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## Broward 7A-6A girls volleyball first team, second team, honorable mention, coach of the year

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**FIRST TEAM**





**Meredith Dixon, RS/OH, St. Thomas Aquinas senior:** Helped the Raiders (25-5) reach the regional finals where they fell to the eventual state champion Mater Academy Charter; University of New Hampshire signee had 180 kills (.338 kill percentage), 43 blocks, 27 digs.







**Elena Lam, OH, South Plantation freshman:** Team captain

accumulated 243 kills, 2 blocks, 246 digs, 309 service attempts, 58 aces, 179 service receptions, 30 assists; said career highlight was 20 kills in regional semifinal win; reached semifinals of BCAA Big 8.





**Alyssa McBean, libero, St. Thomas Aquinas senior:** Team captain had 327 digs, 344 serves, 57 aces, 382 service receptions, 74 assists; Appalachian State University commit said career highlight was the experience of being on a competitive and intense team for four years.







**Liah Perez, setter, St. Thomas Aquinas senior:** The Franklin and Marshall College commit and a team captain said she was most proud of the team prevailing over adversity; contributed 328 assists, 14 kills (0.429 hitting percentage), 90 digs, 45 aces for 25-5 regional finalist.







**Maria Ustick, middle, South Plantation, junior:** Two-year team captain helped Paladins (22-3) make school history with first regional appearance; had 155 kills, 29 blocks, 72 digs, 155 serves, 21 aces, 23 serve receptions, 3 assists; scored final point against Western to give Paladins first district title in 21 years.





**Natalie Villalon, setter/opposite, Cooper City sophomore:** Member of the Florida High-Performance team had 131 kills, 16 blocks, 115 digs, 83% serving percentage; 21.5% aces, 180 assists; most proud of winning district championship against Cypress Bay; also plays beach volleyball.



## SECOND TEAM

Zori Brown, OH, St. Thomas Aquinas freshman

Reese Flores, setter, St. Thomas Aquinas senior

Jenna Heywang, MH/OP, Cooper City junior

Jessa Rodriguez, setter, South Plantation junior

Kaylee Slade, OH, Monarch senior

Zoe Taylor, MH/OH, St. Thomas Aquinas sophomore

## HONORABLE MENTION

**Cooper City:** Mariana Comartin, Juliana Malena, Yasmine Tesone; **Cypress**

**Bay:** Kristina Glenn, Emily Economou; **Everglades:** Martina Catuback, Sofia

Guerro, Valeria Guerro, **Monarch:** Jillian Campbell, Jordan Campbell,

Tatiana Johnson; **Nova:** Janiya Allen, Benecia Stephen; **Pembroke Pines**

**Charter:** Morgan Lind, Danelli Mejia; **St. Thomas Aquinas:** Zy'Aire Barr,

Mikayla Porter, Lauren Purnell; **South Broward:** Dahlilah Bernstein; **South**

**Plantation:** Cyan Long, Leah Lowe; **Stoneman Douglas:** Jordan

Robertson; **West Broward:** Isa Marquez, Nicole Ponce; **Western:** Camryn

Cala, Merideza Carpio.



## COACH OF THE YEAR





**Tania Lam, South Plantation:** Guided the Paladins to its first districts championship in 21 years and finished regional runner-up for the first time in school history; only public school to reach regional finals in Broward. “I am most proud of having a team of young players rise to the challenge and compete this season.”

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