

# 2026 Spring

## *Sport Awards*



GLOUCESTER COUNTY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
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**Home of the Cheetahs**

# Cheetahs' Coaching Staff

## Spring Sports

Robb Eppolite, Head Coach	Baseball
Fred McCoy, Assistant Coach	Baseball
James Hallman, Assistant Coach	Baseball
James Connor, Assistant Coach	Baseball
Nicholas Brown, Volunteer Coach	Baseball
Brentin Heil, Volunteer Coach	Baseball
Samuel Scimeca, Volunteer Coach	Baseball
McNeil Wrice, Head Coach	Girls Flag Football
David White, Assistant Coach	Girls Flag Football
Daniel Lefebvre, Assistant Coach	Girls Flag Football
Troy Smith, Volunteer Coach	Girls Flag Football
Chad Hahn, Head Coach	Golf
Matthew Woodrow, Assistant Coach	Golf
Jamie Blessing, Head Coach	Softball
John Holland, Assistant Coach	Softball
Flynn Blessing, Assistant Coach	Softball
Marissa Beebe, Assistant Coach	Softball
Jeffrey Ferraino, Head Coach	Tennis ~ Boys
Steven Mroz, Assistant Coach	Tennis ~ Boys
Jason Kahan, Head Coach	Volleyball ~ Boys
Drew Favat, Assistant Coach	Volleyball ~ Boys
Jeffrey Burns, Assistant Coach	Volleyball ~ Boys
Alexis Perez, Volunteer Coach	Volleyball ~ Boys
Kelli Davenport	Athletic Trainer

\* = 3 Years Varsity Participation

\*\* = 4 Years Varsity Participation

# Baseball

## Robb Eppolite, Head Coach

James Connor, James Hallman, & Fred McCoy – Assistant Coaches  
Nicholas Brown, Brentin Heil, & Samuel Scimeca – Volunteer Coaches

### Varsity

Cal Barber	Oscar Foy	Braeden Lawson*	Vincent Rosas*
Branson Bennett	Maison Gray*	Michael Mason*	Aidan Speigel
Ethan Cerquoni*	Stephan Green	Brayden McDonald	Nicholas Squilla
Chase Cohen*	Zackary Hahn*	Reed Murphy*	Alexander Valay**
Jackson Dolson	Andrew Houldsworth	Ethan Pauxtis	Andrew Valay**
Kieran Evans	Alaina Kline, Mgr.	William Popoff**	Michael White*
Carter Felder*			Jackson Wylie

### Junior Varsity

Michael Baez	Bailey Moss
Jaxson Eichenberg	Daniel Seybert
Luca Frucci	Logan Shipman
Ethan Kang	James Staffieri
Jameson Miller	Joseph Stafford
Anthony Molino	Jase Strouse
	Brayden Zettle

### Freshmen

Garwood Bacon
Derek Foy
Chase Pauxtis
Paul Schmeltzer
Luke Scorza

The 2026 GCIT Baseball team achieved many of its goals this season and continued to leave its mark on GCIT athletic history. They had 15 wins (the most GCIT Baseball has had as a Group 4 school), won the West Deptford Pop McKenna tournament, hosted their first Group 4 playoff home game, and were invited for the first time to the Diamond Classic. They also defended their NJTAC title by winning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year.

The improvement this season was impressive. The team was second in South Jersey in pitcher strikeouts with 235, and they were one of the best at preventing stolen bases. The pitching staff and catcher were able to shut down the running game. The team fought back in games down to the last out and learned how to win against top competition thus leading to the 5<sup>th</sup> year the team had double-digit wins. They played a very strong schedule in the best division in South Jersey and were able to earn the #3 seed for Group 4 South. All of this demonstrated how these players worked hard together. The seniors were a big part of this, but by setting an example for the younger players and supporting them, it helped to create a strong team.

Several players earned honors and had notable achievements. Reed Murphy and William Popoff helped the team's offense in multiple ways by getting on base and coming up with extra base hits. William set the record for career hits at GCIT with 95. Zackary Hahn and Alexander Valay led the TCC Royal division in multiple pitching stats, and Zackary also set the new GCIT record for single season in innings pitched (63.1) and strikeouts (91). Michael Mason received the Umpires Association Scholarship for his sportsmanship and ability on the field.

