



2016 GATOR GYMNASTICS

2016 University of Florida Gymnastics Meet Notes

2013, 14 & 15 NCAA Champions • Nine-time SEC Champions • 1982, '83, '84, '85, '89, '07, '10, '12, '13

This Week's Event:

No. 2 Florida (0-0, 0-0 SEC) at Texas Woman's University (0-0, 0-0 Midwest Independent)

Date & Time: Friday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. ET

Site: [Kitty Magee Arena](#) (1,800)

Television: none

Series Record (all-time): UF leads 1-0. Last meeting, Florida won 197.90-193.40 in O'Connell Center on March 13, 2015.

Video Stream: live video stream available at [FloGymnastics](#); live stats available on [FloridaGymnastics.com](#)

Tickets: \$7 for adults; \$5 for children age 13-17 & senior citizens.

Children 12 & under free. Check the [TWU ticket](#) site for more information.



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Did You Know...

Florida's Top 10 Season Opening Scores

Date	UF Score	Meet	Site
1/11/08	197.125	Illinois-Chicago	H
1/11/15	196.925	Ball State	A
1/7/11	196.925	Nebraska	H
1/11/14	196.650	UCLA	A
1/4/13	196.575	Ball State	H
1/11/03	196.575	Super Six Challenge	A
1/5/07	196.55	Super Six Challenge	A
1/9/09	196.50	Oklahoma	H
1/6/12	196.025	NC State	A
1/9/04	196.95	Super Six Challenge	A

What's Happening?

No. 2 preseason Florida opens the program's 44th season with a road meet at Texas Woman's University. The Gators will make their second appearance in the Lone Star State in the last 35 years, with both coming in back-to-back meets. Florida closed the 2015 season by claiming its third consecutive team title at the NCAA Championships held in the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Since 1980, Florida has opened the season on the road 12 times and owns a road-season opening record of 20-16 in that span. That includes a 196.925-193.70 win at Ball State in Florida's first appearance in the state of Indiana to open the 2015 campaign.

The new season is also the debut for Florida head coach **Jenny Rowland**. UF quickly zeroed in on Rowland as a top candidate to replace Rhonda Faehn, who resigned after 13 seasons with the Gators to become Senior Vice President of USA Gymnastics. Sixteen days after Faehn's announcement, Rowland was named the seventh head coach in the program's 43-year history. Rowland came to UF after five seasons with Auburn, serving as associate head coach since March of 2013. She shared the 2015 National Assistant Coach of the Year honor after helping the Tigers reach their first NCAA Super Six team final in 22 years. During her gymnastics career, Rowland was a USA National Team member from 1985-90 and part of the U.S.'s 1989 World Championships team. As a collegiate, she earned uneven bars All-America honors in 1993 for Arizona State. Rowland is also a Category 3 International Brevet level judge and was on the judging panel for the past two U.S. Olympic Trials.

Last season, Florida won its third consecutive NCAA Championship, edging Utah 197.85-197.80. The winning margin of 0.05 equals the slimmest in the meet's 34-year history. Then senior Kytra Hunter won a NCAA title each day of the 2015 event. She shared her second NCAA all-around title with UCLA's Samantha Peszek on the meet's opening day, helped the Gators win the NCAA team title during the NCAA Super Six and won the floor exercise crown in the NCAA Individual Event Finals.

Texas Woman's University was 9-12 in 2015 and took fourth in the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships held April 11 in Philadelphia, Pa. The Pioneers return nine in 2016, including sophomores Alyssa Kelly and Schyler Jones who both earned 2015 USA Gymnastics Collegiate All-America honors.

Texas is the home state for six Gators – junior **Claire Boyce**, sophomores **Kennedy Baker**, **Ericha Fassbender** and **Grace McLaughlin** plus freshmen **Peyton Ernst** and **Ashley Hiller**. The Lone Star state is known for producing some of the nation's top gymnasts. In the 2015 NCAA Championships, 31 of the competitors across the 12 teams were from Texas. Of the preseason top 25 teams, all but five have at least one resident of Texas on their roster. The top two teams in the preseason poll – Oklahoma and Florida – lead with six Texas gymnasts each.

The Gators return five gymnasts in 2016 (**Kennedy Baker**, **Claire Boyce**, **Bridgette Caquatto**, **Alex McMurtry** and **Bridget Sloan**) who own a total of 18 All-America honors. The Gators won the NCAA Morgantown Regional and NCAA Championship team titles last year. In 2016, Florida returns 17 of 24 routines it competed in the 2015 NCAA Championships. Boyce will sit out 2016 season after undergoing hip dysplasia surgery in the summer of 2015.

The Gators' 14-member roster includes five freshmen. **Peyton Ernst** (2013-14, 2012-13) is a former U.S. Senior National Team member. **Alicia Boren** won the Junior Olympic Level 10 all-around title each of the past four years and also accumulated five event titles. **Lacy Dagen** won the 2014 Junior Olympic balance beam title in 2014. She will be sidelined in 2016 with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. **Ashley Hiller** was runner-up to Boren in 2015 Junior Olympic – Senior D vault competition and **Amanda Cheney** took fourth on beam at the same meet. [This class ranks No. 2 on the 2015-16 CollegeGymFans.com Top Recruiting Classes list. In the last seven years, Florida's recruiting classes have ranked No. 1 five times and No. 2 once.](#)

ABOUT THE GATORS:

Location: Gainesville, Fla.

