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**From:** Kylie Amato  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2019 12:39 PM  
**To:** Kyle Richards; Brian Morrison  
**Cc:** Rob Shillito; Connor Golden-Sims; Brian Nolasco; Graham Thomas  
**Subject:** Re: Paul Gonnella's Recruits

**Importance:** High

All,  
I have just gotten off the phone with Kate Howard, Director of Admissions, who also reached out for a second opinion from Amy Miller, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, and until we receive an official transcript on Charles West, he will NOT be admitted. Due to the nature of why his transcript won't be released and the financial implications of the school, we aren't taking a chance on admitting him without proper paperwork. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.  
Thank you and Happy Day ONE of Spring 2019

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**Subject:** Paul Gonnella's Recruits

Brian,

I'll go ahead and apologize up front, but this is something I had to get out there. As their new sport's oversight, I guess you get to be the one who hears it.

Below is a recap of the status of the midyear guys that Gonnella is the on record recruiting coach for. While going over there issues, keep in mind that everyone one of them reported to Hattiesburg before providing us with the information that shows them having an issue.

1. [REDACTED] Did not actually graduate high school
  - Day we found out: 1/23/19
2. [REDACTED] Does not have a 2.5 JUCO GPA
  - Day we found out: 1/18/19
3. [REDACTED]: We had to use one of the shadiest (but permissible) loopholes ever to get him in
  - Day we found out: 1/17/19
4. **Charles West:** Only eligible after a last minute grade change at his JUCO
  - Day we found out: 1/16/19

5. [REDACTED] Did not complete 16 core courses in high school
  - Day we found out: 1/23/19
6. [REDACTED] Eligible, no issues

That is one out of six.

It's not a problem that the kids are not eligible; the problem is Compliance started asking for these documents as soon as the fall semester ended and instead we got them days before school started. And to put us at a major compliance risk; all of these guys were told to report; even though we did not have the documents to clear them yet.

If you were wonder how the other coaches' recruits turned out: 7/7; all eligible, no issues.

Let me know you wish to discuss further.

Thanks,  
Kyle

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