



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GAME

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GEORGE WASHINGTON (1-0) vs. OLD DOMINION (0-0)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | 2 P.M. | CHARLES E. SMITH CENTER | WASHINGTON, DC

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2020-21 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME
Nov. 25	LINCOLN		W 53-38
Nov. 28	OLD DOMINION	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Dec. 1	at Virginia Tech	ACCNX	5 p.m.
Dec. 6	VIRGINIA	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Dec. 9	at James Madison		4 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Howard		2 p.m.
Dec. 20	DELAWARE	ESPN+	12 p.m.
Jan. 1	at Davidson*		TBD
Jan. 3	at Fordham*		2 p.m.
Jan. 8	SAINT LOUIS*		TBD
Jan. 10	DAYTON*		TBD
Jan. 13	at Richmond*		5 p.m.
Jan. 17	at George Mason*		2 p.m.
Jan. 20	at VCU*		TBD
Jan. 22	at La Salle*		6 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Saint Joseph's*		TBD
Jan. 29	RICHMOND*		TBD
Jan. 31	VCU*		TBD
Feb. 5	at Massachusetts*		TBD
Feb. 7	at Rhode Island*		TBD
Feb. 12	DUQUESNE*		TBD
Feb. 14	ST. BONAVENTURE*		TBD
Feb. 18	DAVIDSON*		TBD
Feb. 20	FORDHAM*		TBD
Feb. 28	GEORGE MASON*		TBD
Mar. 3	A-10 First Round%	ESPN+	TBD
Mar. 4	A-10 Second Round%	ESPN+	TBD
Mar. 5	A-10 Quarterfinals%	ESPN+	TBD
Mar. 6	A-10 Semifinals%	CBSSN	TBD
Mar. 7	A-10 Championship%	ESPNU	TBD

ALL TIMES EST

* Atlantic 10 Conference game

% Hosted by VCU (Siegel Center - Richmond, VA)

ACCNX - ACC Network Extra / CBSSN - CBS Sports Network

• George Washington welcomes Old Dominion for a Saturday matinee at the Smith Center. Tip is scheduled for 2 p.m. with live coverage on ESPN+.

• GW opened the year with a 53-38 victory over Division II Lincoln on Wednesday. Three Colonials reached double figures, led by **Neila Luma's** double-double of 16 points and 17 boards.

• Lincoln's 38 points were the fewest scored by a GW opponent since the Buff & Blue topped Coppin State, 54-35, on 12/1/19.

• Sophomore **Faith Blethen** set a new career high with seven rebounds and led the team with four assists. She also scored all 13 of her points after intermission.

• Freshman **Ali Brigham** poured in 10 points and five rebounds, the second straight year a GW first-year reached double digits in the season opener (Tori Hyduke, 10 at Villanova).

• GW dressed just seven players on Thursday with **Piper Macke**, **Caranda Perea**, **Mayowa Taiwo** and **Sydney Zambrotta** unavailable due to injuries. Transfer **Gabby Nikitinaite** will be eligible in January per an NCAA waiver.

• GW is looking for its first 2-0 start since 2015 (started 3-0).

• For the second straight year, GW does not have a scholarship senior on the roster. Of the 12 players on the roster, only two, Luma and junior **Maddie Loder**, have played for at least two years under Coach **Jen Rizzotti**.

• GW is the only program in the A-10 that does not have a scholarship senior on the roster. The Buff & Blue also feature the second-fewest upperclassmen (5) in the league, ahead of only Rhode Island (4).

DOWNRIGHT DOMINANT DEFENSE

GW put the clamps down on Lincoln on Wednesday, limiting the Lions to 18.6% (11-for-59) shooting overall and 18.8% (3-for-16) from beyond the arc. Of 153 teams that played on Wednesday night, the Colonials allowed the fewest field goals (11) in the nation and the second-lowest defensive field goal percentage (South Carolina, 17.6%). The 38 points allowed is good enough for the fifth-fewest in the NCAA.

In GW annals, the 18.6% shot by Lincoln was the lowest of the Rizzotti era (since 2016-17) and the lowest recorded since November 21, 2004 when GW held ECU to 17.4% shooting.

A LUMA-NARY

Redshirt junior **Neila Luma** returned to action for the first time in over a year on Wednesday and registered her fifth career double-double with 16 points and a career-high 17 rebounds. The 17 caroms were the most recorded by a Colonial since future WNBA All-Star Jonquel Jones ripped down 18 against VCU on March 5, 2016 in the A-10 semifinals.

Luma's 17 rebounds were tied for the sixth-most nationally on opening night while her eight boards on the offensive glass were one shy of the nation's top mark.

A WELCOME SIGHT

Luma was named to the Preseason All-Conference Third Team, her second straight year with the honor. Last season, she was named to the preseason second team, but missed all but five games after going down with a season-ending knee injury at Maryland (Nov. 20) and taking a redshirt year. During those five games, she averaged 5.6 ppg and 5.0 rpg in 25.6 mpg.

Prior to last season, the Macungie, Pa., native had started 59 of the first 63 games in her career and averaged 27.5 mpg.

PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

NO.	NAME	YR.	POS.	HT.	GP-GS	PPG	RPG	NOTE
0	Jasmine Whitney	Gr.	G	5-9	1-1	6.0	5.0	Made first appearance since 3/6/19 with Pitt
22	Maddie Loder	Jr.	G	5-11	1-1	4.0	4.0	One of two players with 50+ games of experience at GW
23	Faith Blethen	So.	F	6-1	1-1	13.0	7.0	Scored all 13 points in the second half on Wednesday
30	Neila Luma	R-Jr.	F	6-0	1-1	16.0	17.0	Fifth career double-double on Thursday
32	Essence Brown	So.	G	5-11	1-1	3.0	2.0	Lauded as one of team's top defenders by Coach Rizzotti

KEY RESERVES

NO.	NAME	YR.	POS.	HT.	GP-GS	PPG	RPG	NOTE
1	Ali Brigham	Fr.	C	6-4	1-0	10.0	5.0	Reached double-digits in collegiate debut Thursday
3	Aurea Gingras	Fr.	G	5-8	1-0	1.0	3.0apg	Posted 3:1 assist-to-turnover ratio on Thursday
4	Piper Macke	Fr.	G	5-7	--	--	--	Walk-on from Kentucky provides depth at PG position
10	Sydney Zambrotta	Gr.	G	5-9	--	--	--	Team's top returning scorer from 2019-20
21	Gabby Nikitinaite	R-Jr.	G	5-11	--	--	--	Transferred from NIU after appearing in 90 games (37 starts)
24	Caranda Perea	Fr.	F	6-2	--	--	--	All-District and All-Region performer as a senior in HS
31	Mayowa Taiwo	R-So.	F	6-0	--	--	--	Named to A-10 All-Rookie Team last season

JUST GW, THANK YOU

When abbreviating **George Washington University** in reference to athletics, please shorten to **GW only**.

ACCEPTABLE USES: GW, George Washington, Colonials, Buff & Blue

UNACCEPTABLE USES: GWU, G Wash, G Washington, Geo Wash, Geo Washington, George Wash, Lady Colonials

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Washington, DC
 Founded: 1821
 Enrollment: 27,000
 Nickname: Colonials
 Colors: Buff & Blue
 Facility (Capacity): Charles E. Smith Center (4,338)
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I
 Conference: Atlantic 10
 President: Thomas LeBlanc
 Director of Athletics: Tanya Vogel
 Athletic Department Phone: (202) 994-6650
 University Website: www.gwu.edu

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jennifer Rizzotti (Fifth Season)
 Alma Mater: Connecticut '96
 Record at GW/Seasons: 64-50/Fifth season
 Career Record/Seasons: 380-276/21 seasons
 Assistant Coach: Ganiyat Adeduntan (Fourth Season)
 Alma Mater: Florida State '06
 Assistant Coach: Kevin DeMille (Fourth Season/Fifth Season Overall)
 Alma Mater: Connecticut '13
 Assistant Coach: Bill Sullivan (Third Season/Fourth Season Overall)
 Alma Mater: Connecticut '95
 Director of Operations: Christina Richardson (Fourth Season)
 Alma Mater: Texas A&M '14
 Graduate Assistant: Anna Savino (Second Season)
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 Graduate Assistant: Sarah Overcash (First Season)
 Alma Mater: George Washington '20
 Graduate Assistant: Ariel Stephenson (First Season)
 Alma Mater: George Washington '20

TEAM INFORMATION

2018-19 Record: 14-16
 2018-19 A-10 Record/Finish: 8-8/T-7th
 2019 Postseason: N/A
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/7
 Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
 Newcomers: 6
 Top Returners: Sydney Zambrotta, Gr., G (8.0 ppg/2.0 rpg)
 Mayowa Taiwo, R-So., F (6.8 ppg/6.1 apg)

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year: 1975-76
 All-Time Record: 812-508
 All-Time A-10 Record: 388-182
 All-Time A-10 Tournament Record: 44-31
 A-10 Tournament Titles (Last): 7 (2018)
 A-10 Regular-Season Titles (Last): 16 (2017)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances (Last): 18 (2018)
 All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 18-18
 WNIT Appearances (Last): 5 (2017)
 All-Time WNIT Record: 3-7

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TEAM BREAKDOWN

BY CLASS


Freshmen (4): Ali Brigham, Aurea Gingras
 Piper Macke, Caranda Perea
 Sophomores (3): Faith Blethen, Essence Brown, Mayowa Taiwo
 Juniors (3): Maddie Loder, Neila Luma, Gabby Nikitinaite
 Seniors (0):
 Graduate Students (2): Jasmine Whitney, Sydney Zambrotta

BY STATE/COUNTRY

Kentucky (1): Piper Macke
 Maine (1) Faith Blethen
 Maryland (1) Mayowa Taiwo
 Massachusetts (1) Ali Brigham
 Minnesota (1) Maddie Loder
 New York (1) Sydney Zambrotta
 Pennsylvania (2) Neila Luma, Caranda Perea
 Virginia (3) Essence Brown, Aurea Gingras, Jasmine Whitney
 United Kingdom (1) Gabby Nikitinaite



2020-21 TV/RADIO BROADCAST ROSTER

	0	<p>Jasmine Whitney 5-9 Gr. G Centreville, VA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started in GW debut vs. Lincoln, dishing out three assists with no turnovers in 37 minutes Ranked in Pitt's all-time top 10 in career assists (374) and steals (162) Had not appeared in a game since March 6, 2019 ACC Tournament vs. Duke (12 pts / 6 ast / 6 stl) 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>MIN</th> <th>PPG</th> <th>RPG</th> <th>APG</th> <th>FG%</th> <th>3FG%</th> <th>FT%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2020-21</td> <td>37.6</td> <td>6.0</td> <td>5.0</td> <td>3.0</td> <td>30.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>28.3</td> <td>7.8</td> <td>3.4</td> <td>4.1</td> <td>35.0</td> <td>27.5</td> <td>72.4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		MIN	PPG	RPG	APG	FG%	3FG%	FT%	2020-21	37.6	6.0	5.0	3.0	30.0	0.0	--	CAREER	28.3	7.8	3.4	4.1	35.0	27.5	72.4
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LAST TIME OUT

GW 53, Lincoln 38 - 11/25

WASHINGTON - With Division II Lincoln (PA) in town for the season opener, GW was both eager to get the season started and to start off with a win for the second consecutive season. Behind a smothering defense that held Lincoln to just two points in the second quarter, the new-look Colonials handled their business at home with a 53-38 win.

