-game on-base streak that lasted from 3/11-24, when she led the team in batting (.467), runs (7), home runs (2), RBIs (8), slugging (1.133) and on-base percentage (.619)... Hit .545 (6-11) with three runs, two RBIs, a double, a home run and four walks at the Gulf Coast Invitational to start the year... Had a two-hit, two-RBI day against Union (3/3) with a double and two runs scored... Set career highs with 4 hits, 4 runs scored and 5 RBIs in series opener at Christian Brothers (3/11), while adding two doubles and a home run... Had three multi-RBI games and five multi-hit games... Hit .385 with runners in scoring position and hit .314 with the bases empty... Had .500 on-base percentage when leading off an inning... UWF's active leader in total bases (253), triples (16), batting (.353), runs (118), slugging (.572), walks (63) and on-base percentage (.453).

**Personal:** Daughter of Harrol and Carole Sassman... Has one sibling, Chelsea... Plans to attend pharmacy school after softball

career is over... Member of National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Athletic Training Club and True Friends... Member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) at UWF... Enjoys working out, traveling and going to the beach... Started Tae Kwon Do at four years old, and earned a black belt at eight years old.

## #25 • Sara Spears



Senior, OF  
Pensacola, Fla.

**2018:** Played in 21 games, primarily as a pinch-runner... Scored 11 runs and posted a .333 on-base percentage... Went 2-for-2 in stolen base tries... Scored game-tying run in walkoff win over Alabama Huntsville on 3/25... Earned admission into the 2018 Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems (ICPES) in Washington, D.C. for the summer semester.

**2017:** Played in 50 games and made 45 starts in right field as a sophomore... Ranked second on team with 3 outfield assists and 13 stolen bases... Ranked fourth with 16 walks on the year... Had 5-game hitting streak from 2/11-16... Doubled against Valdosta State in South 1 Regional Tournament (5/12)... Had 2-hit game against Armstrong State in NCAA Championship (5/25)... Had two hits, scored twice and drew a walk at Montevallo (3/30)... Had two hits, two RBI in GSC-opener against Mississippi College... Had two hits and two RBI against Columbus State during the Cougar Classic (2/11)... Had .393 OBP when leading off an inning.

**Personal:** Daughter of Greg and Beth Spears... Has three siblings, Emily, Drew and Josh... Hopes to attend law school and become an attorney... Member of National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Latin Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes... Was a part of the Flight Academy in Pensacola in 2011-12 and Internet Marketing Academy from 2012-2015... Has volunteered with the Red Cross at the Navy Hospital in Pensacola, the Breast Cancer Walk... Enjoys playing the guitar and reading.

## #27 • Hanna Stapleton



Sophomore, P  
Navarre, Fla.

**2018 (TCC):** Her first collegiate strikeout came in the TCC 2018 opener against St. Petersburg, where she threw 1 full inning, allowing 1 hit, 1 run, and 1 strikeout in her college debut (1.26)...threw the first 5.1 innings in game 2 against South Georgia State allowing 6 hits and 5 earned runs (2.20 ERA).

**High School:** Attended Navarre High School...trained under Kelly Hayes...played travel ball with West Florida Elite...in her senior year, played in 24 games with a batting average of .492, with 32 hits and an OBP of .600, earning 25 runs, 37 RBIs, 10 doubles and 6 home runs on the offensive side...she pitched an ERA of 4.35, 103 innings, 74 strikeouts, and a .833 fielding percentage...Hanna participated in weightlifting where her team was named state champions in both 2016 and 2017, placing 5th individually in 2016 and 2nd individually in 2017, she also set a school record...beyond softball she was actively involved in National Honor Society, treasurer of the National Art Society, and a leader in the Fellowship of Christian athletes where she won the FCA Award 3 times.

