

# ALL-COUNTY // VOLLEYBALL

Stories by Christy Cabrera Chirinos, Sun Sentinel Staff Writer > Team selections are based on season performances and coaches' ballots

## 6A-5A-4A FIRST TEAM



**Crystal Dedes**  
St. Thomas Aquinas, senior  
**Pos.:** Middle blocker/outside hitter  
**Comment:** Helped lead Raiders to regional championship berth with 245 kills, 86 blocks, 134 service points and 40 aces.



**Katie Hillman**  
Cardinal Gibbons, junior  
**Pos.:** Middle blocker  
**Comment:** Finished with a team-high 115 blocks for the Class 4A state champion Chiefs. Also had 358 kills and 185 digs.



**Kirsten Kuhl**  
Douglas, sophomore  
**Pos.:** Outside hitter  
**Comment:** Two-year starter had 144 kills, 64 digs, 80 assists and 27 blocks to help lead Douglas to a Class 6A state tournament.



**Lauren Lewkowicz**  
Coral Springs, senior  
**Pos.:** Outside hitter  
**Comment:** Nova Southeastern signee set the school record for career kills with 880. Had 234 kills, 216 digs, 98 service points and 38 aces this season.



**Jaclyn Pickett**  
West Broward, senior  
**Pos.:** Outside hitter  
**Comment:** Broward College commit helped lead Bobcats to their first regional finals with a team-high 239 kills. Also had 174 digs.



**Mary Beth Shoaff**  
Hollywood Hills, sophomore  
**Pos.:** Setter  
**Comment:** Two-year starter is already receiving interest from Florida Gulf Coast and Florida after finishing with 495 assists, 275 service points, 184 digs and 110 kills.

## 6A-5A-4A COACH OF THE YEAR



**Kathryn Farland**  
Cardinal Gibbons  
**Comment:** In her third season as coach, Farland led the Chiefs to a 25-1 record and the Class 4A state championship. It was Gibbons' 19th title and second state tournament appearance in three years.

## 3A-2A-1A FIRST TEAM



**Melanie Garcia**  
North Broward Prep, senior  
**Pos.:** Outside hitter  
**Comment:** Nova Southeastern signee helped lead Eagles to first state tournament berth with 294 kills, 229 digs, and 61 aces.



**Emily McMurtrey**  
Westminster Academy, senior  
**Pos.:** Setter  
**Comment:** Helped Lions earn a Class 2A state tournament berth and signed with UNC-Greensboro after collecting 391 assists, 102 digs, 59 blocks, and 50 kills.



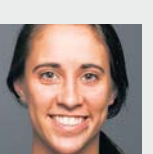
**Callie Mitcham**  
North Broward Prep, senior  
**Pos.:** Outside hitter  
**Comment:** Four-year starter gave the Eagles another strong presence up front with 374 digs, 321 kills, 58 aces, and 30 blocks.



**Brianna O'Neil**  
Chaminade-Madonna, junior  
**Pos.:** Outside hitter  
**Comment:** Two-time first-team selection led Lions with 320 kills and 230 digs. Western Kentucky, Memphis and Mississippi State are interested.



**Peyton Schlosser**  
Pompano Beach, junior  
**Pos.:** Left side hitter  
**Comment:** Two-time first-team selection already receiving interest from Miami, Florida Gulf Coast, Pittsburgh and others after finishing with 194 kills, 105 service points and 92 digs.



**Amanda Shawver**  
Pompano Beach, senior  
**Pos.:** Libero  
**Comment:** Four-year starter and two-time first-team selection was a defensive force for the Tornadoes with 267 digs and 136 service points.

## 3A-2A-1A COACH OF THE YEAR



**April Lowe**  
North Broward Prep  
**Comment:** In her first year as head coach with the Eagles, Lowe led North Broward to a 23-9 record and its first berth in the state tournament. North Broward finished as the Class 3A state runner-up.



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## 6A-5A-4A PLAYER OF THE YEAR

# JESS WYNN

**Cardinal Gibbons, senior**

**POSITION:** Outside hitter

**STATISTICS:** 410 kills, 232 digs, 173 service points, 53 aces and 40 blocks

**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:** Entering her senior season, Wynn took it upon herself to work on not only her swing, but her leadership skills and the effort paid off as she helped lead the Chiefs to the 19th state title in program history. A Pittsburgh

signee, Wynn had 18 kills in Gibbons' state championship win over Fort Myers and was named the Dairy Farmer's Class 4A Player of the Year.