GW's size was on display as 6-foot redshirt junior Neila Luma returned to action after missing all but five games last season with a knee injury. Luma wasted little time in registering her first double-double of the new campaign with a monster 16-point, 17-rebound effort, with eight of those boards coming on the offensive end. The 17 rebounds also established a new career-high for the Macungie, Pa., product. She was also an efficient 8-of-14 from the floor.

Meanwhile, 6-foot-1 sophomore Faith Blethen joined her frontcourt mate with 13 points and seven rebounds, while canning three of GW's four 3-pointers. Also getting in the fray was 6-foot-4 first-year center Ali Brigham, a legacy student-athlete at GW following in the footsteps of her father, Bill, who had 10 points and five rebounds in her first taste of college action. The frontcourt trio outscored Lincoln's team, 39-38, while grabbing 29 rebounds to lead the home team's 49-47 rebounding advantage.

Defense was the story, however, as the Buff and Blue simply would not let Lincoln get anything going offensively. The Colonials held the Lions to 11-of-59 shooting (.186) and forced 17 turnovers.

Blethen paced GW with four assists while first-year Aurea Gingras dished three in her first 17 minutes as a collegian. Locally grown grad student Jasmine Whitney from Pitt made her GW debut as the lead guard and logged a team-high 38 minutes.



TALE OF THE TAPE



VALUE	CATEGORY	VALUE (2019 STATS)
1-0	Record	24-6 (14-4)
53.0	Points Per Game	▶ 66.3
38.0	Points Per Game Allowed	▶ 55.3
+15.0	Scoring Margin	▶ +11.0
.328	Field Goal Percentage	▶ .406
.186	Field Goal Percentage Defense	▶ .353
.160	3-Point Field Goal Percentage	▶ .318
.188	3-Point Field Goal Percentage Defense	▶ .243
.875	Free Throw Percentage	▶ .606
47.0	Rebounds Per Game	▶ 41.9
+2.0	Rebound Margin	▶ +5.9
17.0	Assists Per Game	▶ 11.2
13.0	Turnovers Per Game	▶ 13.7
3.0	Blocks Per Game	▶ 3.7
4.0	Steals Per Game	▶ 7.9
1-0	Last 10 Games	▶ 7-3
W1	Streak	▶ L2

INSIDE THE MATCHUP

MEDIA COVERAGE

Saturday's game will be available on ESPN+ with Byron Kerr on the call. ESPN's streaming platform will be the home for all GW and Atlantic 10 Conference live digital events.

HISTORY VS. OLD DOMINION

The Colonials and Monarchs square off for the seventh time in program history, but for just the third time in Smith Center. ODU visits D.C. for the first time since 2011 when GW erased a 10-point deficit in the final 10 minutes to earn a come-from-behind victory. Tara Booker led GW with 17 points and 17 rebounds to average a loss from the year prior.

GW has won both matchups in Foggy Bottom in the series history, also eking out a two-point victory in 1990. The two sides have also met once in the NCAA Tournament when 7th seeded GW knocked off 10th seeded Old Dominion on the road, 87-72, in 2006.

LAST 10 GAMES VS. OLD DOMINION

7th Meeting, Series Tied 3-3

Date	Site	Result
12/28/89	A	L, 63-84
12/30/90	H	W, 78-76
11/15/96	A	L, 44-70
3/19/06	A ¹	W, 87-72
12/8/10	A	L, 35-60
11/30/11	H	W, 58-52 (OT)

1-NCAA Tournament First Round (Norfolk, Va.)

A LOOK AT THE MONARCHS

Old Dominion won 24 games a year ago in the regular season, but saw the Conference USA Tournament cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Head coach Nikki McCray-Penson then left for Mississippi State, opening the door for DeLisha Milton-Jones, who joined the program after a year as an assistant coach at Syracuse and two years as the bench boss at Pepperdine.

The Monarchs led the nation in 3-point defense (24.3%) last season and were 15th in the country in scoring defense, allowing just 55.3 ppg. Juniors Amari Young and Ajah Wayne were named to the C-USA Preseason All-Conference team as ODU was picked third overall. Young averaged 10.7 ppg and 8.2 rpg and Wayne chipped in 10.7 ppg and 6.9 rpg, both earning postseason second team all-conference honors.

UP NEXT

GW travels to Blacksburg, Va., on Tuesday for a 5 p.m. tip with former Atlantic 10 rival, Virginia Tech. The two programs will be meeting for the first time since 2012. The game will be broadcast live on ACC Network Extra.

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34	Joy Morton	3:28	1-1	0-0	2-2	3	3	0	3	1	0	0	4	1st FT: 1-2 50.0%																								
01	Bryana Brown	07:19	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	2	7	0	2	0	0	2nd FG: 0-0 0.0%																								
24	Aleena Washerspoon	02:13	1-7	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	3rd FG: 1-6 16.7%																								
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13	Phylina Holmes	16:40	0-3	0-0	1-2	3	5	3	1	0	3	2	0	1	GM FT: 2-6 33.3%																							
22	Kiana Pollock	11:58	0-7	0-2	2-4	0	2	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	1st FT: 0-10 0.0%																							
15	Kendra Stanford	05:16	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd FT: 1-3 33.3%																							
11	Jade Young	10:46	0-4	0-2	2-2	4	1	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	3rd FT: 0-10 0.0%																							
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02	Essence Brown	01:53	1-7	1-3	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1st FT: 0-0 0.0%																							
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ATLANTIC A10

1975 **45 YEARS** 2020

2020-21 A-10 PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. VCU (10)	185
2. Dayton (2)	176
3. Saint Louis (1)	171
4. Davidson	140
Duchesne (1)	140
Fordham	140
7. Massachusetts	118
8. Richmond	81
9. George Washington	78
10. La Salle	70
11. Rhode Island	65
12. St. Bonaventure	42
13. Saint Joseph's	41
14. George Mason	23

2020-21 ATLANTIC 10 STANDINGS
(AS OF 11/27)

	- Conference -	- Overall -
Dayton	-- --	1-0 1.000
Fordham	-- --	1-0 1.000
George Washington	-- --	1-0 1.000
Massachusetts	-- --	1-0 1.000
VCU	-- --	1-0 1.000
Davidson	-- --	-- --
Duchesne	-- --	-- --
La Salle	-- --	-- --
Rhode Island	-- --	-- --
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St. Bonaventure	-- --	-- --
George Mason	-- --	0-1 .000
Richmond	-- --	0-1 .000

SUCCESS IN THE A-10

A founding member of the A-10, GW has posted a 394-183 (.683) record in 36 seasons. The Colonials are 378-131 (.743) against current league rivals, including games before teams joined the A-10, as well as A-10 Championship games. GW boasts winning records against 12 of 13 current A-10 foes with the most wins (55) and games played (70) against Duquesne.

SCHOOL	OVERALL	H	A	N	Strk
Davidson	4-2	2-1	2-1	0-0	L2
Dayton	33-14	16-4	14-7	3-3	L3
Duchesne	55-15	25-5	25-7	5-3	W2
Fordham	20-7	12-1	7-6	1-0	L3
George Mason	25-11	15-3	8-8	2-0	W1
La Salle	37-6	17-3	15-3	5-0	L1
Massachusetts	43-10	24-0	16-10	3-0	W8
Rhode Island	44-6	25-0	18-5	1-1	W10
Richmond	26-13	12-7	11-6	3-0	L1
St. Bonaventure	37-8	20-1	15-7	2-0	L1
Saint Joseph's	32-32	14-16	16-13	2-3	W1
Saint Louis	11-6	6-3	4-3	1-0	L2
VCU	11-1	4-1	6-0	1-0	W5
TOTAL:	378-131	193-45	157-76	29-10	--

SEASON OF ACTION

This season, GW student-athletes will take part in a season-long marketing campaign that brings to light numerous causes identified by student-athletes and coaches that are Bigger Than Basketball. Throughout the season, women's basketball student-athletes will lend their voices to causes, including this week's cause of **Black Lives Matter**.

Each week will feature a multi-faceted approach that highlights the cause. Included in the effort will be Q&A videos with members of the program, informative social media posts, team apparel on game days and fundraising promotion.

WHO'S BACK

Three starters return in Blethen, redshirt sophomore **Mayowa Taiwo** and graduate student **Sydney Zambrotta**. Junior **Maddie Loder**, Luma and sophomore **Essence Brown**, all of whom started at least five games last year, round out the returners from the 2019-20 squad.

The Colonials return 40.4% of the points, 44.0% of the rebounds and 50.2% of the minutes played from last year.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

Luma, Blethen and graduate student **Jasmine Whitney** were voted as the team's captains this season. Blethen is the first sophomore to be named captain in Coach Rizzotti's five seasons at GW. Whitney joined the program in the spring and was elevated to captain less than a year into the program.

Whitney appeared in 91 games for the Panthers, leading the team in assists for three straight years and finishing in the top 10 in program history in both assists (374) and steals (162). In her first appearance with GW, Whitney posted a perfect assist-to-turnover ratio with three helpers and no giveaways.

FRESH FACES (PART I)

In addition to Whitney, GW also welcomed **Gabby Nikitinaite** via the transfer portal this year from Northern Illinois. The UK native spent three years with NIU, averaging 8.0 ppg and 3.4 rpg during her career. Her best season came as a sophomore in 2018-19 where she poured in 12.1 ppg as the team's second leading scorer.

Nikitinaite has received an NCAA waiver that will allow her to be eligible for GW in January.

THE LAST TIME...

GW Individual

Scored 40 or more points:	..... Kelly Ballantine, 40 vs. East Carolina (2/27/83)
Scored 30 or more points:	..... Kelli Prange, 36 vs. Rhode Island (1/24/18)
Had 20 or more rebounds:	..... Jonquel Jones, 21 vs. Florida Gulf Coast (12/3/15)
Had 10+ assists:	..... Mei-Lyn Bautista, 11 vs. South Dakota State (11/12/17)
Had 10+ steals:	..... Chakecia Miller, 10 vs. Rhode Island (1/27/13)
Had 10+ blocks:	..... Mary K. Nordling, 10 vs. Iona (1/11/92)
Made 10+ field goals:	..... Alexandra Maund, 10, at Duquesne (2/22/20)
Made 5+ 3-point field goals:	..... Tori Hyduke, 5, at Delaware (12/4/19)
Made 10+ free throws:	..... Neila Luma, 12 (12-14), vs. Towson (11/27/18)
Had a double-double:	..... Neila Luma (16p/17r) vs. Lincoln (11/25/20)
Had a triple-double:	..... Anna Montanana (11p/12r/13a) vs. La Salle (1/31/04)

GW Team

Won in overtime:	..... 60-54 (20T) at UMass (1/21/17)
Lost in overtime:	..... 69-72 (0T) vs. Saint Louis (1/27/18)
Played 2+ overtimes:	..... 20T (W, 60-54) at UMass (1/21/17)
Scored 100+ points:	..... W 114-55 vs. Bluefield State (12/31/13)
Scored 90+ points:	..... W 94-68 at George Mason (1/18/14)
Scored less than 50 points:	..... 49 vs. Richmond (L 57-49, 3/3/20)
Allowed less than 50 points:	..... 38 vs. Lincoln (W 53-38, 11/25/20)
Allowed less than 40 points:	..... 35 vs. Lincoln (W 53-38, 11/25/20)
Shot better than 60.0%:	..... 66.7% (36-of-54) vs. Brown (1/6/08)
Held opponent under 30.0%:	..... 18.6% (11-of-59) vs. Lincoln (11/25/20)
Made 40+ field goals:	..... 43 vs. Bluefield State (12/31/13)
Made 10+ 3-point field goals:	..... 10 at Massachusetts (2/20/19)
Didn't make a 3-point field goal:	..... vs. Fordham (W, 63-46, 2/1/17)
Attempted 40+ free throws:	..... 40 vs. East Carolina (WNIT) (3/19/14)
Made 30+ free throws:	..... 32 at Duquesne (1/12/98)
Had 60+ rebounds:	..... 60 vs. Hartford (12/30/15)
Had 30+ assists:	..... 34 vs. St. Bonaventure (1/23/05) (A-10 Record)
Committed less than 10 turnovers:	..... 9 vs. Rhode Island (2/25/20)
Committed 35+ turnovers:	..... 37 at Howard (12/6/03)
Forced 30+ turnovers:	..... 33 vs. Bluefield State (12/31/13)
Had 10+ blocked shots:	..... 13 vs. Coppin State (11/16/16)
Had 20+ steals:	..... 21 vs. Jacksonville State (12/1/13)
Two players had 20+ points:	..... at La Salle (2/5/17)
Five players had 10+ points:	..... Lexi Martins (22), Caira Washington (21) at Quinnipiac (12/7/19)
..... Tori Hyduke (22), Alexandra Maund (14), Faith Blethen (12), Mayowa Taiwo (12), Maddie Loder (11)	..... vs. Bluefield State (12/31/13)
Six players had 10+ points:	..... A. Chandler (21), C. Washington (18), J. Jones (15), D. Anderson (14), A. Brown (14), D. Jackson (12), H. Schaible (10)
Two players had 10+ rebounds:	..... vs. Duquesne (2/27/19)
..... Kayla Mokwuah (11), Neila Luma (10)	..... at George Mason (2/27/16)
Two players had a double-double:	..... Caira Washington (18p/10r), Hannah Schaible (16p/11r)
Three players had a double-double:	..... vs. Dayton (3/1/14)
..... Jonquel Jones (22p/13r), Caira Washington (18p/12r), Danni Jackson (17p/12a)	

GW'S RECORD...

	'20-'21	Rizzotti Era
When GW scores first	0-0	34-21
When opponent scores first.....	1-0	30-39
When leading at halftime	1-0	45-12
When trailing at halftime.....	0-0	15-44
When tied at halftime	0-0	4-4
When leading with 5:00 left in fourth quarter	1-0	62-8
When trailing with 5:00 left in fourth quarter.....	0-0	1-51
When tied with 5:00 left in fourth quarter.....	0-0	1-1
In November	1-0	14-14
In December.....	0-0	8-16
In January	0-0	18-13
In February.....	0-0	21-11
In March.....	0-0	3-6
On Sunday.....	0-0	20-18
On Monday.....	0-0	0-0
On Tuesday.....	0-0	5-3
On Wednesday.....	1-0	21-11
On Thursday.....	0-0	2-7
On Friday.....	0-0	4-9
On Saturday.....	0-0	12-12
When GW shoots below 35%.....	1-0	11-26
When GW shoots between 35-40%	0-0	11-21
When GW shoots between 40-45%	0-0	25-8
When GW shoots over 45%.....	0-0	15-2
When opponent shoots below 35%	1-0	31-6
When opponent shoots between 35-40%.....	0-0	20-14
When opponent shoots between 40-45%.....	0-0	11-18
When opponent shoots over 45%	0-0	2-22
When GW scores fewer than 50 points	0-0	2-20
When GW scores 50-59 points.....	1-0	18-30
When GW scores 60-69 points.....	0-0	27-7
When GW scores 70-79 points.....	0-0	15-2
When GW scores 80+ points.....	0-0	2-1
When GW holds opponent under 50 points.....	1-0	33-2
When GW allows 50-59 points.....	0-0	19-14
When GW allows 60-69 points.....	0-0	11-37
When GW allows 70+ points	0-0	1-17
In games decided by five points or less	0-0	15-13
In overtime	0-0	2-4
When outrebounding an opponent.....	1-0	35-19
When outrebounded by an opponent	0-0	27-40
When rebounds are even	0-0	2-1
vs. Atlantic 10 Opponents	0-0	42-29
vs. Non-Conference Opponents	1-0	22-31
vs. ACC (Virginia, Virginia Tech).....	0-0	0-4
vs. CAA (Delaware, James Madison).....	0-0	3-4
vs. C-USA (Old Dominion).....	0-0	1-0
vs. MEAC (Howard).....	0-0	2-0
vs. Non-Division I (Lincoln).....	1-0	1-0
At Charles E. Smith Center.....	1-0	33-28
On the road	0-0	26-28
At neutral site	0-0	5-4
vs. Top 25 ranked teams	0-0	0-8
as a Top 25 ranked team.....	0-0	0-0
vs. teams with winning records.....	0-0	24-41
vs. .500 teams	1-0	7-2
vs. teams with losing records	0-0	32-14
When GW is coming off a win	0-0	35-28
When GW is coming off a loss	1-0	29-29
Longest GW win streak.....	1	7
Longest GW losing streak	0	5
Largest lead	20 (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) / 37 (vs. Mason, 2/18/17)	
Largest deficit	2 (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) / 45 (vs. Maryland, 11/14/18)	
Largest deficit overcome	2 (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) / 15 (at UMass, 1/21/17)	
Largest halftime lead	14 (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) / 28 (vs. Coppin St, 11/16/16)	

FRESH FACES (PART II)

GW welcomes six newcomers to the fray, including three scholarship freshmen - **Ali Brigham, Aurea Gingras** and **Caranda Perea** - and walk-on Piper Macke.

Brigham, whose father Bill played for GW in the early 1990s, was a nominee for the Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior. She debuted with 10 points on Wednesday.

Gingras, hailing from nearby Alexandria, Va., won three state championships in her high school career between Paul VI and Edison High School. In 17 minutes of action Wednesday, she dished out three assists, one shy of a team high.

Perea was a defensive menace and All-Region performer for Altoona Area High School, also winning an AAU National Championship in 2016.

ALL-ROOKIE PERFORMER

Sophomore **Mayowa Taiwo** was named to the A-10 All-Rookie team in her initial campaign, the first Colonial to earn the honor since 2016. Taiwo averaged 6.8 ppg and 6.1 rpg while shooting 48.3% in 30 games. She was one of just four players to appear in every game, starting 23, third-most on the team.

THE CHALLENGES OF SCHEDULING

Despite the uncertain nature and limitations of scheduling in a pandemic, Coach Rizzotti has once again put together a challenging non-conference slate for the Colonials to tackle. Of the seven teams on the schedule, four won at least 20 games a season ago. GW's first three opponents this year combined to go 68-21 in 2019-20.

Virginia's visit to D.C. on December 6 marks the 23rd time in the last 24 years that GW has hosted at least one Power 5 opponent. The Colonials' non-conference RPI a year ago was 118, fourth-toughest in the Atlantic 10.

COMEBACK KIDS

The Colonials had the propensity of coming from behind last year, winning nine times when trailing at halftime. In Coach Rizzotti's first three seasons at GW, the Buff & Blue registered just six such victories. GW authored six double-digit comebacks, including three such wins in A-10 play.

A BAKER'S DOZEN

GW used 13 different starting lineups last season with 11 different Colonials starting at least one game. The Buff & Blue only had three lineup combinations that were used more than twice last season. Of the returners, **Faith Blethen** had the most starts with 26.

THE MAGIC NUMBER

Coach Rizzotti's recipe for success always stems from her team's defense. The Colonials are 31-6 under Rizzotti when holding their opponent to 35% shooting or less, including a 1-0 mark in the 2020-21 campaign.

SEARCHING FOR 60

During Coach Rizzotti's tenure, 60 points has typically spelled victory with the Colonials posting a 43-10 mark when crossing the 60-point threshold. Defensively, GW is 52-16 when holding its opponent to fewer than 60 points, having accomplished the feat in 68 of Coach Rizzotti's 114 games on the sideline (59.6%).

STARTERS BY GAME

Lincoln	Whitney	Loder	Brown	Blethen	Luma
ODU					
Va. Tech					
UVA					
JMU					
Howard					
Delaware					
Davidson					
Fordham					
SLU					
Dayton					
Richmond					
Mason					
VCU					
La Salle					
St. Joe's					
Richmond					
VCU					
UMass					
URI					
Duquesne					
St. Bona					
Davidson					
Fordham					
Mason					

GW RECORD BY STARTERS

Whitney / Loder / Brown / Blethen / Luma (1-0)

SPECIALITY STATS

GAME	PIP	POT	SCP	FBP	BP
Lincoln	16-12	17-8	4-8	5-4	11-17
Old Dominion					
Virginia Tech					
Virginia					
James Madison					
Howard					
Delaware					
Davidson					
Fordham					
Saint Louis					
Dayton					
Richmond					
George Mason					
VCU					
La Salle					
Saint Joesph's					
Richmond					
VCU					
Massachusetts					
Rhode Island					
Duquesne					
St. Bonaventure					
Davidson					
Fordham					
George Mason					
TOTALS	16-12	17-8	4-8	5-4	11-17
AVERAGE	16.0-12.0	17.0-8.0	4.0-8.0	5.0-4.0	11.0-17.0
MARGIN	+4.0	+9.0	-4.0	+1.0	-6.0

KEY: PIP - Points in Paint; POT - Points Off Turnovers; SCP - Second-Chance Points; FBP - Fast-break Points; BP - Bench Points

A-10/NCAA RANKINGS

TEAM (as of 11/26)

VALUE..... A-10 (/14) NCAA (/347)

Scoring Offense.....	53.0.....	7th.....	129th
Scoring Defense.....	38.0.....	1st.....	5th
Scoring Margin.....	+15.0.....	2nd.....	51st
FG Percentage.....	32.8.....	6th.....	123rd
FG Percentage Defense.....	18.6.....	1st.....	2nd
FT Percentage.....	87.5.....	1st.....	5th
Rebound Margin.....	+2.0.....	3rd.....	75th
3pt FG Per Game.....	4.0.....	5th.....	92nd
3pt FG Percentage.....	16.0.....	6th.....	131st
3pt FG Defense.....	18.8.....	2nd.....	33rd
Assists Per Game.....	17.0.....	2nd.....	35th
Blocks Per Game.....	3.0.....	3rd.....	56th
Steals Per Game.....	4.0.....	6th.....	130th
Turnovers Per Game.....	13.0.....	2nd.....	30th
Turnover Margin.....	+5.0.....	3rd.....	46th
Assist/Turnover Ratio.....	1.31.....	2nd.....	24th

INDIVIDUAL

VALUE..... A-10..... NCAA

Faith Blethen

Assists Per Game.....	4.0.....	5th.....	92nd
Blocks Per Game.....	1.0.....	4th.....	99th
FG Attempts.....	14.....	7th.....	92nd
Minutes Per Game.....	35.2.....	8th.....	80th
Rebounds Per Game.....	7.0.....	4th.....	181st
3pt FG Attempts.....	9.....	1st.....	18th
3pt FG Made.....	3.....	2nd.....	44th
3pt FG Per Game.....	3.0.....	2nd.....	44th
3pt FG Percentage.....	33.3.....	9th.....	176th

Ali Brigham

Blocks Per Game.....	1.0.....	4th.....	99th
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Essence Brown

Blocks Per Game.....	1.0.....	4th.....	99th
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Aurea Gingras

A/TO Ratio.....	3.0.....	3rd.....	33rd
Assists Per Game.....	3.0.....	10th.....	164th

Maddie Loder

A/TO Ratio.....	1.5.....	8th.....	127th
Assists Per Game.....	3.0.....	10th.....	164th
Minutes Per Game.....	36.1.....	5th.....	58th
3pt FG Attempts.....	8.....	2nd.....	28th

Neila Luma

Def. Reb. Per Game.....	9.0.....	3rd.....	21st
FG Attempts.....	14.....	7th.....	92nd
FG Made.....	8.....	5th.....	41st
FG Percentage.....	57.1.....	6th.....	115th
Minutes Per Game.....	33.6.....	10th.....	124th
Off. Reb. Per Game.....	8.0.....	1st.....	2nd
Points Per Game.....	16.0.....	9th.....	145th
Rebounds Per Game.....	17.0.....	2nd.....	6th
Steals Per Game.....	2.0.....	8th.....	138th

Jasmine Whitney

Assists Per Game.....	3.0.....	10th.....	164th
Minutes Per Game.....	37.6.....	4th.....	35th

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

In the last 30 seasons since 1990, GW has registered:

- 23 postseason appearances
- 18 NCAA Tournament appearances
- Four NCAA Sweet 16's (1995, 1997, 2007, 2008)
- One NCAA Elite Eight (1997)
- Five Postseason WNIT appearances
- 16 Atlantic 10 regular season titles
- Seven Atlantic 10 Championships
- 21 20-win seasons

GW SIGNS FIVE IN CLASS OF 2025

GW announced the program's signing class for the 2021-22 season on Nov. 13, welcoming five new student-athletes to the Buff & Blue. The five-member recruiting class, Rizzotti's largest in her five-year tenure, includes two guards - Taylor Golembiewski and Leila Patel, and three forwards - Andrea Daley, Sophie Haydon and Michelle Ojo.

"Recruiting through the COVID-19 pandemic created some new challenges for us, but I couldn't be more thrilled with the five women who took a leap of faith and committed to playing for us here at GW," Rizzotti said. "This class is versatile, competitive and high character, and I can't wait to get them in GW uniforms."

DOUBLE DOWN

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

PLAYER	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	STRK	TOTAL
Neila Luma	2	2	-	1	1	5
Mayowa Taiwo	-	-	2	-	-	2
Jasmine Whitney^	-	1	-	-	-	2
Gabby Nikitinaite*	-	1	-	-	-	1

20-POINT GAMES

PLAYER	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	STRK	TOTAL
Neila Luma	-	3	-	-	-	3
Jasmine Whitney^	1	2	-	-	-	3
Gabby Nikitinaite*	-	3	-	-	-	3

DOUBLE-FIGURE SCORING GAMES

PLAYER	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	STRK	TOTAL
Gabby Nikitinaite*	5	20	11	-	-	36
Jasmine Whitney^	10	13	-	-	-	31
Neila Luma	10	16	1	1	1	28
Sydney Zambrotta%	2	-	9	-	1	14
Maddie Loder	-	6	2	-	-	8
Mayowa Taiwo	-	-	8	-	1	8
Faith Blethen	-	-	5	1	1	6
Ali Brigham	-	-	-	1	1	1

DOUBLE-FIGURE REBOUNDING GAMES

PLAYER	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	STRK	TOTAL
Neila Luma	5	4	-	1	1	10
Mayowa Taiwo	-	-	3	-	-	3
Gabby Nikitinaite*	-	1	-	-	-	1

GAMES AS LEADING SCORER

PLAYER	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	STRK	TOTAL
Neila Luma	2	11	-	1	1	14
Jasmine Whitney^	1	4	-	-	-	6
Sydney Zambrotta	-	-	6	-	1	6
Maddie Loder	-	2	1	-	-	3
Mayowa Taiwo	-	-	3	-	-	3
Faith Blethen	-	-	2	-	-	2
Gabby Nikitinaite*	-	5	2	-	-	7

GAMES AS LEADING REBOUNDER

PLAYER	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	STRK	TOTAL
Neila Luma	18	14	2	1	1	35
Mayowa Taiwo	-	-	14	-	-	14
Jasmine Whitney^	2	3	-	-	-	10
Gabby Nikitinaite*	2	3	3	-	-	8
Maddie Loder	-	1	-	-	-	1
Faith Blethen	-	-	1	-	-	1
Essence Brown	-	-	1	-	-	1

% - at Louisville for '16-18 / ^ - at Pitt for '16-19

* - at Northern Illinois for '17-20

SUPERLATIVES

2020-21 INDIVIDUAL

	GW HIGH	OPPONENT HIGH
POINTS.....	16..... Neila Luma (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	9..... Joy Morton (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) ...
FIELD GOALS.....	8..... Neila Luma (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	3..... Joy Morton (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) ...
FIELD GOALS ATT.....	14..... Two Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	9..... Two Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) ...
FG PCT. (MIN. 5 MADE).....	57.1..... Neila Luma (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	
3-PT. FIELD GOALS.....	3..... Faith Blethen (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	1..... Three Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) .
3-PT. FIELD GOALS ATT.....	9..... Maddie Loder (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	4..... Two Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) ...
3-PT. FG PCT. (MIN. 2 MADE).....	33.3..... Faith Blethen (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	
FREE THROWS.....	4..... Ali Brigham (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	2..... Five Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) ...
FREE THROWS ATT.....	4..... Ali Brigham (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	4..... Two Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) ...
FT PCT. (BEST PERFECT GAME).....	4-4..... Ali Brigham (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	2-2..... Three Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) .
REBOUNDS.....	17..... Neila Luma (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	9..... Kryshell Gordy (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
ASSISTS.....	4..... Faith Blethen (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	1..... Three Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) ...
STEALS.....	2..... Neila Luma (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	2..... Two Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20) ...
BLOCKS.....	1..... Three Players (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	

2020-21 GW TEAM

	GW HIGH	GW LOW
POINTS.....	53..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	53..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FIELD GOALS.....	21..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	21..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FIELD GOALS ATT.....	64..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	64..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FIELD GOALS PCT.....	32.8..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	32.8..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
3-PT. FIELD GOALS.....	4..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	4..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
3-PT. FIELD GOALS ATT.....	25..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	25..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
3-PT. FIELD GOALS PCT.....	16.0..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	16.0..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FREE THROWS.....	7..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	7..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FREE THROWS ATT.....	8..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	8..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FREE THROWS PCT.....	87.5..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	87.5..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
REBOUNDS.....	47..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	47..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
ASSISTS.....	17..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	17..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
STEALS.....	4..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	4..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
BLOCKS.....	3..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	3..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
TURNOVERS.....	13..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	13..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FOULS.....	17..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	17..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
POINTS, HALF.....	31..... (2H vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	22..... (1H vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
POINTS, QUARTER.....	17..... (4Q vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	10..... (2Q vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)

2020-21 OPPONENT TEAM

	OPPONENT HIGH	OPPONENT LOW
POINTS.....	38..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	38..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FIELD GOALS.....	11..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	11..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FIELD GOALS ATT.....	59..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	59..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FIELD GOALS PCT.....	18.6..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	18.6..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
3-PT. FIELD GOALS.....	3..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	3..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
3-PT. FIELD GOALS ATT.....	16..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	16..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
3-PT. FIELD GOALS PCT.....	18.8..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	18.8..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FREE THROWS.....	13..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	13..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FREE THROWS ATT.....	20..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	20..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FREE THROWS PCT.....	65.0..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	65.0..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
REBOUNDS.....	45..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	45..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
ASSISTS.....	3..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	3..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
STEALS.....	7..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	7..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
BLOCKS.....	0..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	0..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
TURNOVERS.....	18..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	18..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
FOULS.....	16..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	16..... (vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
POINTS, HALF.....	30..... (2H vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	8..... (1H vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)
POINTS, QUARTER.....	18..... (4Q vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)	2..... (2Q vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20)



GRADUATE / G / 5-9
CENTREVILLE, VA
PAUL VI / PITTSBURGH
MAJOR: CRIMINOLOGY

JASMINE WHITNEY 0

SEASON HIGHS

Points	6	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FG	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FGA	10	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG		
3FGA	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FT		
FTA		
Rebounds	5	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Blocks		
Steals		
Minutes	38	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20

CAREER HIGHS

Points	23	at Duquesne, 12/29/18
FG	10	at North Carolina, 1/7/18
FGA	18	vs. Virginia Tech, 1/31/19
3FG	5	vs. Mount St. Mary's, 11/12/16
3FGA	6	6x, Last vs. Louisville, 3/3/19
FT	8	at Duquesne, 12/29/18
FTA	9	2x, Last vs. St. Francis (PA), 12/21/18
Rebounds	9	vs. Cornell, 11/26/16
Assists	12	at Wake Forest, 2/28/19
Blocks	2	5x, Last at Louisville, 1/27/19
Steals	6	2x, Last vs. Duke, 3/6/19
Minutes	40	2x, Last vs. Louisville, 1/18/18

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals			3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring					
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	Pitt	30-17	721/24.0	67-186	.360	11-45	.244	37-59	.627	9	99	108	3.6	65-2	100	60	15	45	182	6.1
2017-18	Pitt	30-30	920/30.7	89-239	.372	11-42	.262	41-58	.707	6	84	90	3.0	63-1	134	84	14	52	230	7.7
2018-19	Pitt	31-28	929/30.0	99-303	.327	25-81	.309	74-93	.796	19	91	110	3.5	66-0	140	84	7	65	297	9.6
2020-21	GWU	1-1	38/37.6	3-10	.300	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	5	5	5.0	3-0	3	0	0	0	6	6.0
TOTAL FOR GWU		1-1	38/37.6	3-10	.300	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	5	5	5.0	3-0	3	0	0	0	6	6.0
TOTAL		92-76	2607/28.3	258-738	.350	47-171	.275	152-210	.724	34	279	313	3.4	197-3	377	228	36	162	715	7.8

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

- Made GW debut vs. Lincoln (Nov. 25), contributing six points, five rebounds and three assists in 38 minutes.

PRIOR TO GW (AT PITT)

- Transferred into the GW program for the Spring 2020 semester following her graduation from Pitt
- Appeared in 91 games, starting 75 as one of the top guards in program history during her three years at Pitt
- Led the Panthers in assists for three straight years, finishing ninth in program history with 374 assists (4.1 pg)
- At the time of her departure, she was the only active player in the ACC to record 100+ assists in three straight seasons
- Ranks 10th in Pitt history with 162 steals (1.8 pg), leading the Panthers each of her last two years
- Set a new career high with 9.6 ppg in 2018-19, reaching double figures 13 times
- Averaged 7.8 ppg for her career and played over 30 mpg her last two season
- Named to the ACC All-Academic team as a junior and earned two ACC Rookie of the Week designations as a freshman
- Named team captain as a sophomore

HIGH SCHOOL

- Four-time state champion (2013-16) and three-time conference champion (2014-16) at Paul VI Catholic HS
- Team compiled a 123-12 record over her four-year career
- 2016 WCAC Player of the Year, VISAA Player of the Year and All-Met first team
- Scholar-Athlete and recipient of the Pete Menke Student-Athlete Award
- Ranked No. 25 for her position by ESPN ... 4-star recruit according to ProspectNation.com
- Volunteered at Basketball Special Olympics every year of high school.

WHITNEY GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	P F A	T O	B S	P
LINCOLN	38*	3-10	0-3	0-0	0-5-5	3 3	0 0	0 0	6
ODU									
at Va. Tech									
VIRGINIA									
at JMU									
at Howard									
DELAWARE									
at Davidson*									
at Fordham*									
SAINT LOUIS*									
DAYTON*									
at Richmond*									
at Mason*									
at VCU*									
at La Salle*									
at St. Joe's*									
RICHMOND*									
VCU*									
at UMass*									
at URI*									
DUQUESNE*									
ST. BONA*									
DAVIDSON*									
FORDHAM*									
MASON*									



ALI BRIGHAM ¹

FRESHMAN / C / 6-4
 FRANKLIN, MA
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 MAJOR: ARTS & SCIENCES

SEASON HIGHS

Points	10	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FG	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FGA	7	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG		
3FGA		
FT	4	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FTA	4	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Rebounds	5	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Blocks	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Steals		
Minutes	22	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20

CAREER HIGHS

Points	10	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FG	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FGA	7	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG		
3FGA		
FT	4	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FTA	4	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Rebounds	5	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Blocks	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Steals		
Minutes	22	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds					Scoring					
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	GWU	1-0	22/21.6	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	0	5	5	5.0	3-0	1	1	1	0	10	10.0
TOTAL		1-0	22/21.6	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	0	5	5	5.0	3-0	1	1	1	0	10	10.0

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

- Reached double figures in her collegiate debut vs. Lincoln (Nov. 25) with 10 points and five rebounds.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Completed a decorated career at Franklin High School, finishing as the program's all-time leading scorer (men or women) with 1,692 points and rebounder with 1,276 boards
- Named a Gatorade State Player of the Year finalist after averaging 22 ppg and 14 rpg as a senior, leading her team to the Division 1 State co-Championship and the #1 ranking in Massachusetts
- Two-time Hockomock League MVP and two-time honoree on the Boston Globe All-Scholastic and Boston Herald All-Scholastic dream teams
- Two-time team MVP and Underclassman of the year as a freshman and a sophomore
- Father, Bill ('93), also played basketball at George Washington

BRIGHAM GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN	22	3-7	0-0	4-4	0-5-5	3	1	1	1	0	10
ODU											
at Va. Tech											
VIRGINIA											
at JMU											
at Howard											
DELAWARE											
at Davidson*											
at Fordham*											
SAINT LOUIS*											
DAYTON*											
at Richmond*											
at Mason*											
at VCU*											
at La Salle*											
at St. Joe's*											
RICHMOND*											
VCU*											
at UMass*											
at URI*											
DUQUESNE*											
ST. BONA*											
DAVIDSON*											
FORDHAM*											
MASON*											



AUREA GINGRAS

3

FRESHMAN / G / 5-7

ALEXANDRIA, VA

EDISON

MAJOR: ARTS & SCIENCES

SEASON HIGHS

Points	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FG		
FGA	2	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG		
3FGA	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FT	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FTA	2	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Rebounds	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Blocks		
Steals	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Minutes	17	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20

CAREER HIGHS

Points	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FG		
FGA	2	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG		
3FGA	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FT	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FTA	2	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Rebounds	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Blocks		
Steals	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Minutes	17	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals			3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring					
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	GWU	1-0	17/17.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.0	1-0	3	1	0	1	1	1.0
TOTAL		1-0	17/17.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.0	1-0	3	1	0	1	1	1.0

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

- Made GW debut vs. Lincoln (Nov. 25), dishing out three assists in 17 minutes.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Played for two seasons at Paul VI Catholic HS before transferring to Edison HS
- At PVI, was the only freshman on the varsity team that won the VA state championship and finished the season ranked 5th in the country by ESPN
- Started at PG as a sophomore for state championship-winning squad that also finished fifth in the nation per ESPN
- Also was named All-WCAC honorable mention
- Two-time first team all-conference performer at Edison, also earning second team all-region honors as a junior and first-team all-region accolades as a senior
- All-Defensive team honoree as a senior for team that won the state championship

GINGRAS GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN	17	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-1-1	1	3	1	0	1	1
ODU											
at Va. Tech											
VIRGINIA											
at JMU											
at Howard											
DELAWARE											
at Davidson*											
at Fordham*											
SAINT LOUIS*											
DAYTON*											
at Richmond*											
at Mason*											
at VCU*											
at La Salle*											
at St. Joe's*											
RICHMOND*											
VCU*											
at UMass*											
at URI*											
DUQUESNE*											
ST. BONA*											
DAVIDSON*											
FORDHAM*											
MASON*											



PIPER MACKE

FRESHMAN / G / 5-7

FORT THOMAS, KY

HIGHLANDS

MAJOR: ARTS & SCIENCES

SEASON HIGHS

Points
FG
FGA
3FG
3FGA
FT
FTA
Rebounds
Assists
Blocks
Steals
Minutes

CAREER HIGHS

Points
FG
FGA
3FG
3FGA
FT
FTA
Rebounds
Assists
Blocks
Steals
Minutes

CAREER STATISTICS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Three-year standout at Highlands High School following her freshman year at Holy Cross District High School
- Averaged 12.2 ppg, 4.5 apg and 3.0 spg over her final three seasons for a program that was perennially ranked among the state's top 10
- Led her team to four straight District Championships
- Two-time All-District and All-Region selection, and District Tournament MVP as a senior
- Also started at point guard for Kentucky Royals AAU, averaging 10.5 ppg, 7.8 apg and 4.2 spg
- AAU program finished as the Division 1 National Runner Up

MACKE GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN ODU											DNP-INJ
at Va. Tech											
VIRGINIA											
at JMU											
at Howard											
DELAWARE											
at Davidson*											
at Fordham*											
SAINT LOUIS*											
DAYTON*											
at Richmond*											
at Mason*											
at VCU*											
at La Salle*											
at St. Joe's*											
RICHMOND*											
VCU*											
at UMass*											
at URI*											
DUQUESNE*											
ST. BONA*											
DAVIDSON*											
FORDHAM*											
MASON*											



GRADUATE / G / 5-9
NORTH BABYLON, NY
CHRIST THE KING / LOUISVILLE
MAJOR: SPORT MANAGEMENT

SYDNEY 10 ZAMBROTTA

SEASON HIGHS

Points
FG
FGA
3FG
3FGA
FT
FTA
Rebounds
Assists
Blocks
Steals
Minutes

CAREER HIGHS

Points 18 at Lehigh, 11/13/19
FG 7 at Lehigh, 11/13/19
FGA 18 at Villanova, 11/6/19
3FG 5 vs. Western Kentucky, 12/11/16
3FGA 9 vs. James Madison, 12/20/19
FT 7 at Davidson, 1/18/20
FTA 8 at Davidson, 1/18/20
Rebounds 6 vs. Richmond, 3/3/20
Assists 5 3x, Last at VCU, 2/9/20
Blocks 1 3x, Last at St. Bonaventure, 2/6/20
Steals 4 vs. Murray State, 11/24/17
Minutes 35 vs. James Madison, 12/20/19

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	LOU	29-0	186/6.4	28-64	.438	20-49	.408	8-10	.800	1	10	11	0.4	28-0	13	19	0	3	84	2.9
2017-18	LOU	33-1	344/10.4	34-102	.333	26-80	.325	17-17	1.000	8	32	40	1.2	34-1	16	19	1	11	111	3.4
2019-20	GWU	23-10	549/23.9	62-196	.316	29-97	.299	32-42	.762	9	37	46	2.0	26-0	49	51	2	16	185	8.0
TOTAL FOR GWU		23-10	549/23.9	62-196	.316	29-97	.299	32-42	.762	9	37	46	2.0	26-0	49	51	2	16	185	8.0
TOTAL		85-11	1079/12.7	124-362	.343	75-226	.332	57-69	.826	18	79	97	1.1	88-1	78	89	3	30	380	4.5

2019-20 HIGHLIGHTS

- Appeared in 23 games, starting 10 ... Averaged 8.0 ppg, 2.0 rpg and 2.1 apg in 23.8 mpg
- Shot 31.6% from the field, including 29.9% from beyond the arc
- Recorded nine double-figure scoring efforts and led the team in scoring six times
- Set then-career highs in points (17) and assists (5) while serving as the Colonials' top scorer at Villanova (Nov. 6). The 17 points were the most for a Colonial making her debut in a season opener since Kelli Prange's 24 points at FGCU in 2014
- Topped her career high with 18 points at Lehigh (Nov. 13), scoring 11 points on three 3-pointers in the 4th quarter
- Returned from seven-game absence against JMU (Dec. 20), scoring eight points in a career-high 35 minutes
- Dropped 10 points in the first quarter as part of an 11-point day against William & Mary (Dec. 29)
- Scored 11 points for the second straight game with a pair of 3s at George Mason (Jan. 4)
- Poured in 16 points and dished out four assists in the comeback victory against Duquesne (Jan. 8)
- Tallied 11 points and ripped down a career-best four rebounds in win at Saint Joseph's (Jan. 29)
- Hit a pair of 3s en route to a 16-point day against Saint Louis (Feb. 2)
- Dished out five helpers without a turnover in win over Rhode Island (Feb. 25)
- Drilled a trio of 3-pointers en route to 11 points in the A-10 First Round against Richmond (March 3).

PRIOR TO GW (AT LOUISVILLE)

- Appeared in 62 games over two seasons at Louisville ... averaged 3.4 points and 1.2 rebounds over 10.4 minutes in 33 games in 2017-18, helping Louisville to 36 wins and a Final Four berth via the Lexington Regional • Hit 43.8% of three-point attempts during freshman season in 2016-17.

HIGH SCHOOL

- A four-star recruit, according to both espnW Hoopgurlz and Prospects Nation.
- Tabbed espnW's 56th-best overall player in the class of 2016 and the 16th best at the point guard position.
- Two-time New York State Sportswriters Association All-State selection, securing fourth-team accolades in 2015 and then first-team status in 2016
- Surpassed 2,000 career points in senior season after joining the 1,000-point club as a junior

ZAMBROTTA GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PFA	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN ODU										
at Va. Tech										
VIRGINIA at JMU										
at Howard										
DELAWARE at Davidson*										
at Fordham*										
SAINT LOUIS* DAYTON*										
at Richmond*										
at Mason*										
at VCU*										
at La Salle*										
at St. Joe's*										
RICHMOND* VCU*										
at UMass*										
at URI*										
DUQUESNE* ST. BONA*										
DAVIDSON* FORDHAM*										
MASON*										



GABBY NIKITINAITE 21

R-JUNIOR / G / 5-11

ORPINGTON, KENT, UNITED KINGDOM

COOPERS SCHOOL / NO. ILLINOIS

MAJOR: SOCIOLOGY

SEASON HIGHS

Points
FG
FGA
3FG
3FGA
FT
FTA
Rebounds
Assists
Blocks
Steals
Minutes

CAREER HIGHS

Points 27 at Southern Illinois, 12/7/18
FG 10 at Southern Illinois, 12/7/18
FGA 24 vs. Brown, 12/31/18
3FG 5 2x, Last vs. Buffalo, 2/1/20
3FGA 12 vs. Buffalo, 2/1/20
FT 10 vs. Nevada, 12/2/18
FTA 10 vs. Nevada, 12/2/18
Rebounds 12 vs. Ohio, 3/13/19
Assists 9 vs. Western Illinois, 12/8/18
Blocks 2 2x, Last vs. Ohio, 1/23/19
Steals 4 2x, Last at North Dakota State., 11/10/19
Minutes 40 vs. Miami (OH), 2/12/20

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring							
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2017-18	NIU	28-4	401/14.3	43-137	.314	19-69	.275	16-22	.727	21	53	74	2.6	45-1	34	37	6	6	121	4.3	
2018-19	NIU	32-20	738/23.1	141-357	.395	47-164	.287	57-66	.864	35	93	128	4.0	59-0	74	69	7	28	386	12.1	
2019-20	NIU	30-13	668/22.3	74-211	.351	44-125	.352	24-31	.774	27	80	107	3.6	41-0	61	50	1	21	216	7.2	
TOTAL FOR GWU		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		90-37	1807/20.1	258-705	.366	110-358	.307	97-119	.815	83	226	309	3.4	145-1	169	156	14	55	723	8.0	

PRIOR TO GW (AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS)

- Played three seasons for the Huskies, averaging 8.0 ppg and 3.4 rpg during her career
- Hit 31% of her career 3-point attempts and averaged 1.9 apg
- Earned Academic All-MAC honors as junior, playing in all 30 games and starting 13
- Averaged 7.2 ppg as a junior, shooting a career-best 35% from beyond the arc
- Was the team's second-leading scorer as a sophomore in 2018-19 with 12.1 ppg while starting 20 of 32 games
- Led NIU in free throw percentage at 86.4% as a sophomore
- Participated in 28 games, starting four in her freshman campaign, averaged 4.5 ppg and 2.7 rpg

NIKITINAITE GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PFA	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN										
ODU										
at Va. Tech										
VIRGINIA										
at JMU										
at Howard										
DELAWARE										
at Davidson*										
at Fordham*										
SAINT LOUIS*										
DAYTON*										
at Richmond*										
at Mason*										
at VCU*										
at La Salle*										
at St. Joe's*										
RICHMOND*										
VCU*										
at UMass*										
at URI*										
DUQUESNE*										
ST. BONA*										
DAVIDSON*										
FORDHAM*										
MASON*										



MADDIE LODER

22

JUNIOR / G / 5-11

ORONO, MN

ORONO

MAJOR: ORGANIZATIONAL SCIENCES

SEASON HIGHS

Points	4	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FG	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FGA	10	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG		
3FGA	8	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FT	2	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FTA	2	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Rebounds	4	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Blocks		
Steals		
Minutes	36	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20

CAREER HIGHS

Points	18	at Memphis, 11/17/19
FG	7	at Memphis, 11/17/19
FGA	17	vs. Davidson, 1/31/19
3FG	3	at Memphis, 11/17/19
3FGA	8	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FT	7	vs. Towson, 11/27/18
FTA	9	vs. Towson, 11/27/18
Rebounds	8	at Rhode Island, 1/9/19
Assists	7	at Memphis, 11/17/19
Blocks	1	3x, Last vs. Massachusetts, 1/26/20
Steals	3	3x, Last at La Salle, 1/16/19
Minutes	39	vs. VCU, 1/23/19

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2018-19	GWU	29-14	768/26.5	59-203	.291	22-81	.272	33-44	.750	11	73	84	2.9	30-0	49	57	2	18	173	6.0
2019-20	GWU	23-5	368/16.0	22-57	.386	8-32	.250	11-15	.733	2	25	27	1.2	11-0	26	30	1	6	63	2.7
2020-21	GWU	1-1	36/36.1	1-10	.100	0-8	.000	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	4.0	0-0	3	2	0	0	4	4.0
TOTAL		53-20	1172/22.1	82-270	.304	30-121	.248	46-61	.754	13	102	115	2.2	41-0	78	89	3	24	240	4.5

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

- Started and played 36 minutes vs. Lincoln (Nov. 25), contributing four points and three assists.

2019-20 HIGHLIGHTS

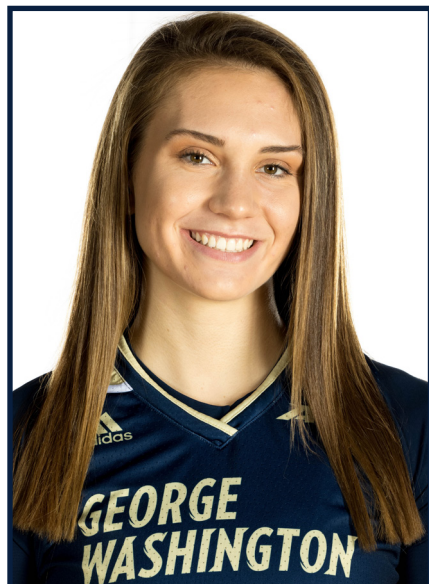
- Appeared in 23 games, starting five, averaged 2.7 ppg, 1.2 rpg and 1.1 apg in 16.0 mpg while shooting 38.6% from the floor and 25% from beyond the arc ... Recorded a pair of double-figure games and led the team in scoring once
- Earned her first start of the year at Memphis (Nov. 17) and starred with a career-high 18 points and seven assists in the comeback victory
- Scored seven of her 11 points in the fourth quarter in the win at Quinnipiac (Dec. 7)
- Returned to action at Davidson (Jan. 18) after missing five games with an injury

2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS

- Appeared in 29 games, starting the final 14 contests, averaged 6.0 ppg, 2.9 rpg and 1.7 apg over 26.6 mpg while shooting 29.1% from the floor ... Reached double figures six times
- Broke out with the best game of her young career against Towson (Nov. 27), scoring 15 points (7-9 FT)
- Produced all-around effort with nine points, four rebounds, an assist, a block and a steal at W&M (Dec. 29)
- Made first career start against Memphis (Jan. 1) and played career-high 37 minutes while providing seven points and career-best five rebounds
- Provided a career-best eight rebounds to go along with five points, two assists and two steals in a win at Rhode Island (Jan. 9)
- Reached double figures for the second time in her career against George Mason (Jan. 19), providing 14 points on 4-8 shooting and adding six rebounds and three assists
- Secured second straight double-figure output with 12 points in win over VCU (Jan. 23)
- Played 38 minutes in win at Duquesne (Jan. 27), scoring seven points and adding five boards, her fourth straight game with at least five rebounds
- Reached double figures for the third time in four games with 14 points against Davidson (Jan. 31)
- Was one of three double-digit scorers in the win over St. Bonaventure (Feb. 24), scoring 10 points with five rebounds and four assists
- Came within a point of her career-high with 14 points, adding five rebounds against Duquesne (Feb. 27)

LODER GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN	36*	1-10	0-8	2-2	0-4-4	0	3	2	0	0	4
ODU											
at Va. Tech											
VIRGINIA											
at JMU											
at Howard											
DELAWARE											
at Davidson*											
at Fordham*											
SAINT LOUIS*											
DAYTON*											
at Richmond*											
at Mason*											
at VCU*											
at La Salle*											
at St. Joe's*											
RICHMOND*											
VCU*											
at UMass*											
at URI*											
DUQUESNE*											
ST. BONA*											
DAVIDSON*											
FORDHAM*											
MASON*											



FAITH BLETHEN

23

SOPHOMORE / F / 6-1
 BOOTHBAY, ME
 BOOTHBAY REGION
 MAJOR: ACCOUNTING

SEASON HIGHS

Points	13	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FG	5	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FGA	14	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FGA	9	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FT		
FTA		
Rebounds	7	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	4	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Blocks	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Steals	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Minutes	35	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20

CAREER HIGHS

Points	16	vs. Princeton, 11/10/19
FG	6	vs. Princeton, 11/10/19
FGA	14	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG	3	3x, Last vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FGA	9	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FT	4	at Quinnipiac, 12/7/19
FTA	5	at Quinnipiac, 12/7/19
Rebounds	7	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	6	2x, Last at Duquesne, 2/22/20
Blocks	3	vs. Georgetown, 11/24/19
Steals	3	vs. Coppin State, 12/1/19
Minutes	39	vs. Saint Louis, 2/2/20

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals			3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring					
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2019-20	GWU	30-26	857/28.6	60-162	.370	35-102	.343	20-26	.769	28	84	112	3.7	31-0	49	29	8	33	175	5.8
2020-21	GWU	1-1	35/35.2	5-14	.357	3-9	.333	0-0	.000	2	5	7	7.0	2-0	4	5	1	1	13	13.0
TOTAL		31-27	892/28.8	65-176	.369	38-111	.342	20-26	.769	30	89	119	3.8	33-0	53	34	9	34	188	6.1

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

- Scored all 13 of her points following halftime in the season opener vs. Lincoln (Nov. 25), adding a career-high seven rebounds and team-best four assists in 35 minutes.

2019-20 HIGHLIGHTS

- One of four Colonials to appear in all 30 games, starting 26
- Averaged 5.8 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 1.6 apg and 1.1 spg while playing 28.6 mpg
- Shot 37.0% from the floor, including 34.3% from beyond the arc
- Led the team in steals while ranking second in assists and 3-pointers
- Reached double figures five times, leading the team in scoring twice
- Earned the start in her first career game at Villanova (Nov. 6), providing three points and six boards
- Burst onto the scene in her Smith Center debut with 16 points (6-12 FG) and six rebounds against Princeton (Nov. 10)
- Reached double figures for the second time at Memphis (Nov. 17) with 10 points
- Knocked down two triples and racked up 10 points for the third time in four games at #9/10 Maryland (Nov. 20)
- Distributed a career-best five assists to go along with eight points and three blocks in win over Georgetown (Nov. 24)
- Drilled two more 3s as part of a 12-point effort at Quinnipiac (Dec. 7), adding five rebounds and four assists without a turnover in a career-high 35 minutes
- Returned to double figures for the first time in league play with 11 points on three 3-pointers at St. Joe's (Jan. 29)
- Scored an A-10 best 13 points vs. Richmond (Feb. 29) behind a trio of 3-pointers

HIGH SCHOOL

- Four-year starter at Boothbay Region High School ... Capped off her career with a Class C State Championship, the school's first in 35 years
- Averaged 19.1 ppg, 11.2 rpg, 5.8 spg, 5.1 apg and 2.1 bpg during her senior campaign, repeating as an All-State selection ... Was a finalist for Miss Maine Basketball
- Finished her career with 1,223 points ... Two-time Conference Player of the Year and two-time All-State honoree
- Also excelled in cross country, being named the Mountain Valley Conference Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year three times and winning the Class C South Regional in 2015 and 2016

BLETHEN GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN	35*	5-14	3-9		2-5-7	2	4	5	1	1	13
ODU											
at Va. Tech											
VIRGINIA											
at JMU											
at Howard											
DELAWARE											
at Davidson*											
at Fordham*											
SAINT LOUIS*											
DAYTON*											
at Richmond*											
at Mason*											
at VCU*											
at La Salle*											
at St. Joe's*											
RICHMOND*											
VCU*											
at UMass*											
at URI*											
DUQUESNE*											
ST. BONA*											
DAVIDSON*											
FORDHAM*											
MASON*											



CARANDA PEREA 24

FRESHMAN / F / 6-2

ALTOONA, PA

ALTOONA AREA

MAJOR: ARTS & SCIENCES

SEASON HIGHS

Points
FG
FGA
3FG
3FGA
FT
FTA
Rebounds
Assists
Blocks
Steals
Minutes

CAREER HIGHS

Points
FG
FGA
3FG
3FGA
FT
FTA
Rebounds
Assists
Blocks
Steals
Minutes

CAREER STATISTICS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended Altoona Area High School, reaching the 1,000-point threshold during her senior season, earning first team all-district and all-region honors
- As a senior, led the Central Pennsylvania region with 62 blocks during the regular season for the district champions
- Was selected to play in the 2020 Mirror Classic, an annual all-star game highlighting the top players in Central Pennsylvania
- Three-time district champion overall, also named all-district and all-region as a junior
- Played club basketball for Central PA Dynamite
- Won the 2016 AAU Division I National Championship.

PEREA GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN											
ODU											
at Va. Tech											
VIRGINIA											
at JMU											
at Howard											
DELAWARE											
at Davidson*											
at Fordham*											
SAINT LOUIS*											
DAYTON*											
at Richmond*											
at Mason*											
at VCU*											
at La Salle*											
at St. Joe's*											
RICHMOND*											
VCU*											
at UMass*											
at URI*											
DUQUESNE*											
ST. BONA*											
DAVIDSON*											
FORDHAM*											
MASON*											

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R-JUNIOR / F / 6-0
 MACUNGIE, PA
 BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC
 MAJOR: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

NEILA LUMA

SEASON HIGHS

Points	16	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FG	8	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FGA	14	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG		
3FGA	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FT		
FTA		
Rebounds	17	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	2	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Blocks		
Steals	2	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Minutes	34	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20

CAREER HIGHS

Points	22	2x, Last vs. George Mason, 1/19/19
FG	11	at La Salle, 1/16/19
FGA	21	at Richmond, 3/2/19
3FG		
3FGA	2	at Memphis, 11/17/19
FT	12	vs. Towson, 11/27/18
FTA	14	vs. Towson, 11/27/18
Rebounds	17	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	4	vs. South Florida, 12/2/17
Blocks	3	2x, Last vs. St. Bonaventure, 2/24/19
Steals	3	3x, Last at George Mason, 2/6/19
Minutes	38	2x, Last at Saint Joseph's, 3/5/19

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals			3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring					
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2017-18	GWU	33-31	888/26.9	91-227	.401	0-0	.000	52-83	.627	61	156	217	6.6	93-2	24	46	18	16	234	7.1
2018-19	GWU	30-28	844/28.1	126-323	.390	0-1	.000	60-113	.531	35	147	182	6.1	71-2	33	55	15	24	312	10.4
2019-20	GWU	5-5	126/25.3	9-30	.300	0-3	.000	10-14	.714	7	18	25	5.0	9-0	4	13	0	4	28	5.6
2020-21	GWU	1-1	34/33.6	8-14	.571	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	8	9	17	17.0	4-0	2	2	0	2	16	16.0
TOTAL	69-65	1892/27.4	234-594	.394	0-5	.000	122-210	.581	111	330	441	6.4	177-4	63	116	33	46	590	8.6	

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

- Posted a monster double-double of 16 points and 17 rebounds in the season opener against Lincoln (Nov. 25).

2019-20 HIGHLIGHTS

- Appeared in and started five games before going down with a season-ending injury on Nov. 20 at Maryland
- Averaged 5.6 ppg, 5.0 rpg in 25.6 mpg during her limited action
- Started and played 35 minutes in the season opener at Villanova (Nov. 6), scored nine points with team-high seven rebounds
- Reached double figures for the first time at Memphis (Nov. 17) with 11 points and eight rebounds in 29 minutes.

2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS

- One of three Colonials to appear in all 30 games, starting 28, tied for the second-most on the team.
- Led the team in scoring at 10.4 ppg and in rebounding at 6.1 rpg. Also ranked second on the squad with 24 steals in 28.1 mpg.
- Recorded 16 double-figure scoring games and also pulled down double-figure rebounds four times.
- Notched three double-doubles ... Scored at least 20 points in three games and led the team in scoring a team-high 12 times.
- Dropped in a 14-point, five-rebound effort in career-high 38 minutes against NC State (Nov. 23).
- Poured in 18 points (12-14 FT) and added eight rebounds in win over Towson (Nov. 27).
- Was dominant in win over Rhode Island (Jan. 9), setting then-career-high with 20 points.
- Reestablished her career high for the second time in three games with 22 points at La Salle (Jan. 16)
- Promptly tied her career high the next time out against George Mason (Jan. 19) with 22 points.
- Double-doubled with 10 points and 10 rebounds against Duquesne (Feb. 27).
- Notched her second double-double in three games in the A-10 Championship First Round at Saint Joseph's (March 5), recording 18 points and season-best 12 rebounds.

2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

- Started 31 of GW's 33 games, serving as team's top rebounder at 6.6 per game
- Led team in rebounding in 17 games and recorded five double-doubles
- Tied season high with 11 boards, including six on offensive glass against Massachusetts (Feb. 14)
- Double-doubled with 14 points and career-high 14 boards at Saint Louis (Feb. 17)
- Named **A-10 Co-Rookie of the Week** on Feb. 19 after averaging 11.0 ppg, 12.5 rpg and 2.0 apg in two road victories
- Double-doubled with 12 points and 10 boards in semifinal upset of Dayton (March 3)
- Scored 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting with six rebounds and three blocks in A-10 title game vs. Saint Joseph's
- Tallied 12 points and pulled down seven rebounds in NCAA Tournament game against Ohio State (March 17)

LUMA GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN	34*	8-14	0-1	0-0	8-9-17	4	2	2	0	2	16
ODU											
at Va. Tech											
VIRGINIA											
at JMU											
at Howard											
DELAWARE											
at Davidson*											
at Fordham*											
SAINT LOUIS*											
DAYTON*											
at Richmond*											
at Mason*											
at VCU*											
at La Salle*											
at St. Joe's*											
RICHMOND*											
VCU*											
at UMass*											
at URI*											
DUQUESNE*											
ST. BONA*											
DAVIDSON*											
FORDHAM*											
MASON*											



MAYOWA TAIWO

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R-SOPHOMORE / F / 6-0
HANOVER, MD
ROCKBRIDGE ACADEMY
MAJOR: CIVIL ENGINEERING

SEASON HIGHS

Points
FG
FGA
3FG
3FGA
FT
FTA
Rebounds
Assists
Blocks
Steals
Minutes

CAREER HIGHS

Points 18 vs. Duquesne, 1/8/20
FG 7 vs. Duquesne, 1/8/20
FGA 14 at Fordham, 1/12/20
3FG
3FGA 1 vs. Minnesota, 12/10/19
FT 6 vs. Massachusetts, 1/26/20
FTA 9 vs. Massachusetts, 1/26/20
Rebounds 14 at Fordham, 1/12/20
Assists 6 at American, 12/22/19
Blocks 1 2x, Last at Saint Joseph's, 1/29/20
Steals 3 2x, Last vs. George Mason, 2/15/20
Minutes 35 at Fordham, 1/12/20

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
			FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2019-20 GWU	30-23	754/25.1	87-180	.483	0-1	.000	29-70	.414	69	114	183	6.1	61-1	43	61	2	28	203	6.8
TOTAL	30-23	754/25.1	87-180	.483	0-1	.000	29-70	.414	69	114	183	6.1	61-1	43	61	2	28	203	6.8

2019-20 HIGHLIGHTS

- Named to the *Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team* ... One of four Colonials to appear in all 30 games, starting 23 ... Averaged 6.8 ppg, 6.1 rpg and 1.4 apg in 25.2 mpg
- Led the team in rebounding and ranked second in steals and field goal percentage ... Was tied for sixth in the A-10 with 2.3 offensive rebounds per game
- Registered two of the team's three double-doubles, notched eight double-figure scoring games and three double-digit rebounding efforts
- Led the team in rebounding a team-best 14 times ... Topped the squad in scoring three times
- Scored the game-winning layup at Memphis (Nov. 17), catching a lob in mid-air from Faith Blethen and laying it in with 0.9 seconds remaining. Totaled eight points and six rebounds.
- Dominated on both ends of the floor in her second straight start en route to a double-double at Quinnipiac (Dec. 7) with 12 points, 11 rebounds, two assists and two steals
- Had a career day against Duquesne (Jan. 8) with a career-high 18 points, six rebounds and three assists, leading the comeback in a five-point win
- Played a career-high 34 minutes at Fordham, grabbing a team-best 14 rebounds (eight offensive) to go with seven points and three assists
- Led the team with 14 points and eight rebounds in a comeback win over UMass (Jan. 26)
- Recorded her second career double-double against La Salle (Feb. 12) with 10 points and 11 rebounds
- Finished a rebound shy of a second straight double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds in win over Mason (Feb. 15)
- Dropped 16 points on 6-10 FG with six rebounds in win at Duquesne (Feb. 22).