President: Dr. W. Kent Fuchs

Athletics Director: Jeremy Foley

Senior Women's Administrator:

Lynda Tealer

Conference: Southeastern

Enrollment: 49,878

Nickname: Gators

Colors: Orange & Blue

UF GYMNASTICS QUICK FACTS:

2016 Record: 0-0, 0-0 SEC

2015 Record: 12-5, 5-2 SEC

2015 SEC Finish: 3rd (197.40)

2015 NCAA Finish: 1st (197.85)

COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Jenny Rowland

Career & School Record/Years: first season

Assistant Coaches: Adrian Burde, Owen Field

Volunteer Coach: Jeremy Miranda

RETURNING NCAA EVENT CHAMPIONS:

Bridget Sloan (2014 uneven bars; 2013 all-around, balance beam)

RETURNING NCAA ALL-AMERICANS:

Kennedy Baker (2015 floor exercise – first team)

Claire Boyce (2014 floor exercise – second)

Bridgette Caquatto (3x - 2014 uneven bars – second; 2015 floor – first, bars - second)

Alex McMurtry (2x - 2015 beam – first, bars – second)

Bridget Sloan (11x – 2013 all-around, uneven bars, balance beam, floor exercise; 2014 vault, uneven bars – first; floor exercise – second; 2015 all-around, vault, bars – first, beam - second)

Project Gator Leo

Using terminology familiar to fans of Lifetime Network's "Project Runway", the Gators are "In." Three of the leotards the Gators will wear this season were designed by team members.

2015 Notables...

- NCAA champions for third consecutive year. First program since Utah (1982-86) to win *first* three NCAA team titles in consecutive years.
- Winning margin of 0.05 over Utah equaled the narrowed in the 34-year history of the NCAA Championships
- 2015 marked the 33rd NCAA Championships appearance by UF in the 34-year history of the event
- Five gymnasts collected a meet-high 13 All-America honors in NCAA Championships
- Six earned 10 All-America honors in the third NACGC regular season awards
- Five (**Kennedy Baker, Bridgette Caquatto, Kytra Hunter, Alex McMurtry and Bridget Sloan**) advanced to NCAA individual event finals.
- For the fifth consecutive year, a Gator claimed a NCAA individual title. Senior **Kytra Hunter** won a share of the all-around title and became the first Gator since 1984 to claim the NCAA floor exercise crown. Her four NCAA individual titles set the Gator career record.
- Three Gators – **Kytra Hunter** (vault, floor exercise), **Alex McMurtry** (vault) and Bridget Sloan (uneven bars, balance beam) – collected SEC event titles. They were joined on the All-SEC team by **Kennedy Baker, Claire Boyce and Bridgette Caquatto**.
- Hunter named Honda Award winner for gymnastics, marking the second time she was picked as a season's top collegiate gymnast (also in 2012). Also named SEC Gymnast of the Year – first such honor for Gators since 2000.
- NCAA Morgantown Region champion (197.475).
- Gators turned in national leading marks in two individual events a total of four times: vault (10.0/Sloan & McMurtry) and uneven bars (10.0/Sloan).
- Finished the season ranked sixth in the nation with an attendance average of 5,850

Smart Gators

The Gators return seven this season who earned 2015 National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches (NACGC) Scholastic All-America honors – **Claire Boyce, Bridgette Caquatto, Bianca Dancose-Giambattisto, Ericha Fassbender, Morgan Frazier and Alex McMurtry.**

Florida returns five who earned spots on the 2015 Southeastern Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll – **Boyce, Caquatto, Dancose-Giambattisto, Frazier and Bridget Sloan.**

Meet Coach Rowland

Jenny Rowland, one of the nation's rising coaching talents, is in her first season as University of Florida's head gymnastics coach. Rowland is the seventh head coach for the Gator program, which begins its 44th season in 2015-16.

Rowland brings experiences from the sport's highest level to Florida. She is a former U.S. National Team member, a collegiate All-American and was named a 2015 National Collegiate Assistant Coach of the Year.

Rowland's Coaching Career:

At Auburn:

Rowland comes to Florida after spending the last five seasons at Auburn. She joined the Auburn coaching staff as an assistant coach in October of 2010 and was elevated to associate head coach in March of 2013. Rowland worked with all aspects of the Auburn gymnastics program, coordinating all of the program's community outreach efforts and interactions on campus as well as playing an integral role in recruiting and in-gym activities.

She was named co-National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2015 after helping Auburn reach the NCAA Super Six for the first time in 22 years.

She served as the lead balance beam coach, as the Tigers put up the top beam totals of 2015 Southeastern Conference and NCAA Semifinal II competition. Three Tigers earned beam All-America honors in 2015. She also worked with the Tigers' floor exercise and routine construction. Rowland, who is a Category 3 International Brevet judge, offered her judging expertise through video breakdown of Auburn's routines.

Coaching Career Start in Sooner State:

Rowland coached Elite gymnasts at Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy in Norman, Oklahoma, for five years and then joined the Oklahoma coaching staff in June of 2001. At OU, she helped coach the Sooners to the 2004 Big XIII title, three-time team NCAA qualifiers (2004-06) and three Big XIII Gymnasts of the Year.

