

GymACT

2025 N2 AWARD AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NAME: Aiden Whitehead

PROGRAM: Georgia United

MAJOR/AREA OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Sports Management, Sports Media

GPA (if applicable): 3.55

FIVE BEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Coaches, this should be a minimum. Feel free to include any other documents, flyers, or accomplishments. Remember this is your chance to sell your nominee. Please make a copy of this google doc and submit it into the 2025 - N2 AWARD folder **by Tuesday March 25, 2025.**

- 1. 2022 GymACT All Star
- 2. 3x Georgia United Team Captain
- 3. Orchestrated several media projects for GymACT, NCAA and Elite gymnastics spanning between multiple outlets such as <u>GymACT itself</u>, a personal <u>YouTube Channel</u>, <u>Neutral</u> <u>Deductions</u>, and Virtius. He is now a paid writer for <u>Turn</u>.
- 4. Elected Technical Director of the Georgia Men's Gymnastics Judging Association
- 5. Graduated Cum Laude from UGA with a Bachelor's in Sports Management, and received additional certification via the Carmical Sports Media Institute

Aiden Whitehead is the embodiment of what the N2 Award is all about and is the epitome of a GymACT success story. As a passionate and successful junior athlete who was deprived of the opportunity to join an NCAA program, Aiden gratefully embraced the opportunity to compete in GymACT and has been the biggest advocate for our association throughout his collegiate career. His dedication to the sport and our organization are unmatched so I am honored to recommend him for the 2025 N2 Award.

Aiden's ambition and leadership have earned him a spot as team captain for Georgia United three years in a row and his ability to lead the team with humility and initiative has been a cornerstone of the group's success. His unparalleled dedication is evident in his commitment to attending weekly team practices, despite his school being 1.5-2 hours away. Aiden often spends 12-15 hours a week commuting, which has set a powerful example for the team and helped increase practice attendance year after year.

Aiden has also excelled academically, graduating Cum Laude from the University of Georgia last December with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management. His academic accomplishments are further underscored by an additional Sports Media Certificate as well.

Aiden received this degree with the long term goal of owning his own gym and he is taking steps to make that dream come true. He was a part-time coach throughout his college career and now plans to start coaching full-time at Amplitude Gymnastics Academy. He will also be working with the management staff to help grow the business as a whole. Additionally, Aiden has been an active judge in Georgia and has recently been elected as Technical Director for the Georgia Judges Association.

Aiden is utilizing the skills he gained from his certificate at the University of Georgia by constantly seeking out outlets to promote our sport. He has worked with Virtius to promote and coordinate various competitions, he's worked with Neutral Deductions on several articles and social media posts and he is now employed as the 'Principal Staff Writer' for Turn Gymnastics. Furthermore, Aiden independently learned graphic design and video editing in order to spearhead the social media efforts of Georgia United. His efforts have grown our follower base to over 1,200.

Aiden Whitehead is more than just a talented athlete; he is a leader, a mentor, and an advocate for the future of gymnastics. His dedication to GymACT, his team, and the gymnastics community is unmatched. Our sport needs more athletes like Aiden—individuals who are willing to take initiative, invest their time and energy into the sport, and inspire others to do the same. For these reasons, I wholeheartedly recommend Aiden for the N2 Award and am confident that he will continue to inspire the gymnastics community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Tyler Green

Georgia United - Founder and Assistant Coach