We will be graduating 9 players: Chase Cohen, Zackary Hahn, Michael Mason, Reed Murphy, William Popoff, Vincent Rosas, Alexander Valay, Andrew Valay, and Michael White. Thank you to each of you for your hard work, your leadership and guidance to the younger players, and your dedication to the team. We wish you the very best and may you cherish all the great memories that have been made over the last 4 years (NJTAC wins, Joe Lang and Pop McKenna champs, the 9-game winning streak in 2023, and the 2025 playoff win over Rancocas Valley just to name a few).

Lastly, there are some "thank yous" to send out. To our manager, Alaina Kline, thank you for assisting us in many areas. Thank you to Dr. Daniel Uszaki, Athletic Director for his support of the athletic programs. To Dr. Heiken, Dr. Girard, Ms. Davenport, Mrs. McAteer, and Mrs. Green and all the baseball parents, we thank you for your support throughout the season. Thank you to the coaching staff for all of your hard work, and special thanks to my wife Rachele and daughter Santina for their support always.

### **Post Season Accolades:**

**Carpenter Cup: Alexander Valay**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team TCC Royal Division All Stars: Reed Murphy, William Popoff**

# Girls Flag Football

McNeil Wrice, Head Coach

Daniel Lefebvre & David White – Assistant Coaches

Troy Smith – Volunteer Coach

## Varsity

Octavia Adkins	Lola Gittinger	Gabriella Nicolo
Keira Allen	Haley Godish	Julianne Sweeney
Shreya Arora, Manager	Shayla Godish	Addison Tinges
Jurnee Costanzo	Ava Herbst	Charleigh Uszaki
Reiss Everson	Rosalind Howe, Manager	Mercedes Webb
Ingrid Giannone	Riley McShane	Naomi Woods
	Teagan Moore	

## Junior Varsity

Danaiyah Caderno	Abigail Harrison
Jullianna Carroll	Maryam Kassim
Giulianna Giorgianni	Alexa Kelly
Nazzarena Gurcsik	Gabrielle Klimek
	Elsie Young

The 2026 GCIT Girls Flag Football season was a record-setting one that showcased the determination, resilience, and growth of the program in just its second season of competition. The team finished with an impressive 15-4 overall record. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Royal Division and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the WJFL Conference. GCIT also earned a Top 10 state ranking, finishing #8 in New Jersey while boasting the #10 overall offense in the state. This team put together a remarkable 7-game winning streak, earned the #6 seed in the playoffs (program's first playoff appearance), and during the playoff quarterfinals, delivered one of the biggest upsets of the year by ending Mastery Camden's 29-game winning streak with a win of 13 to 7.

Offensively, this team established itself as one of New Jersey's most explosive ones this year. They finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in total points scored (422), averaged 22 points per game, and only allowed 10 points per game defensively. The offense totaled 4,560 yards, averaging 240 per game and recorded 58 TDs and 40 extra points.

Defensively, the team continued to dominate with 2 shutouts during the season, and they totaled 529 tackles, 32 interceptions, 43 sacks, and 30 defensive points scored. They doubled nearly every major statistical category from last year which only highlights the tremendous development of the program and the players.

Beyond the numbers, this team exceeded expectations through its commitment, teamwork, and relentless effort throughout the season. The players created a culture where everyone's contributions were valued, thus establishing a strong sense of unity, pride, and belonging within the program. This remarkable group of girls were able to accomplish the goal of continuing to build the foundation of this team while remaining competitive, and they have set the standard for the future of the program.

### Post-Season Accolades:

**1<sup>st</sup> Team All South Jersey: Lola Gittinger, Riley McShane, Gabriella Nicolo**

**1<sup>st</sup> Team WJFL: Lola Gittinger, Riley McShane, Gabriella Nicolo**

**WJFL All Star Game: Shayla Godish, Riley McShane, Gabriella Nicolo**

**D2 Network All Star Game: Lola Gittinger, Addison Tinges**

**Phil Simms All Star Classic (North vs South): Gabriella Nicolo**

### Season Highlights:

**Gabriella Nicolo:** 304 completions for 2,933 passing yards (#2 in NJ), 37 passing TDs, 785 rushing yards, 10 rushing TDs

