

Mountaineers Snag Top-100 Class

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Appalachian State University volleyball earned a distinction as one of the nation's top-100 classes according to PrepVolleyball.com on Wednesday. The Mountaineers were one of 44 schools to receive a place on the high honorable mention list.

"It's a great honor to appear on PrepVolleyball's Top Recruiting Classes list for another year," said head coach Matt Ginipro. "We are excited for our Class of 2013 to arrive in Boone in the next month and look forward to how they will help push this program forward."

PrepVolleyball.com ranks the nation's top-30 classes and awards 25 other schools highest honorable mention before handing out 44 spots on the high honorable mention list.

The Apps will welcome a total of seven newcomers to the High Country for the upcoming 2013 campaign including Sloan Evans (San Antonio, Texas/Alamo Heights), Kat Ferrell (Huron, Ohio/Huron), Brooke Lyons (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas), Taneisha Crockett (Knoxville, Tenn./Hardin Valley Academy), Leah Hawkins (Weaverville, N.C./A.C. Reynolds), Olivia Reed (Gainesville, Fla./Buchholz) and Kati Stammen (Raleigh, N.C./Leesville Road).

Appalachian is one of only two Southern Conference institutions to be earn a top-100 ranking for its recruiting efforts as Chattanooga was also a high honorable mention. Arkansas State, a future conference foe of the Mountaineers, was the lone Sun Belt team to earn recognition.

The Mountaineers' inclusion on the list of the top-100 recruiting classes marks the third time in Ginipro's six seasons in Boone that the Apps have had a nationally-ranked class, all of which have come since 2010.