



## Gray Collegiate Academy hires Coach Kevin Heise and Coach Emily Heise as new Soccer Coaches

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**WEST COLUMBIA, SC** – Gray Collegiate Academy, a public charter school located in West Columbia, has announced the hiring of veteran husband and wife soccer coaching duo, Kevin and Emily Heise as their new boys' and girls' varsity coaches. GCA, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Brian Newsome and Athletic Director Adam Holmes, will begin its' fourth academic year in August 2017 as the War Eagles compete in Region 3-2A of the South Carolina High School League.



Coach Kevin Heise, 46, joins the GCA staff as a faculty member and boys' soccer coach. A 28-year veteran as a coach at Brookland-Cayce High School (1990-2017), Heise is one of 16 members of the South Carolina High School Soccer Coaches Association's Hall of Fame. Prep soccer became a sanctioned sport by the SCHSL in 1976 and Heise has been involved in the sport for more than 35 years as a player and coach. He currently serves as the Associate State Chairman for the SCHSSCA.

As a head coach for the Bearcats from 1991-2016, Heise compiled a record of 454-172-26 for a winning mark of 71.6% that included three Class 3A Lower State Championships, seven Final Four appearances, 15 region titles, and eight Team Academic Awards presented by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. In addition, his players have earned numerous national, regional, state, and local honors under his tutelage.

A native of Cayce, Heise has been tabbed the S.C. Athletic Coaches Association State Coach of the Year twice (2001, 2014), and earned NSCAA 'Large School' State Coach of the Year honors in 2006 and 2014. He coached in the prestigious Clash of the Carolinas – serving as a Co-Coach in 2010 – the Sandlappers' only victory in the 10-year history of the nation's only interstate all-star contest, and has served as an all-star coach in the North-South Soccer Classic on three occasions. He also owns the distinction as being the only person to have played, coached, and officiated in this annual Summer event held by the SCHSSCA since 1989. He has earned Region Coach of the Year honors 12 times and was tabbed the BCHS Athletic Staff COY on two occasions in 2001 and 2011.

A 1993 graduate of the University of South Carolina, Heise also serves as the Executive Director and Director of Coaching for Congaree Rapid FC, a Midlands area youth soccer club he helped found that same year.



Formerly Emily Logan Setzler, Coach Emily Heise is a 2006 graduate of Brookland-Cayce High School and was a member of its' 2005 Class 3A State Championship team and the 2006 Class 3A Lower State Champion side. She brings nine years of coaching experience to the War Eagles and was a member of the Bearcats' coaching staff since 2009. Heise served as a varsity assistant coach for seven years (2009-15) and as the head coach the last two seasons (2016-17). Heise was named the Region 5-3A Coach of the Year for 2017 after leading the Bearcats to the league championship. She has compiled a 32-14-4 (68%) record as a high school Varsity coach.

A veteran club soccer coach with Congaree Rapid FC, Heise is currently involved with girls' teams at the club. Her CRFC U17G team will compete in the USYS Region III Presidents Medal Cup this June in Tulsa, Oklahoma, after claiming the 2016 Fall State Championship with the Rapid. In addition, her 2013 Rapid U14G team also captured the state title and advanced to Regionals in Decatur, Alabama.

Heise, 29, played two years of NCAA Division I soccer at Francis Marion University (2006-2007) before transferring to the University of South Carolina. While at FMU, Heise was twice named to the Peach Belt Conference's Presidential Honor Roll. She finished her studies at USC with a degree in Exercise Science and minor in Psychology in 2011. She is currently employed by Palmetto Health-USC Orthopedics and is married to new GCA boys soccer coach Kevin Heise.

### Coach Kevin Heise at Brookland-Cayce High School

<u>Year</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Postseason</u>	<u>Rank</u>
<b>Class 3A</b>					
2016	Head Coach	17-7-2	*10-0 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	First Round	#8
2015	Head Coach	22-6	*9-1 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Quarterfinals	#4
2014	Head Coach	24-4-1	*10-0 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Finals	#2
2013	Head Coach	21-4	*10-0 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Quarterfinals	#5
2012	Head Coach	20-5-2	*12-0 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Quarterfinals	#4
2011	Head Coach	16-7-2	9-3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	First Round	#9
2010	Head Coach	19-8-2	*8-2 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Semifinals	#3
2009	Head Coach	15-9-2	5-3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Quarterfinals	#7
2008	Head Coach	19-6-1	6-2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Semifinals	#4
2007	Head Coach	13-11-2	6-2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Second Round	#9
2006	Head Coach	16-11-1	5-3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Semifinals	#4
2005	Head Coach	16-8-1	*7-1 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Second Round	#8
2004	Head Coach	14-10-3	3-3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Quarterfinals	#8
2003	Head Coach	9-15	2-4 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	First Round	NR
2002	Head Coach	19-5-4	*8-0 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Finals	#2
2001	Head Coach	26-2-1	*8-0 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Finals	#2
2000	Head Coach	19-5-1	*10-0 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Quarterfinals	#5
1999	Head Coach	21-5	*9-1 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Quarterfinals	#5
1998	Head Coach	20-5	*4-1 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Quarterfinals	#5
1997	Head Coach	19-4-1	*4-1 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Second Round	#5
<b>Class 4A</b>					
1996	Head Coach	18-6	9-3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Quarterfinals	#7
1995	Head Coach	18-7	*10-2 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Semifinals	#4
1994	Head Coach	17-6	*10-2 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	First Round	#10
1993	Head Coach	17-4	4-2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	First Round	#8
1992	Head Coach	11-5	3-4 (5 <sup>th</sup> )	none	NR
1991	Head Coach	8-7	3-4 (5 <sup>th</sup> )	none	NR
1990	Assistant Coach	8-6	3-4 (5 <sup>th</sup> )	none	NR

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