

Appalachian State University volleyball head coach Matt Ginipro announced the signing of three players to National Letters of Intent on Wednesday.

"We are very excited to announce three new Mountaineers to the Appalachian State Volleyball program," said Ginipro. "All three will be bringing a ton of talent to the court and, more importantly, all three are just great people."

The trio of high-school standouts will join the Mountaineers for the 2013 season after outstanding prep careers. Outside hitters Sloane Evans (San Antonio, Texas/Alamo Heights) and Kat Ferrell (Huron, Ohio/Huron) will join middle blocker Brooke Lyons (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas) on the squad next year.

"I am looking forward to getting Brooke, Kat and Sloan in the gym next fall and having them help us improve this program immediately," said Ginipro. "I'd also like to thank associate head coach, Gregg Whitis, for his hard work in securing our fantastic 2013 recruiting class. Gregg hit the recruiting trail hard once he got to Boone last spring and we have several wonderful additions because of it."

Brooke Lyons
6-3 • Middle Blocker
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Brooke Lyons will join the Mountaineers after an incredibly successful career at Ft. Lauderdale's St. Thomas Aquinas High School. As a senior, Lyons led her squad to the Florida High School 7A state championship match, the Raiders second-straight appearance in the state finals. As a junior, Lyons earned second team all-Brevard County honors and was an all-county honorable mention as a sophomore. This season, Lyons earned a spot on the Under Armour All-America watch list and served as a team captain. In 2010 she won a bronze medal at the Junior Olympics with Boomers Volleyball Club.

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Ginipro's Comments: "At 6-3, Brooke will be bringing some much needed size to our middle hitter group which is something we struggled with this year. Brooke plays for a great coach at one of the top high schools in Florida and will be playing for a state title tonight. She has been putting in a lot of work this season in improving herself as a hitter, especially on slides, and it has shown. I'm looking forward to seeing her improve even more when she gets to Appalachian this summer."

Kat Ferrell

6-0 • Outside Hitter

Huron, Ohio

Huron High School

Kat Ferrell comes to Boone by way of Huron High School in Ohio. A first team all-state and all-district performer as a senior, Ferrell finished her career with 885 kills and 544 digs. She also earned first team all-district and second team all-state accolades as a junior and was a second team all-district selection as a sophomore.

Ginipro's Comments: "Kat impressed us all this past summer at camp. Because of a summer high school league tournament, she was only able to come to the last session and that was after arriving in Boone at 3 a.m. Even with no sleep, she put on a show during that camp session and we knew she would be a great outside hitter for us. Kat is athletic, aggressive and is a great competitor. There's no doubt she'll compete for a spot on the court right away."

Sloane Evans

6-1 • Outside Hitter

San Antonio, Texas

Alamo Heights High School

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Sloane Evans comes to the High Country after an outstanding high-school career at San Antonio's Alamo Heights High School where she earned all-district honors as a junior and senior. During her final two seasons with the Mules, Evans finished in the top-10 in her district in digs, kills, blocks and aces and finished in the top-20 in digs and kills as a sophomore.

Ginipro's Comments: "Sloan was also someone who really impressed us at camp this summer. She comes from a great volleyball background with Alamo VBC and has watched her older sister compete at Georgia Tech. She will bring some much needed ball control to our outside hitter group as she's a very good passer in serve-receive."