**Personal:** Daughter of Chris and Julia Stapleton... plans to major in Biology.



**UWF Softball**  
**Overall Statistics for West Florida (as of Feb 21, 2019)**  
**(All games Sorted by Batting avg)**

Record: 13-1 Home: 2-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 11-1 GSC: 3-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
24 Rhiannon Sassman	.590	14-14	39	17	23	5	4	2	15	42	1.077	7	3	0	0	.660	1	0	8-9	15	23	1	.974
9 Teala Howard	.500	14-14	42	20	21	1	0	1	10	25	.595	4	2	2	0	.551	1	2	11-12	22	1	0	1.000
14 Rachel Wright	.452	14-14	42	16	19	3	3	1	13	31	.738	7	1	8	0	.529	1	0	7-7	12	0	1	.923
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.452	11-10	31	5	14	2	1	0	9	18	.581	2	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0-1	43	3	0	1.000
12 Jibrasha Moore	.364	11-10	22	8	8	0	0	0	1	8	.364	2	0	4	0	.417	0	1	3-6	5	0	0	1.000
22 Kathleen Smiley	.355	14-14	31	3	11	2	0	1	15	16	.516	9	1	3	0	.500	1	0	0-0	8	0	0	1.000
10 Callan Taylor	.346	12-10	26	7	9	4	0	0	10	13	.500	5	0	4	0	.452	0	0	0-0	52	1	0	1.000
18 Mika Garcia	.297	14-14	37	8	11	1	1	1	9	17	.459	2	0	4	0	.333	0	2	0-1	14	20	4	.895
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1 Harley Tagert	1.000	1-0	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	3	1.500	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
8 Kara Wilson	1.000	8-0	2	4	2	1	0	0	2	3	1.500	0	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	3-3	0	0	0	.000
25 Sara Spears	.500	12-0	2	8	1	0	0	0	1	1	.500	2	0	1	0	.750	0	0	3-3	0	0	0	.000
2 Madison Lanier	.429	8-0	7	0	3	0	1	0	2	5	.714	1	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
17 Ally Merrill	.400	9-3	15	2	6	2	0	0	1	8	.533	3	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	21	0	1	.955
11 Courtney McLellan	.350	10-4	20	6	7	4	1	0	3	13	.650	1	1	1	0	.409	0	0	1-1	5	0	0	1.000
16 Mallory Vining	.273	14-14	11	4	3	0	0	1	3	6	.545	2	0	0	0	.385	0	0	2-2	18	25	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.263	10-6	19	4	5	0	0	0	3	5	.263	1	0	0	0	.300	0	1	1-1	2	7	0	1.000
20 Tori Perkins	.188	8-4	16	3	3	0	1	0	4	5	.313	1	0	4	0	.235	0	0	1-1	2	1	0	1.000
3 Ashley McNally	.133	6-5	15	4	2	0	0	0	3	2	.133	1	1	0	0	.235	0	1	0-0	44	1	0	1.000
7 Morgan Zettle	.000	2-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
27 Hanna Stapleton	.000	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.392	14	383	122	150	26	12	7	107	221	.577	52	12	38	0	.475	4	7	40-47	267	84	8	.978
Opponents	.183	14	322	26	59	2	2	4	24	77	.239	26	10	85	2	.265	1	5	11-12	248	86	20	.944

LOB - Team (87), Opp (71). DPs turned - Team (5), Opp (2).

**(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)**

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bks	sfa	sha
5 Kelsey Sweatt	1.24	4-0	7	4	2	0/1	1	36.1	15	10	5	8	46	1	1	1	.121	1	4	0	1	2
20 Tori Perkins	1.55	5-0	7	4	4	1/1	0	29.0	16	6	5	14	27	0	0	1	.158	2	3	0	0	3
13 Grace Gilbert	3.42	4-1	7	6	2	1/1	0	23.2	28	10	9	4	12	1	1	2	.289	0	3	0	0	0
Totals	1.92	13-1	14	14	8	3/1	1	89.0	59	26	19	26	85	2	2	4	.183	3	10	0	1	5
Opponents	11.71	1-13	14	14	2	1/1	1	83.0	150	122	108	52	38	26	12	7	.392	12	12	0	4	7

PB - Team (2), J. Poling 2, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - J. Poling (9-10), T. Perkins (7-7), K. Sweatt (3-3), G. Gilbert (1-2), A. McNally (2-2).