**ATHLETE'S QUOTE:** "This season meant everything to me. We all knew it was now or never for all of us and I knew from the beginning we were going to win state. There was no other option. Everyone had this drive and everyone was determined. I made it my responsibility to try and keep the team up because I knew with that, we'd be unstoppable."



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## 3A-2A-1A PLAYER OF THE YEAR

# LEIGH ANDREW

**Westminster Academy, junior**

**POSITION:** Outside hitter

**STATS.:** 181 kills, 155 digs, 58 blocks, 20 aces

**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:** After missing about two weeks with a midseason ankle injury, Andrew returned to help lead the Lions back to the state tournament for a second straight year. The three-time Sun Sentinel Player of the Year who has already verbally committed to North Carolina had a team-high 17 kills and 25 digs in the Lions' five-

game loss to Orlando First Academy in the Class 2A state championship match.

**ATHLETE'S QUOTE:** "I think this season was more special than last year. Last year was all about getting to state and this year, we wanted to win it. We believed in each other so much and even though we came up short, that match could have gone either way. This year, I really wanted to take a bigger leadership role on the team and I wanted to learn how to adjust better so I could be a better all-around player."

## MORE HONORS

**6A-5A-4A SECOND TEAM:** Tash Begon, Archbishop McCarthy, junior, middle blocker; Taylor Bonito, West Broward, senior, setter; Caiti Donahoe, Cardinal Gibbons, junior, setter; Amanda Kline, Coral Glades, senior, outside hitter; Sasha Pottinger, Hollywood Hills, senior, middle blocker; Lauren Spear, St. Thomas Aquinas, senior, setter; Lauren Strode, Douglas, sophomore, libero

**6A-5A-4A HONORABLE MENTION:** Archbishop McCarthy: Sofia Sanchez, Veronica Vasquez; Cardinal Gibbons: Mary Kate Short, Sara Jacobs; Cooper City: Shelby Nix, Heather Lockwood; Coral Glades: Stephanie Holbrook; Coral Springs: Molly Ferch; Cypress Bay: Anastasia Forte, Jaime Dolnick; Douglas: Victoria Ashley, Kaycee Miller; Fort Lauderdale: Joie Herndon, Sasha-Ann Lebert; Hollywood Hills: Drew Van Camp, Adeobola Adeoba; McArthur: Kelly Menendez, Kiera Hagan; Monarch: Melaynie Domenech, Gabriela Teixeira; Nova: Cassie Thompson, Kayla Upham; Pembroke Pines Charter: Ivanna Soto, Julie Brito; St. Thomas Aquinas: Cassy Congemi, Bridgette Villano; South Plantation: Ashlyn Boll; Stranahan: Kyla Albert, Edna Whalen; Taravella: Maggie Hyams, Ashley Welly; West Broward: Ashley Navarrete, Jessica Barnes; Western: Alexa Oblak.

## MORE HONORS

**3A-2A-1A SECOND TEAM:** Kyra Baum, Pine Crest, junior, setter; Amelia Bohlander, Westminster Academy, junior, middle blocker; Evita Conway, Pine Crest, sophomore, outside hitter; McKenzie Keightley, Westminster Academy, senior, middle blocker; Christine Lakatos, Calvary Christian, junior, outside hitter; Victoria McPherson, North Broward Prep, junior, middle blocker; Stephanie Pellitteri, Pompano Beach, senior, outside hitter/defensive specialist

**3A-2A-1A HONORABLE MENTION:** American Heritage: Sarah Angulo; Calvary Christian: Gabby Pyle, Daylyn Weppner; Chaminade-Madonna: April Sicam, Grace Baldwin; Coral Springs Charter: Ashley Corona, Morgan Haynes; Coral Springs Christian: Kaleigh McCormick, Sabrina Clarke; Florida Bible: Selena Van Doren; Fort Lauderdale Christian: Samantha Clarke, Bobbi Darden; Highlands Christian: Joanna Marko, Katelyn Wik; North Broward Prep: McCallen Kennedy, Kristi Chynoweth; Pine Crest: Catalina Jimenez, Carolina Berger; Pompano Beach: Nina Pellitteri, Maddy Clawges; Posnack: Taren Lalli; Sagemont: Pilar Irarrazabal, Vassi Prattas; Sheridan Hills Christian: Caitlin McCluskey, Deborah DeSouza; University School: Morgan Barry, Julimar Alvarado; Westminster Academy: Jillian Sherman, Betsy Botkin.