**Lola Gittinger:** #1 in NJ with 144 receptions, 1,704 receiving yards, and 30 receiving TDs; 11 interceptions

**Riley McShane:** Led WJFL and ranked #6 in NJ with 114 total tackles & 3 interceptions returned for TDs

**Kiera Allen:** 12 sacks

**Teagan Moore:** 12 sacks

# Golf

**Chad Hahn, Head Coach**

Matthew Woodrow, Assistant Coach

## **Varsity**

Evan Hall  
Landen Hedrick  
Mason Hedrick  
Cooper McCalley  
Liam McEvoy  
Jaxson Miller

## **Junior Varsity**

Aidan Bradley  
William Henry  
Liam McGovern  
James McLaughlin  
Tristan Raggio  
Liam Sheppard

This season was truly a rebuilding one for the GCIT 2026 Golf team, but it turned into one that exceeded expectations in many ways. It was a slow start as our young team worked to gain experience and confidence, but the growth and improvement throughout the season was impressive.

As the season progressed, the players continued to develop both individually and as a team. Their hard work and dedication paid off in several big moments. One of the highlights this year was tying the GCIT record for the lowest match score. This was a tremendous accomplishment that illustrated just how far the team had progressed. They also qualified for sectionals which gave the players valuable postseason experience and proved that they could compete at a high level.

The team earned 8<sup>th</sup> place at the Carl Arena Tournament and followed up with an outstanding 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Gloucester County Tournament. These results reflected the steady progress the team made all season long.

The 2026 GCIT Golf team was a young one with a great attitude and strong work ethic. The experience gained this year has laid a solid foundation for the future. The outlook for this team is looking very bright!

# SOFTBALL

**Jamie Blessing, Head Coach**

Marissa Beebe, Flynn Blessing, John Holland – Assistant Coaches

## Varsity

Sophia Brennan, Manager  
Dakota Budney  
Riley Cohen  
Audrina Davis  
Wynn Gray

Carleanne Hernandez  
Cameryn Hilliard\*  
Lila Irving  
Caylee Klepacz  
Madelyn Kordziel

Madison Kroupa  
Sophia Luedtke, Manager  
Madison McGoldrick\*  
Abby Smyser  
Ashley Vossenber\*

## Junior Varsity

Sophie Bielecki	Dalani Graham
Annabelle Brenner	Alana Kuni
Emily DiDomenico	Delaina Lewis
Isabella Ehret	Elena Marshall
Melanie Farrell	Isabella Mason
Brianna Filiaggi	Maya McNally
Sloane Golembiewski	Giavanna Nelms

## Freshman

Gina Banscher	Ava Molino
Zaliyah Cannon	Sophia Monaghan
Kylie Guarracino	Majesty Moore
Julianna Johanson	Jayde Pratt
Elliana Marchiafava	Kayleigh Wiley

The 2026 GCIT Softball season was defined by teamwork, resilience, and a commitment to team success. The team finished with a 17-11 record, captured its 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive NJTAC Championship, and earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the TCC Royal Conference. Led by one senior, three juniors, and a talented group of underclassmen, the team developed into a highly competitive unit that continued to improve throughout the season.

Offensively, four players recorded 35 or more hits, while defensively, the team embraced a selfless approach with players moving between positions based on the needs of the team and utilizing a rotating pitching staff.

Ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the SJ Group 4 playoff standings, the season ended with a hard-fought 1<sup>st</sup> round playoff loss. Despite this outcome, the team's overall dedication, hard work, adaptability, and team-first attitude made for a very successful and memorable season. We are incredibly proud of everything these young women have accomplished both on and off the field.