As a Gymnast:

During her gymnastics career, Rowland was a USA National Team member from 1985-1990 and was part of the U.S.'s 1989 World Championships team. During her collegiate career, she earned All-America honors for the uneven bars in 1993 for Arizona State.

After retiring from competition, she returned to her home state, enrolling at the University of Oklahoma to finish her degree.

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Florida Quick Hits

► Defending NCAA champion Florida is second on the 2016 Road to Nationals preseason poll. The Gators are among the nation's preseason top four for the 10th consecutive year. Florida faces eight opponents among Road to National's preseason list in 2016 regular-season action.

► Florida returns five gymnasts with a total of 18 All-America honors. **Bridget Sloan** earned four All-America honors in both 2013 and 2015 and added three more honors in 2014. She also is a three-time NCAA champion (2013 all-around, balance beam; 2014 uneven bars). Florida also returns All-Americans **Kennedy Baker**, **Claire Boyce**, **Bridgette Caquatto** and **Alex McMurtry**. Boyce is out for the 2016 season after summer hip dysplasia surgery.

► The only collegiate gymnast in the nation this season who has claimed a NCAA all-around title is senior **Bridget Sloan**. She became the second Gator to win the title in 2013, **Kytra Hunter** was Florida's first NCAA all-around champion in 2012 and she shared the 2015 title with UCLA's Samantha Peszek.

► Only two among the nation's 2016 collegiate gymnasts have won an NCAA Individual Event title. Florida's **Bridget Sloan** has won three NCAA titles – 2013 all-around, balance beam and 2014 uneven bars. The other past NCAA event winner is Stanford's Elizabeth Price (2015 vault). 2015 was the final year for the NCAA Individual Event finals, as all event champions will be determined in NCAA semifinal competition.

► Six Gators have been a part of their senior national teams, including five for the U.S. **Bridget Sloan** was a six-time member of the U.S. Senior National team. **Kennedy Baker** (2013-14, 2012-13), **Bridgette Caquatto** (2011-12, 2010-11), **Peyton Ernst** (2013-14 and 2012-13) and **Grace McLaughlin** (2011-12) were part of U.S. Senior National Teams. Sophomore **Bianca Dancose-Giambattisto** also has been a part of Canada's national team.

► Senior **Bridget Sloan** is the first World Championships' all-around winner (2009) to compete as a collegian. She is the first in the sport to win World (2009), U.S. (2009) and NCAA (2013) all-around titles.

Bridget Sloan Among Career Leaders Wins Chart

Senior **Bridget Sloan** enters the 2016 season No. 5 on the Gators Career Wins list with 68 wins.

Gators with 40 or More Career Event Titles					
Name	FR	SOPH	JR	SR	Total
Elfi Schlegel (1983-86)	36	24	17	13	90
Melissa Miller (1986-89)	13	17	38	18	86
Kytra Hunter (2012-15)	21	18	20	27	86
Kristen Guise (1993-96)	1	20	24	33	78
Bridget Sloan (2013-	22	34	12		68
Ashanée Dickerson (2010-13)	23	22	13	9	67
Ann Woods (1980-82)		22	24	20	66
Corey Hartung (2006-09)	14	12	21	10	57
Chrissy Van Fleet (1997-00)	6	10	18	19	53
Ashley Reed (2005-08)	10	7	18	11	46
Lynn McDonnell (1981-84)	20	9	14	1	44
Melanie Sinclair (2007-09)	11	16	14		41
Amanda Castillo (2007-10)	14	18	2	6	40

National Team Connections

Six members of the Gator gymnastics team have been a part of their senior national teams.

U.S. National Team

Bridget Sloan, the youngest member of the U.S.'s silver medal team at the 2008 Olympics, represented the U.S. in 15 international competitions. She was joined on the 2011 Pan American and 2010 World Championships rosters by a pair of current Gators. **Bridgette Caquatto** claimed the all-around gold at the 2011 Pan Am Games. Also on that team was sophomore **Grace McLaughlin**.

Sophomore **Kennedy Baker** was part of the U.S. 2013-14 and 2012-13 U.S. Senior National teams. Freshman **Peyton Ernst**, a two-time U.S. National Team member ((2013-14 and 2012-13), was part of the U.S.'s winning teams at the 20014 Pacific Rim and City of Jesolo Trophy events. She was all-around runner-up at the Jesolo Trophy meet and also was second in 2013 Mexican Open and Tokyo World Cup meets.

Canada

Bianca Dancose-Giambattisto competed at the 2010 World Championships and Pan American Games for Canada.

Texas Connections

More than 40 percent of the 2016 Gator gymnastics team hail from Texas. The Lone Star State is known for producing top gymnastics talent and with only one university in the state sponsoring the sport, those skilled athletes have spread out across the nation.

Of the preseason top 25 teams, all but five have at least one resident of Texas on their roster. The top two teams in the preseason poll – Oklahoma and **Florida** – lead with six Texas gymnasts each.



Did You Know...

Every Gator gymnast has a "Gator Chomp" choreographed into her floor exercise routine.

All-American Colleen Johnson was the [first to "chomp" in her 1994 floor routine](#). It has been a part of all Gator floor routines since 1995.

Florida in the 2016 Rankings

Date	Team	V	UB	BB	FX
Preseason (vote)	2				

Shading denotes rankings based on total season average; rankings based on RQS beginning Feb. 22

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2016 Road to Nationals Preseason Rankings (released Dec. 12, 2015)

Rank	Team	Points	1 st Place Votes	Date with Florida
1	Oklahoma	2266	29	
2	Florida	2234	15	
3	Alabama	2174	4	Jan. 29 - home
4	Utah	2171	14	
5	LSU	2119	3	Feb. 26 - home
6	UCLA	1922	0	Jan. 15 - home
7	Michigan	1912	0	
8	Stanford	1863	0	
9	Georgia	1839	0	Feb. 5 - away
10	Auburn	1811	0	Jan. 22 - away
11	Nebraska	1801	0	
12	Oregon State	1491	0	
13	Arkansas	1457	0	Feb. 12 - home
14	California	1411	0	
15	Illinois-Champaign	1369	0	
16	Denver	1368	0	
17	Penn State	1246	0	
18	Arizona	1178	0	
19	Boise State	1154	1	
20	Minnesota	1024	0	
21	Kentucky	876	0	March 4 - away
22	Ohio State	869	0	
23	Missouri	852	0	Feb. 19 - away
24	Southern Utah	829	0	
25	Central Michigan	821	0	

Road to Nationals ranking schedule:

Jan. 11 – Feb. 15th Ranking by Total Season Average
Beginning Feb. 22 -Ranking by Regional Qualifying Score (consists of a team's three highest road scores and the next three highest scores. The high score is subtracted from the six event total and the remaining amount is divided by five)

2016 Gator Floor Exercise Titles

NAME	Music
Kennedy Baker	Run the World and Partition Dave Aude remix by Beyoncé
Alicia Boren	No Twerk by Apashe ft. Panther & Odalisk; Urban Intensity by Olga Dunaeva
Claire Boyce	Siren Song by Beats Antique
Bridgette Caquatto	Juicy Wiggle by Redfoo
Amanda Cheney	Escape From East Berlin from the Man From UNCLE by Daniel Pemberton
Lacy Dagen	Mutation by Cirque Du Soleil
Bianca Dancose-Giambattisto	Orsten by Fleur Blanche by and Changes by Faul Wad Ad vs Pnau
Peyton Ernst	Egyptic by Beats Antique
Ericha Fassbender	Taiko Shuffle from Shogun II Total War OS
Morgan Frazier	Bahamut by Mazmat Modine
Ashley Hiller	Salome and Solo Traigo by Chayanne
Grace McLaughlin	Crystalize by Lindsey Stirling
Alex McMurtry	Shot Me Down and Astronaut Shot Me Down by Blasterjaxx and David Guetta
Bridget Sloan	Whirlwind by Spol

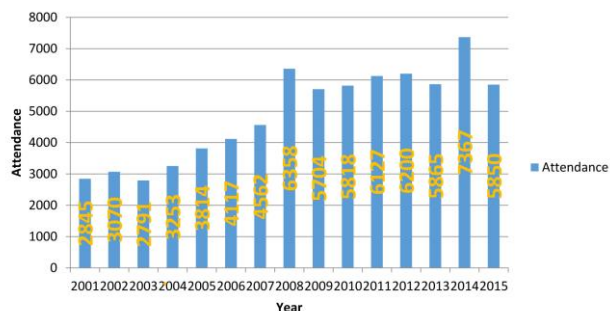
Florida among nation's women's attendance leaders

Florida's 2015 season attendance average of 5,850 ranked sixth among the nation's gymnastics teams and No. 19 among all NCAA women's sports in 2014-15.

Gator gymnastics attendance has been building the last few years, as the team set its season average attendance (7,366) record in 2014.

Six gymnastics programs ranked among the nation's top 20 for 2014-15 NCAA women's attendance, including four Southeastern Conference programs.

Florida Gymnastics Attendance: 2001-2015



2014-15 NCAA Women's Top 20 Attendance Leaders

Rank	Team Name	Ave Attendance	Sport
1	Utah	14,858	Gymnastics
2	South Carolina	12,293	Women's Basketball
3	Alabama	12,086	Gymnastics
4	Tennessee	10,375	Women's Basketball
5	Louisville	9,515	Women's Basketball
6	Georgia	9,381	Gymnastics
7	Iowa State	9,289	Women's Basketball
8	LSU	9,208	Gymnastics
9	Notre Dame	8,544	Women's Basketball
10	UConn	8,216	Women's Basketball
11	Nebraska	8,083	Volleyball
12	Kentucky	6,379	Women's Basketball
13	Hawaii	6,357	Volleyball
14	Baylor	6,341	Women's Basketball
15	Purdue	6,279	Women's Basketball
16	Auburn	6,188	Gymnastics
17	Michigan St	6,119	Women's Basketball
18	Nebraska	5,857	Women's Basketball
19	Florida	5,850	Gymnastics
20	UCLA	5,417	Gymnastics

Top 10 Premiere All-Around Totals by a Gator

AA Total	Date	Name	Opponent	Meet # of Season
39.575	2/4/11	Mackenzie Caquatto	Alabama	5
39.450	2/6/04	Samantha Lutz	UGA	5
39.425	1/28/13	Bridget Sloan	Auburn	4
39.425	1/7/11	Alaina Johnson	Nebraska	1
39.425	1/23/04	Katie Rue	SC Regional	13
39.350	1/8/10	Ashanee Dickerson	@ Oklahoma	1
39.325	1/23/09	Elizabeth Mahlich	Arkansas	3
39.300	1/6/12	Kytra Hunter	@ NC State	1
39.275	3/14/98	Betsy Hamm	AU, URI	8
39.275	1/5/07	Melanie Sinclair	@ Super 6 Ch.	1
39.225	3/6/09	Courtney Gladys	Michigan	9
39.225	1/9/04	Breanne King	Super 6 Ch.	1

Gator Gymnastics Meet Notes

What to Expect in 2016?

All-Around

Florida senior **Bridget Sloan**, 2013 NCAA all-around champion, owns a share of every Gator event record. She matched the UF all-around record of 39.825 in the 2014 regular-season road finale at Missouri. Her 18 all-around wins stands No. 5 on the Gators Career Chart.

Two sophomores competed as all-arounders in 2015. **Kennedy Baker's** best of 39.55 came versus Georgia. In her only all-around performance of 2015, **Ericha Fassbender** took the win at Arkansas (39.375). Freshman **Alicia Boren** is a four time JO Level 10 all-around champion.

Vault:

Florida ranked among the nation's top two on vault for five of the 11 ranking reports of 2015 and set its season-high of 49.625 at SEC Championships and again at NCAA Regionals.

Florida returns the two Gators who posted vault 10.0s in 2015 – sophomore **Alex McMurtry** and Sloan. The vault they earned a 10.0 for in 2015 – Yurchenko full – is now valued at 9.95 for the 2016 season.

There are three among the Gators who could perform a Yurchenko one and half (10.0) in 2016 – Baker, Boren and Sloan. Freshman **Lacy Dagen** was also a possible Yurchenko one & half performer, but is sidelined with an anterior cruciate ligament tear.

Boren won the 2015 Junior Olympic Level 10 – Senior D vault title and **Ashley Hiller** was runner-up.

Gator returners from 2015 NCAA Championships (vault lineup):

Name	Caquatto	Baker	Sloan	McMurtry
2015 Best	9.925	9.95	10.0	10.0

Bars:

Florida ranked in the top two on bars for eight of the 11 ranking reports of 2015. Its season-best of 49.575 came in the regular-season finale.

Sloan turned in 10.0 bar marks in consecutive meets, including setting the SEC Championships record. She won the NCAA bar title in 2014 and was runner-up in 2015. Caquatto earned All-America second-team honors for bars in 2015.

Gator returners from 2015 NCAA Championships (bar lineup):

Name	Baker	BDG	Caquatto	Sloan	McMurtry
2015 Best	9.85	9.90	9.975	10.0	9.95

Beam:

Florida ranked among the top three in the final three beam ranking reports of 2015. Its season-best total of 49.575 came versus Georgia.

McMurtry is the only UF returner from the 2015 NCAA beam final. Sloan won the 20013 NCAA beam title. **Claire Boyce** was a steady beam performer, but is out this season due to summer hip surgery.

Freshman **Peyton Ernst** took fourth in the 2013 P&G Championships beam competition and freshman **Amanda Cheney** was fourth on beam at 2015 Junior Olympics Level 10 Championships. Boren won the 2014 J.O. Level 10 beam title.

Gator returners from 2015 NCAA Championships (beam lineup):

Name	Fassbender	Sloan	McMurtry
2015 Best	9.90	9.95	9.90

Floor:

Florida ranked among the nation's top three in five of the final six floor ranking reports of 2015, including appearing at No. T2 in the final report. UF's total of 49.725 set Feb. 13 equaled the nation's season high.

Three back for 2016 – Baker, Caquatto and Sloan – have earned All-America honors on floor. Baker and Caquatto both advanced to the NCAA floor event final and Sloan was a floor finalist in 2013.

Boren won floor in J.O. floor titles in 2014 and 2013.

Gator returners from 2015 NCAA Championships (floor lineup):

Name	Sloan	Baker	Caquatto
2015 Best	9.95	9.975	9.975

Did You Know...

- The average height for the Gators is 54.
- **Kennedy Baker's** younger brother, Stephen, is also a gymnast.
- **Alicia Boren** won four consecutive Junior Olympic Level 10 all-around titles (2015, 2014, 2013, 2012).
- **Claire Boyce** plays the piano and guitar.
- **Bridgette Caquatto** has turned in floor marks of 9.95 or higher seven times as a Gator - including twice as Florida's anchor in 2013 and 2014 NCAA Super Six competition.
- **Amanda Cheney** started gymnastics at age six. She was involved in dance but couldn't suppress the desire to do cartwheels. She asked her mother if she could try gymnastics.
- **Lacy Dagen**: Named to 2014 Junior Olympic Level 10 national team after winning that year's balance beam title.
- **Bianca Dancose-Giambattisto's** first language was French.
- **Peyton Ernst** has been known to sleepwalk. It occurs less frequently as she gets older, but on one trip with U.S. Gymnastics, her nocturnal walk found her knocking on Head Coach Márta Károlyi door.
- **Ericha Fassbender's** first name came from her father – Erich.
- **Morgan Frazier** enrolled at University of Florida in the spring of 2013, marking the fourth consecutive season a gymnast joined the team mid year.
- **Ashley Hiller** played soccer and trained as a gymnast concurrently for about six years until she had to pick one around the sixth grade. Gymnastics was the sport she loved more so it is the one she stuck with.
- **Grace McLaughlin** is third member of the current Gator team who was part of the U.S.'s gold medal 2011 Pan American Games team. Also on the team was Bridgette Caquatto and Bridget Sloan.
- **Alex McMurtry** graduated a year early from high school so she could join the Gators in the fall of 2014.
- **Bridget Sloan** has represented the U.S. in 15 international competitions, including at the sport's highest level (Olympics/2008; World Championships/2009, 2010).

