

# Andrew College

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### Volleyball players excel in the classroom and on the court

CUTHBERT, GA. – Andrew College’s volleyball players have arrived on campus for the start of the academic year. The team arrived a week early on Friday, August 5 to prepare for the coming season. Coach Donna Rountree had her players up and running quickly. As soon as they were unpacked they headed to FDR State Park for a weekend of team-building which included primitive camping and hiking.

Coach Rountree said, “The players worked so well together, setting up camp, cooking, and finding their way through the woods. There was much talking, laughing, and getting to know one another.”

The team is now back on campus preparing for the coming season and the start of classes. Academics are extremely important to Coach Rountree and her players. The young women have come to Andrew with high academic standards and leadership expectations of themselves. Six of the student-athletes competed for Margaret A. Pitts scholarships, two full academic scholarships awarded by Andrew College each year. Both winners were volleyball players. Five players have elected to be a part of AndrewServes, a service-learning leadership program.

Coach Rountree is looking forward to a tremendous season with such an intelligent, overachieving team. She says, “These are hard-working, determined young ladies who tackle everything with zeal and determination. But they also like to have fun. I look forward to seeing what they can accomplish as Andrew College athletes and as Andrew College student-leaders.”

The 2016 Andrew College volleyball schedule can be found at [www.andrewfightingtigers.com/sports/wvball/2016-17/schedule](http://www.andrewfightingtigers.com/sports/wvball/2016-17/schedule)

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is a small, residential, two-year College related to The United Methodist Church and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Situated in the rural southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, Andrew College offers the Associate of Art, Associate of Music, and Associate of Science degrees.

#### Photo cutline:

Andrew College volleyball players participated in a camping and hiking weekend at FDR State Park as part of a team-building exercise. Back row, from left: Tara Rogers, Phenix City, AL; Shay Oliver, Columbus, GA; Hannah Messick, Leesburg, GA; Kristen Moore, Savannah, GA; Macie Kirby, Winterville, GA; Alexis Allison, Columbus, GA; Morgan Vandergriff, Monroe, GA; Aishwarya Palekar, Alpharetta, GA.

Front row: Lexi Ellisor, Glenwood, AL; Alondra Quintero, Dalton, GA; Gianna Basulto, Land 'O Lakes, FL; Delaney Bell, Calhoun, GA; Tavoshia Cosby, Columbus, GA; Audree Alford, Hampton, GA; Ashley West, Cartersville, GA.