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## N.C. State Earns Top Spot in 2021 EAGL Preseason Poll

**STEUBENVILLE, OHIO (Dec. 31, 2020)** — The East Atlantic Gymnastics League announced the results of the 2021 preseason poll on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 in anticipation of the 2021 season beginning mid-January. N.C State topped the poll with 59 points and five first-place votes over Pittsburgh with 49 points and George Washington with 46 points and two first-place votes. Also receiving a first-place vote was Temple in its first season with the EAGL.

The preseason poll is based on ranking projections given by the head coaches of the eight EAGL schools. The 2021 preseason rankings are as follows:

1. N.C. State—59 points (five first-place votes)
2. Pittsburgh—49 points
3. George Washington—46 points (two first-place votes)
4. New Hampshire—35 points
- 5(t). Temple—30 points (one first-place vote)
- 5(t). North Carolina—30 points
7. Towson—25 points
8. Long Island University—14 points

N.C State was named the 2020 EAGL regular season co-champion along with New Hampshire. The champions were determined based on the results of each team's five designated conference meets. The 2020 EAGL championship was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Temple and LIU are new to the EAGL this season. LIU, collegiate gymnastics' newest Division I program, is joining the EAGL for its inaugural season, while Temple was previously a member of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

EAGL action will begin on Friday, Jan. 15 when Pittsburgh visits N.C. State, followed by a quad meet at Temple on Jan. 16 with Eastern Michigan, Towson and New Hampshire. Start dates for the remaining EAGL teams are still to be determined.

For more news around the conference, up-to-date results and weekly award announcements, check out the EAGL website at [EAGLSID.WixSite.com/EAGLGymnastics](http://EAGLSID.WixSite.com/EAGLGymnastics), as well as the EAGL Gymnastics Facebook (@EAGLgymnastics), Twitter (@EAGL\_gymnastics) and Instagram (EAGL\_gymnastics).