2016 Gator Gymnastics Schedule

Date	Opponent (Television)
Jan. 8	Texas Woman's University
Jan. 15	UCLA (SEC Network +)
Jan. 22	Auburn (SEC Network)
Jan. 29	Alabama (SEC Network)
Feb. 5	Georgia (SEC Network)
Feb. 12	Gators Link to Pink versus Arkansas (SEC Network +)
Feb. 19	Missouri (SEC Network)
Feb. 26	LSU (SEC Network)
March 4	Kentucky (TD-ESPNU)
March 11	North Carolina (SEC Network +)
March 19	Southeastern Conference Championships (SEC Network +)
April 2	NCAA Regional
April 15-16	NCAA Championships (Fort Worth, Texas)

Shading denotes home meets

Gator Gymnastics Meet Notes

Additions for 2017 Season

Four notable gymnasts signed with Florida for the 2017 season.

Alyssa Baumann (Plano, Texas)

Member of U.S.'s gold-medal [2014 World Championships](#) team...second on [balance beam at 2015](#) and [2014 P&G Championships](#)...fourth in P&G Championships' all-around in 2014 and seventh in 2015...attended final 2015 World Championships selection camp in October...member of U.S. team which won 2014 and 2015 City of Jesolo Trophy team title – also second on beam at both meets...seventh in junior division all-around at the 2013 P&G Championships – also fifth on floor and seventh on beam...sixth in all-around, uneven bars and floor at 2015 Secret U.S. Classic...[U.S. Senior National Team Member](#) (2015-16, 2014-15)...U.S. Junior National Team Member (2013-14)...member of World Olympic Gymnastics Academy and coached by Laurent Landi and Cecile Canqueteau-Landi.

Maegan Chant (Waterdown, Ontario)

Member of Canada's silver-medal team at 2015 Pan American Games – also took [fourth on vault](#)...2015 Elite Canada vault silver medalist...[floor exercise silver medalist at 2015 Canadian Championships](#)...second in vault and floor exercise at the 2014 Canadian Championships...part of Canada's 2014 Pacific Rim Championship team which claimed the silver...took third on vault in 2014 Pacific Rim competition...2014 Elite Canada vault champion and runner-up on floor...claimed vault gold at 2013 Canadian Championships and third in all-around...won floor at 2013 Cottbus World Cup and claimed silver on vault...Also part of Senior Pan American Games teams in 2014, taking [fourth on vault](#)...[Canadian National Team Member](#) (2015, 2014, 2013), competing as part of Canada's 2013 and 2014 World Championships' team...member of World Class Gymnastics and coached by former Romanian World champion and Olympian Cristina Bontas-Tantaru and Gabriel Tantaru.

Rachel Gowey (Urbandale, Iowa)

2015 [Pan Am Games uneven bars champion](#) - member of U.S.'s gold-medal team...sixth on beam and bars at the 2015 P&G Championships...attended final 2015 World Championships selection camp in October...fourth in all-around at the 2014 Secret U.S. Classic – also took [third in beam](#)...member of U.S. team which won 2014 City of Jesolo Trophy competition – also finished fifth in all-around...2012 Junior Olympic Junior B National balance beam champion – also second in all-around to current Gator Alicia Boren...missed portions of 2014 and 2013 season due to injury...U.S. National Team member (2014-15, 2013-14)...2012 J.O. National Team Member...member of Chow's Gymnastics and coached by Liang Chow and Liwen Zhuang.

Amelia Hundley (Hamilton, Ohio)

Member of U.S.'s 2015 and 2014 Pan American Games championship teams...also claimed Pan Am silver medal on floor and [bronze on uneven bars](#) in 2015...[2015 Region 5 Elite Athlete of the Year](#)...attended final 2015 World Championships selection camp in October...sixth in all-around in [2014 Secret U.S. Classic](#) and P&G Championships...junior division uneven bars champion in 2013 P&G Championships – also placed third in all-around...second in junior division all-around at the 2013 Secret U.S. Classic...U.S. Senior National Team Member (2014-15)...U.S. Junior National Team Member (2013-14, 2012-13, 2011-12)...member of Cincinnati Gymnastics and coaches by Mary Lee Tracy.

What's Next?

The Gators open home action versus No. 6 UCLA on Friday, Jan. 15. The meet will stream live on SEC Network +.

Meet time is set for 6:45 p.m. ET in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Jan. 15.

