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**GreenJackets Unveil the New and Improved GreenJack-ettes Dance Team
New Partnership with North Augusta School of Dance**

AUGUSTA, GA - The Augusta GreenJackets, South Atlantic League affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, have announced a new partnership with the North Augusta School of Dance for the hit dance program, the GreenJack-ettes. The GreenJack-ettes, the official dance team of the Augusta GreenJackets, was started during the 2015 season and is looking to grow as the dance team enters its third season.

The GreenJack-ettes Dance Team has three teams which allow girls from the age of 4 to 18 to be able to get the chance to fulfill a lifelong dream of being able to show their talents in front of a big audience. The GreenJack-ettes will perform on three different game dates in 2017, have a three day professional dance camp and have mock tryouts as well. As part of the dance team, you will be provided a dance outfit, two tickets to each performance and a discounted rate for additional tickets for friends and family to come watch your little dancer!

Mock Tryout: Monday, June 5th (11AM-Until)

Dance Camp:

- Tuesday, June 6th (11AM-2PM)
- Wednesday, June 7th (11AM-2PM)
- Thursday, June 8th (11AM-12:30PM)

Performance Dates: Friday, June 9th, