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## Ashley Biddle signs with FGCU



**Ashley Biddle signs a contract with Florida Gulf Coast University of Fort Myers to play on the Eagles Softball Team. Her parents David and Wendy Biddle on are either side of her as she accepts a scholarship to be a student at FGCU.**

### Story, Photos and Video

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**TRENTON --** Ashley Lauren Biddle, 17, the daughter of David and Wendy Biddle of Trenton, signed to be a softball player with the Florida Gulf Coast University Eagles on Tuesday afternoon (Nov. 15).

Seated at a table on the stage of the Trenton High School Auditorium, Ashley was flanked by her parents as she made the written commitment to go to FGCU in Fort Myers. Her father said she worked hard for this honor and she earned it.

THS Principal Cheri Langford welcomed the family, coaches, teammates, friends and other



guests to the event that filled about a quarter of the auditorium with people.

“We are honored today to celebrate Ashley’s success here at Trenton High School,” Principal Langford said, “and her future endeavors as she signs for a scholarship with Florida Gulf Coast University.”

The principal shared with

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the audience that the senior at THS began her softball career at the age of 8 years old. Biddle will be playing this coming season at THS, by the way.

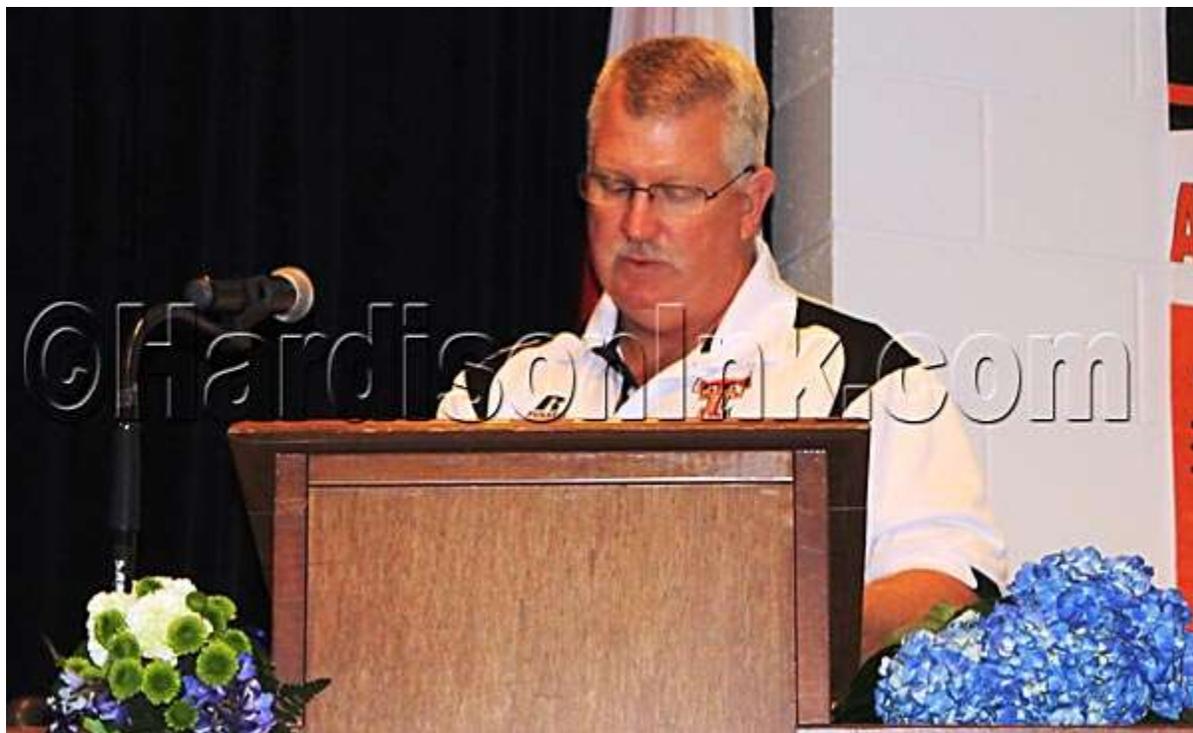
Biddle has played in the Babe Ruth League, as well as for the following teams – Gainesville Gold, Santa Fe Inferno and Jacksonville Storm.

Since being a sixth grade student at Trenton Middle High School, Langford said, Biddle has played softball at this school.

By eighth grade, she was playing on the varsity team in the infield, Langford said.

“Ashley is also in the top 10 of her class,” Principal Langford said. “She is very, very intelligent and very smart. She has been the class treasurer in her junior year and class secretary in her senior year.

“She is a member of BETA,” Langford continued, “and she has been the student body vice president. She has been on the girls’ weightlifting team since ninth grade. We are very proud of you Ashley.”



**THS Tigers Softball Coach Todd Bryant speaks about Ashley Biddle’s efforts to consistently improve her skills.**

THS Tigers Softball Coach Todd Bryant spoke about the player who he will see leaving after this coming season.

The coach said he is thankful for the opportunity to be Biddle’s coach. She consistently worked to improve her skills, including lifting weights to get stronger and putting in countless hours of practice in softball.

Coach Bryant said her cross-country running helped her to become even more physically fit.

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**Ashley Biddle and her parents David and Wendy Biddle listen to Coach Todd Bryant speak about the graduating senior softball player, weightlifter and cross-country runner.**

“I am proud of the player she has become,” he said, “and I am proud of the person she is.”  
The softball program at FGCU is excellent, he said.

Through his participation in travel ball, Coach Bryant said his interactions with the FGCU head softball coach have shown him that Biddle is going to a fine team.

“The work for Ashley has just begun,” Bryant said. “And I know she’ll do her part.”

The coach said he looks forward to working with Biddle and the other THS seniors on the softball team in the season ahead of them.