Florida Returns Five All-Americans

Florida welcomes back five All-Americans in 2016. The Gators' returning All-Americans includes:

Name	Year	Event/Team
Kennedy Baker	2015	Floor – first team
Claire Boyce	2014	FX – second team
Bridgette Caquatto	2015	FX – first team, UB – second team
	2014	UB – second team
Alex McMurtry	2015	BB – first, UB – second team
Bridget Sloan	2015	AA, V, UB – first; BB – second team
	2014	V, UB – first team; FX – second team
	2013	AA, UB, BB, FX – first team

*out for 2016 after summer hip surgery

Five of the eight Southeastern Conference programs return All-Americans in 2016 - Alabama (5), Auburn (1), Georgia (3) and LSU (6).

Freshman Class Ranked No. 2

The Gators' freshmen class stands No. 2 on the [2016 CollegeGymFans.com rankings](#). In the last seven years, Florida's freshmen class has ranked No. 1 five times and No. 2 once.

The five-member Florida freshman class tops CollegeGymFans.com's ranking of recruiting classes, released Dec. 31, 2015.

The class includes **Peyton Ernst** (2013-14, 2012-13), a former U.S. Senior National Team member. **Alicia Boren** won the Junior Olympic Level 10 all-around title each of the past four years and also accumulated five event titles. **Lacy Dagen** won the 2014 Junior Olympic balance beam title in 2014. She will be sidelined in 2016 with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. **Ashley Hiller** was runner-up to Boren in 2015 Junior Olympic – Senior D vault competition and **Amanda Cheney** took fourth on beam at the same meet.

LSU's class is No. 1, while Alabama, UCLA and Utah round out the top five.

Televised Gators

The SEC Network brings 24/7 coverage of Southeastern Conference sports on the new cable channel which started in August of 2014. The SEC-ESPN contract is set to run for 20 seasons, giving the conference unprecedented national exposure.

The SEC Network is the source for a total of 21 league gymnastics meets – including 15 live events. Four of the five SEC Network appearances for the three-time defending NCAA champion Gators are live. The March 4 Florida at Kentucky dual airs tape-delayed on ESPNU. In addition, the March 19 SEC Championship meet streams live and will also air tape-delayed March 27 on ESPNU or ESPN2.

2016 Florida Gymnastics Television Appearances

Date	Meet	Live or TD	SEC Network	ESPNU	ESPN2
Jan. 22	Florida at Auburn	Live	•		TD-Jan. 24
Jan. 29	Alabama at Florida	Live	•		
Feb. 5	Florida at Georgia	Live	•		TD-Feb. 7
Feb. 19	Florida at Missouri	Live	•		
Feb. 26	LSU at Florida	Live	•		
March 4	Florida at Kentucky	TD-Feb. 24		•	
March 19	SEC Championships	Live			TD-March 27

In addition, all non-televised Gator home meets will stream live on the SEC Network+ platform. Just go to the WatchESPN site on your phone, computer or tablet to watch the action live.

NCAA Championship semifinal action will stream on WatchESPN. The Super Six airs live on ESPNU.

Gator Gymnastics Meet Notes

2016 University of Florida Gymnastics Roster

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EVTS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>HOMETOWN (CLUB)</u>
Kennedy Baker	AA	5-0	Sophomore	Dallas, Texas (Texas Dreams)
Alicia Boren	AA	4-11	Freshman	Franklin Lakes, N.J. (North Stars Gymnastics Academy)
Claire Boyce	AA	5-6	Junior	Arlington, Texas (Texas Dreams)
Bridgette Caquatto	AA	5-3	Senior	Naperville, Ill. (Legacy Elite)
Amanda Cheney	V, BB, FX	5-5	Freshman	Orlando, Fla. (Orlando Metro)
Lacy Dagen	AA	5-1	Freshman	Pleasanton, Calif. (San Mateo Gymnastics)
Bianca Dancose-Giambattisto	UB, BB	5-6	Senior	Montreal, Quebec (Gym-Richelieu)
Peyton Ernst	AA	5-1	Freshman	Coppell, Texas (Texas Dreams)
Ericha Fassbender	AA	5-2	Sophomore	Houston, Texas (Stars Gymnastics)
Morgan Frazier	V, FX	5-2	Senior	Winter Garden, Fla. (Orlando Metro)
Ashley Hiller	AA	4-11	Freshman	Houston, Texas (Stars Gymnastics)
Grace McLaughlin	AA	5-2	Sophomore	Allen, Texas (WOGA)
Alex McMurtry	AA	5-2	Sophomore	Midlothian, Va. (Richmond Olympiad Club)
Bridget Sloan	AA	5-1	Senior	Pittsboro, Ind. (Sharp's Gymnastics Academy)

Head Coach: Jenny Rowland

Assistant Coaches: Adrian Burde and Owen Field

Volunteer Coach: Jeremy Miranda

Assistant to the Head Coach: Ashley Kerr

Managers: Casey McLaughlin & Lindsey Walker

Athletic Trainer: Kelly Bridges

Student Athletic Trainer: Alyssa Adams

Pronunciation Guide:

Alicia Boren – uh-LEE-sh uh Bore-en

Bridgette Caquatto - kuh-KWA-toe

Amanda Cheney – Chain-ee

Bianca Dancose-Giambattisto - bee-AHN-kuh DAN-koes Jham-bah-TEES-toe

Lacy Dagen – Day-gen

Peyton Ernst - URNST

Ashley Hiller – Hill-er

Grace McLaughlin – Mick lawf-luhn

Alex McMurtry – Mick Murr-Tree

Jenny Rowland – ROE-lund

Adrian Burde - bur-DAY

The Last Time It Happened...