### Post Season Accolades:

**Ashley Vossenber:** South Jersey Senior All Star Game

**Cameryn Hilliard:** Carpenter Cup

**1<sup>st</sup> Team TCC Royal Division All Stars:** Cameryn Hilliard (Infield), Madison Kroupa (Infield),  
Madison McGoldrick (Catcher)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team TCC Royal Division All Star:** Riley Cohen (Outfield), Carleanne Hernandez (Utility),  
Ashley Vossenber (Pitcher)

# BOYS TENNIS

Jeffrey Ferraino, Head Coach

Steven Mroz, Assistant Coach

## Varsity

Santino D'Antonio  
Jacob Everson  
Dante Ferrucci  
Jai Giannone

Robert Helder  
Logan Miglino  
Vir Patel  
Lucas Yoder

## Junior Varsity

Jayvier Domingo  
Daniel Levashki

Robert Moellers  
Zhijian Quan  
Aaron Trzcinski

Landon Zamora  
Christopher Zippilli

The 2026 GCIT Boys Tennis season can be described in one word: improvement. After losing 8 of our 9 top players from last season, there were many openings to fill. When a turnover like this happens, a team can either consider it a “lost season” or it can embrace the challenge and build a foundation for future seasons. This team chose the latter.

The team entered the season with minimal prior tennis experience, so it was evident from the start, that there was much work to be done. At each practice, the players worked hard to improve, and there were flashes of what their potential could be. Even after starting the season with multiple losses, the team’s work ethic and positive mindset never wavered.

With such a young team, veteran leadership is key. Young players tend to follow the example of the more experienced players and get to see a blueprint of how a tennis player should conduct themselves. There could not have been 3 better “architects” to lay out those blueprints than our three singles players Jacob Everson, Rober Helder, and Vir Patel. They set the tone for the entire season by working hard every day and paving the way for their teammates.

While our record did not boast a ton of wins, it was a successful year. All of our wins came in the second half of the season, showing how much progress the players had made. This season was just the first chapter in the rise of the GCIT Boys Tennis program.

# BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Jason Kahan, Head Coach

Drew Favat, Assistant Coach

Jeffrey Burns, Assistant Coach

## Varsity

Jesse Chapall  
Jadon Diep  
Charles Donaldson  
Jaxon Jones  
Brooklynn Keating, Manager

Alexander Laino  
Savannah Misner, Manager  
Christian Oebbecke  
Kelsey Oebbecke, Manager  
Kylene Ortiz, Manager  
Madison Riley, Manager

Carl Schmidt  
Jake Schmidt  
Grayson Stark  
Reece Williams  
Nia Williams, Manager

## Junior Varsity

Bianca R. Castro, Manager  
Ava Cope, Manager  
Chase Friel  
Andrew Hamilton  
Jingxuan Huang  
Gabriel Jones  
Cameron Laino  
Logan Monaghan

Armando Papanicolas  
Isabella Paster, Manager  
Emilio Rentas  
Jayden Sadowski  
Liam Schafer  
Nathaniel Tedesco  
Dylan Tran  
Maximus Whitney  
Tyler Williams

## Freshman

Grayson Boos  
Sawyer Boos  
Francis Cloud  
Williams Crawford  
Brayden Faragasso  
Carter Lockman  
Jase Mathew  
Chase Maurer  
Makxwell Miller  
Sean Stecher  
Samuel Varghese  
Jack Worthington

Every coach seems to describe a special season as unforgettable, but in this case, it's more than just a saying. Looking at how far this program has come over the last three years, the transformation makes that description completely genuine.

The coaching staff set out to establish GCIT Boys Volleyball as a respected and competitive program. To achieve that, we identified key performance goals, including a 90% serving rate and a .200 hitting percentage. While .200 may seem modest at first glance, it is comparable to a strong batting average in baseball and represents a solid level of offensive efficiency. Not every goal was achieved, but the team finished within the top 20 teams in the state. The team wound up posting 85% serving percentage and .240 hitting percentage, which reflects the growth and competitiveness of this program. However, statistics are only part of the equation. It is also essential to have players who are willing to learn, accept coaching, and continuously improve, and this group of young men embody these qualities. They are not only outstanding volleyball players, but they are also genuinely fine gentlemen whose character, commitment, and willingness to grow made this season special.

A number of firsts were accomplished this season. The team became the first in GCIT's history to record 21 wins, including 13 victories while defending the den. They were also the first to advance to the Group 3 State Semifinals, finishing just one win shy of the championship match and two wins away from a state title. They defeated Kingsway twice and earned a signature victory over #20-ranked Egg Harbor Township in a thrilling best-of-five match.