2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS

- Suffered a knee injury in preseason practice and redshirted the 2018-19 season.

HIGH SCHOOL/PERSONAL

- Three-sport athlete that also competed scholastically in soccer and lacrosse at Rockbridge Academy.
- Averaged 16.0 ppg, 13.7 rpg, 8.4 spg, 4.7 apg and 4.0 bpg as a senior.
- Averaged over 21.0 ppg for entire scholastic career and totaled over 1,500 career points.
- Four-time MIAC All-Conference selection, three-time Most Valuable Player and was the MVP of the 2014 MCAL All-Star Game.
- Full name is Olumayowasi, which translates to "God has brought more joy" in Nigerian, where her parents are from before coming to the United States roughly 30 years ago.

TAIWO GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN											
ODU											DNP-INJ
at Va. Tech											
VIRGINIA											
at JMU											
at Howard											
DELAWARE											
at Davidson*											
at Fordham*											
SAINT LOUIS*											
DAYTON*											
at Richmond*											
at Mason*											
at VCU*											
at La Salle*											
at St. Joe's*											
RICHMOND*											
VCU*											
at UMass*											
at URI*											
DUQUESNE*											
ST. BONA*											
DAVIDSON*											
FORDHAM*											
MASON*											

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ESSENCE BROWN



SOPHOMORE / G / 5-11
 GALAX, VA
 GALAX
 MAJOR: EXERCISE SCIENCE

SEASON HIGHS

Points	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FG	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FGA	7	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FGA	3	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
FT		
FTA		
Rebounds	2	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Assists	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Blocks	1	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Steals		
Minutes	19	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20

CAREER HIGHS

Points	5	vs. Minnesota, 12/10/19
FG	2	at American, 12/22/19
FGA	6	vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FG	1	2x, Last vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
3FGA	2	4x, Last vs. Rhode Island, 2/25/20
FT	3	vs. Minnesota, 12/10/19
FTA	4	vs. Minnesota, 12/10/19
Rebounds	8	vs. Duquesne, 1/8/20
Assists	3	vs. Rhode Island, 2/25/20
Blocks	1	2x, Last vs. Lincoln, 11/25/20
Steals	2	4x, Last vs. Duquesne, 1/8/20
Minutes	29	vs. Rhode Island, 2/25/20

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2019-20	GWU	26-6	355/13.7	7-43	.163	1-15	.067	12-15	.800	11	38	49	1.9	48-2	14	26	1	13	27	1.0
2020-21	GWU	1-1	19/18.9	1-7	.143	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	4-0	1	2	1	0	3	3.0
TOTAL		27-7	374/13.9	8-50	.160	2-18	.111	12-15	.800	11	40	51	1.9	52-2	15	28	2	13	30	1.1

2019-20 HIGHLIGHTS

- Appeared in 26 games, starting the final six ... Averaged 1.0 ppg and 1.9 rpg in 13.6 mpg ... Shot 16.3% from the floor
- Made her career debut in the season opener at Villanova (Nov. 6), playing four minutes
- Scored her first career points (1-3 FG) at #9/10 Maryland (Nov. 20)
- Tallied a season-best five points in 12 minutes vs. Minnesota (Dec. 10)
- Played 22 minutes, contributing four points, two rebounds and two assists at American (Dec. 22)
- Grabbed a then season-high three boards against William & Mary (Dec. 29)
- Pulled down four rebounds and hit a pair of free throws in first career A-10 game at George Mason (Jan. 4)
- Ripped down a career-best eight rebounds and recorded two steals in the win over Duquesne (Jan. 8)
- Made first career start against George Mason (Feb. 15)

HIGH SCHOOL/PERSONAL

- Four-year letterwinner at Galax High School
- First women's basketball player in school history to sign with a Division I program
- Two-time First Team All-State as a junior and senior in addition to being a two-time District and Region Player of the Year
- Also earned four First Team All-Conference honors and was named First Team All-Timesland by the Roanoke Times as a senior
- Averaged 17.9 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 3.0 apg and 3.6 spg as a senior for the Maroon Tide, leading the team to a 22-6 mark
- Scored over 1,000 points in her high school career

BROWN GAME-BY-GAME

OPPONENT	MIN	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	A	TO	B	S	P
LINCOLN	19*	1-7	1-3	0-0	0-2-2	4	1	2	1	0	3
ODU											
at Va. Tech											
VIRGINIA											
at JMU											
at Howard											
DELAWARE											
at Davidson*											
at Fordham*											
SAINT LOUIS*											
DAYTON*											
at Richmond*											
at Mason*											
at VCU*											
at La Salle*											
at St. Joe's*											
RICHMOND*											
VCU*											
at UMass*											
at URI*											
DUQUESNE*											
ST. BONA*											
DAVIDSON*											
FORDHAM*											
MASON*											

2020-21 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Date	Score	W	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
Lincoln (PA)	11/25/2020	53-38	W	21-64	.328	4-25	.160	7-8	.875	12	35	47	47.0	17	17	13	3	4	53	53.0
Total		53		21-64	.328	4-25	.160	7-8	.875	12	35	47	47.0	17	17	13	3	4	53	53.0
Opponents		38		11-59	.186	3-16	.188	13-20	.650	14	31	45	45.0	16	3	18	0	7	38	38.0

George Washington Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	53.0	32.8	16.0	87.5	47.0	17.0	13.0	1.3	4.0	3.0

2020-21 OPPONENT GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Date	Score	W	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
Lincoln (PA)	11/25/2020	53-38	W	11-59	.186	3-16	.188	13-20	.650	14	31	45	45.0	16	3	18	0	7	38	38.0
Total		38		11-59	.186	3-16	.188	13-20	.650	14	31	45	45.0	16	3	18	0	7	38	38.0
George Washington		53		21-64	.328	4-25	.160	7-8	.875	12	35	47	47.0	17	17	13	3	4	53	53.0

Opponents Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	38.0	18.6	18.8	65.0	45.0	3.0	18.0	0.2	7.0	0.0

2020-21 RESULTS/LEADERS

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.	High Points	High Rebounds
11/25/2020	Lincoln (PA)	W	53-38	0	(16) LUMA, Neila	(17) LUMA, Neila

Attendance Summary

	Games	Attend	Avg/Game
Home	1	0	0
Away	0	0	0
Neutral	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0

2020-21 OVERALL STATISTICS

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
George Washington	12	10	14	17	0	53
Opponents	6	2	12	18	0	38

Team Box Score

No.	Player	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				PF DQ A TO BLK STL PTS AVG									
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
30	LUMA, Neila	1-1	33:35	33.6	8-14	.571	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	8	9	17	17.0	4	0	2	2	0	2	16	16.0
23	BLETHEN, Faith	1-1	35:13	35.2	5-14	.357	3-9	.333	0-0	.000	2	5	7	7.0	2	0	4	5	1	1	13	13.0
1	BRIGHAM, Ali	1-0	21:34	21.6	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	0	5	5	5.0	3	0	1	1	1	0	10	10.0
0	WHITNEY, Jasmine	1-1	37:37	37.6	3-10	.300	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	5	5	5.0	3	0	3	0	0	0	6	6.0
22	LODER, Maddie	1-1	36:08	36.1	1-10	.100	0-8	.000	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	4.0	0	0	3	2	0	0	4	4.0
32	BROWN, Essence	1-1	18:53	18.9	1-7	.143	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	4	0	1	2	1	0	3	3.0
3	GINGRAS, Aurea	1-0	17:00	17.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	1.0
Team											2	4	6									
Total		1	200		21-64	.328	4-25	.160	7-8	.875	12	35	47	47.0	17	0	17	13	3	4	53	53.0
Opponents		1	200		11-59	.186	3-16	.188	13-20	.650	14	31	45	45.0	16	0	3	18	0	7	38	38.0

Team Statistics

	GWU	OPP
Scoring	53	38
Points per game	53.0	38.0
Scoring margin	+15.0	-
Field goals-att	21-64	11-59
Field goal pct	.328	.186
3 point fg-att	4-25	3-16
3-point FG pct	.160	.188
3-pt FG made per game	4.0	3.0
Free throws-att	7-8	13-20
Free throw pct	.875	.650
F-Throws made per game	7.0	13.0
Rebounds	47	45
Rebounds per game	47.0	45.0
Rebounding margin	+2.0	-
Assists	17	3
Assists per game	17.0	3.0
Turnovers	13	18
Turnovers per game	13.0	18.0
Turnover margin	+5.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.2
Steals	4	7
Steals per game	4.0	7.0
Blocks	3	0
Blocks per game	3.0	0.0
Winning streak	1	-
Home win streak	1	-
Attendance	0	0
Home games-Avg/Game	1-0	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/25/2020	Lincoln (PA)	W	53-38	0



#0 Jasmine Whitney
Gr. | G | 5-9
Centreville, Va.



#1 Ali Brigham
Fr. | C | 6-4
Franklin, Mass.



#3 Aurea Gingras
Fr. | G | 5-8
Alexandria, Va.



#4 Piper Macke
Fr. | G | 5-7
Fort Thomas, Ky.



#10 Sydney Zambrotta
Gr. | G | 5-9
North Babylon, N.Y.



#21 Gabby Nikitinaite
R-Jr. | G | 5-11
Orpington, Kent, UK



#22 Maddie Loder
Jr. | G | 5-11
Orono, Minn.



#23 Faith Blethen
So. | F | 6-1
Boothbay, Maine



#24 Caranda Perea
Fr. | F | 6-2
Altoona, Pa.



#30 Neila Luma
R-Jr. | F | 6-0
Macungie, Pa.



#31 Mayowa Taiwo
R-So. | F | 6-0
Hanover, Md.



#32 Essence Brown
So. | G | 5-11
Galax, Va.



Jennifer Rizzotti
Head Coach | 5th Year
Connecticut '96



Ganiyat Adeduntan
Asst. Coach | 4th Year
Florida State '06



Kevin DeMille
Asst. Coach | 4th Year
Connecticut '13



Bill Sullivan
Asst. Coach | 3rd Year
Connecticut '95



Christina Richardson
Dir. of Ops. | 4th Year
Texas A&M '14



Anna Savino
Grad Asst. | 2nd Year
George Washington '19



Sarah Overcash
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