- **UF gymnast won an all-around title:** Kytra Hunter (4-17-15) 39.60
- **Gator freshman won an all-around title:** Ericha Fassbender (2-6-15) 39.375
- **Gator freshman opened season with an all-around win:** Kytra Hunter (1-6-12) 39.30
- **UF gymnasts swept top 3 event finishers at a meet:** 3-13-15 - UF swept each apparatus
- **Gator gymnast swept meet event titles:** Ashanée Dickerson claimed at least a share of the five event titles at LSU on Jan. 21, 2011.
- **UF gymnast earned a 10.0:** Bridget Sloan, uneven bars, at SEC Championships 3-21-15)
- **Last regular-season home loss:** Jan. 18, 2008 vs Georgia (196.85-196.825). Home regular-season record since: 40-0
- **Last home loss:** Fifth in 2010 NCAA Super Six (April 22, 2010). Home all-meetings record since: 30-0
- **UF counted a fall toward its team total:**
Vault: Feb. 28, 2009 at Georgia (48.625)
Bars: Jan. 8, 2010 at Oklahoma (48.175)
Beam: March 21, 2015 at SEC Championships (48.625)
Floor: Jan. 13, 2012 versus Illinois-Chicago (48.525)
- **UF was 24 for 24 for routines in a meet:** March 13, 2015 – versus Texas Woman's University
- **Florida did not have an all-arounder in its lineup:** Feb. 22, 2013 versus Kentucky

2015 GATOR GYMNASTICS TEAM RESULTS

Record: 12-5 Home: 5-0		Away: 2-3		Neutral: 5-2		SEC: 5-2	
Date	Opponent	Site	W/L	Opponent	UF Score	Attendance	
1/11	Ball State	Muncie, Ind.	W	193.700	196.925	1,631	
1/16	Auburn	Gainesville, Fla.	W	195.650	197.200	6,754	
1/23	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L	197.40	196.80	13,778	
1/30	Georgia	Gainesville, Fla.	W	196.95	197.60	7,116	
2/6	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	W	195.375	197.20	4,654	
2/13	Missouri	Gainesville, Fla.	W	195.975	198.225	4,529	
2/20	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L	197.95	197.425	12,217	
2/27	Gators Link to Pink vs. Kentucky	Gainesville, Fla.	W	195.950	198.125	6,617	
3/6	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	L	198.50	198.10	4,138	
3/13	Texas Woman's U	Gainesville, Fla.	W	193.40	197.90	4,238	
3/21	SEC Championships	Duluth, Ga.	L	197.525	197.40	8,758	
			L	197.425 (LSU)			
			W	196.925 (AU)			
			W	196.00 (UGA)			
			W	195.95 (ARK)			
			W	195.70 (MU)			
			W	195.025 (UK)			
4/4	NCAA Regional	Morgantown, W.Va.	W	197.00 (SU)	197.475	1,445	
				196.675 (ILL)			
				196.50 (ARK)			
				195.65 (WVU)			
				194.825 (UNH)			
4/17	NCAA Semifinal I	Fort Worth, Texas			197.475 (T-1 st)	2,764	
4/18	NCAA Super Six	Fort Worth, Texas			197.85 (1 st)	4,809	
4/19	NCAA Individual Event Finals	Fort Worth, Texas				3,280	

2015 Florida Event Scores - Meet-by-Meet

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Total
1/11	Ball State	49.500	49.450	48.825	49.150	196.925
1/16	Auburn	49.300	49.525	49.275	49.100	197.200
1/23	Alabama	49.500	48.950	49.000	49.350	196.800
1/30	Georgia	49.300	49.375	49.375	49.550	197.600
2/6	Arkansas	49.450	49.200	49.225	49.325	197.200
2/13	Missouri	49.550	49.525	<u>49.575</u>	49.575	<u>198.225</u>
2/20	LSU	49.425	49.450	49.225	49.325	197.425
2/27	Kentucky	49.575	49.450	49.375	<u>49.725</u>	198.125
3/6	Oklahoma	49.550	49.550	49.525	49.475	198.100
3/13	Texas Woman's U	49.525	49.450	49.450	49.475	197.900
3/21	SEC Championships	<u>49.625</u>	<u>49.575</u>	48.625	49.575	197.400
4/4	NCAA Morgantown Regional	<u>49.625</u>	49.125	49.325	49.400	197.475
4/17	NCAA Semifinal I	49.375	49.450	49.275	49.375	197.475
4/18	NCAA Super Six	49.450	49.450	49.300	49.650	197.850

Underline denotes season best

Florida Top Event Scores of 2015

Total: 198.225 (2-13-15)	Vault: 49.625 (3-21/4-4-15)	Uneven Bars: 49.575 (3-21-15)	Balance Beam: 49.575 (1-30-15)	Floor Exercise: 49.725 (2-13-15)
All-Around: 39.80, Bridget Sloan (4-4-15)	10.0*, Bridget Sloan (1-11-15); Alex McMurtry (1-16-15)	10.0*, Bridget Sloan (3-13/21-15)	9.975, Kytra Hunter (3-6-15)	9.975, Kennedy Baker (1-30/2-13-15), Kytra Hunter (five times); Bridgette Caquatto (2-27-15)