There were four players who surpassed the 100-kill mark this season – Charles Donaldson, Jaxon Jones, and Reece Williams had over 250 kills and Jake Schmidt had more than 300. Running the offense was Alexander Laino, our setter, whose relentless pursuit of excellence for both himself and his hitters helped him accumulate more than 700 assists in a single season. Defensively, the team was anchored by Jaxon Jones, Christian Oebbecke, and Jake Schmidt, who each recorded over 100 digs and played a major part of their success on the court. Jadon Diep and Grayson Stark were a vital piece of the defense, while Jesse Chapall and Carl "CJ" Schmidt helped strengthen the team's attack throughout the season. The JV squad consistently competed at a varsity level of intensity, finishing the season with 18 wins of their own, alongside a developing freshmen group that is beginning to learn the game and build excitement for competing at the JV/V level next year.

The success of the team was also recognized across the conference. Four players earned All-Conference honors – Jake Schmidt for 1<sup>st</sup> Team and Jaxon Jones, Alexander Laino, and Reece Williams for 2<sup>nd</sup> Team. These accomplishments represent more than just wins and awards – they are milestones that have helped establish a new standard for GCIT Boys Volleyball and laid the foundation for future success. We look forward to watching this program keep rising and evolving.

GCIT Boys Volleyball would like to thank all the parents and supporters who showed up to matches and tournaments and helped with fundraising. Thank you to the administration team as well as the Athletic Trainer Ms. Davenport for allowing this season to run smoothly. Lastly, thank you to the managers and Coaches Favat, Burns, and Perez for their support.

## *STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD*

The GCIT Student-Athlete of the Year Award represents the highest honor bestowed upon a graduating student-athlete at Gloucester County Institute of Technology. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in athletics, academics, leadership, citizenship, and service throughout their high school career.

Recipients embody the values of the GCIT Athletic Program by excelling in competition while maintaining a commitment to academic success and personal integrity. These student-athletes serve as role models for their peers through their dedication, work ethic, sportsmanship, and positive contributions to their teams, school, and community.

Selection is based upon a comprehensive review of athletic accomplishments, academic performance, leadership roles, school involvement, community service, character, and overall impact on the GCIT community. The honor is reserved for student-athletes who have distinguished themselves as exemplary representatives of Gloucester County Institute of Technology both on and off the field of play.

The Student-Athlete of the Year Award celebrates not only athletic excellence, but also the qualities of leadership, perseverance, responsibility, and commitment that define the very best of GCIT.

*GCIT COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD*  
&  
*GCIT ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD*

The GCIT Coach and Assistant Coach of the Year Awards recognize coaches who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, commitment, and service to the student-athletes and athletic programs of Gloucester County Institute of Technology.

Established to honor those individuals who make a lasting impact on the lives of students, these awards celebrate excellence in coaching, mentorship, program development, and sportsmanship. Recipients are recognized not only for competitive success, but also for their ability to inspire student-athletes, foster a positive team culture, and represent GCIT with integrity and professionalism.

The Coach of the Year and Assistant Coach of the Year serve as role models within the school community, consistently demonstrating dedication to the growth and development of students both on and off the field of play. Through their leadership, they help shape confident, responsible, and successful young people while advancing the mission and values of GCIT Athletics.

Selection is based upon a coach's overall contribution to their program, commitment to student-athlete development, leadership within the athletic department, sportsmanship, community involvement, and the positive influence they have on the GCIT community.

As the highest coaching honor presented by GCIT Athletics, the Coach of the Year and the Assistant Coach of the Year Awards recognize individuals whose efforts have left a meaningful and lasting mark on their athletes, their program, and the tradition of excellence that defines GCIT.

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A special “THANK YOU” to the following people for helping us recognize our student athletes tonight and supporting our programs throughout the school year:

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***For their continued support of our athletic teams, we would like to also thank:***

The GCIT Coaching Staff who continue to raise the bar for excellence and success,  
our Athletic Trainer, Ms. Kelli Davenport, for her hard work taking care of all our athletes,  
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our Athletic Secretary, Mrs. Betsy McAteer for all the behind-the-scenes work she does, and  
of course, our loyal fans, parents, and student-athletes for their unwavering support of GCIT Athletics.

***GO CHEETAHS!***

Dr. Daniel Uszaki  
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director