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Lenoir-Rhyne University Head Softball Coach Shena Hollar has announced the signing of six student-athletes for the 2015 season.

"This class is very athletic and brings the total package to our team," said Hollar. "We loaded up on infielders to fill the void that will be left by our senior class. There will be big shoes to fill but these recruits have loads of talent."

Averi Miller

Taylorsville, N.C.

Alexander Central HS

Miller plays for the 4A State Championship Team under Monte Sherrill as well as the Carolina

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Cobras Travel Team for Charlie Blackwelder.

"Averi (Miller) will be a solid defensive player who can play third base for us," said Hollar. "She is very consistent with the bat. She comes from an outstanding high school program. The experience of playing on playoff teams will benefit her and us tremendously."

Christina Walker

Burlington, N.C.

Western Alamance HS

Walker plays travel ball for the Denver Dazzle under Bobby Shoemaker

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"Christina (Walker) is a ball of energy that brings a lot of excitement to our team," said Hollar. "She is a versatile player that can play third and shortstop. Christina has all the tools to be an everyday player and contribute to our team."

Madison Carter

Bessemer City, N.C.

Bessemer City HS

Carter plays travel ball with the Carolina Cardinals under Head Coach Rick McHone, which won the ASA National Championship this past summer.

"Madison (Carter) is a three-sport athlete in high school and is very athletic," said Hollar. "She

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can play third base, shortstop and catcher. Madison plays on a very competitive summer team that travels the country. That experience adds to what she brings to the team."

Shelby Narmore

LaFayette, Ga.

LaFayette HS

Narmore plays travel ball for the GA Force Elite 95 for Head Coach Mike Leonard.

"Shelby (Narmore) is another quality recruit out of Georgia," said Hollar. "She is athletic, fast and can play anywhere on the field. My hope is that she can fill that lead-off spot for us, as she has a really good bat."

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Madison Poe

Siler City, N.C.

Jordan-Matthews HS

Poe plays travel softball for the Lady Blues under Head Coach Eddie Oldham.

"Madison (Poe) adds to our infield, being able to play second and shortstop," said Hollar. "She brings another left-handed bat to our lineup. Madison has that competitive edge that you look for as a coach."

Mackenzie Cates

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Efland, N.C.

Orange HS

Cates plays travel ball for the NC Dominators Elite and Head Coach Jackie Day.

"Mackenzie (Cates) can play anywhere on the field, but her specialty is catcher," said Hollar. "She will add more power to our lineup and has a cannon for an arm on the defensive side."

Lenoir-Rhyne is coming off a 37-16 season in which the Bears won their fourth consecutive Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament Championship and advanced to the regional finals.

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L-R opens the 2014 season on Saturday, February 8, against Mount Olive at home in a doubleheader beginning at 2:00 p.m.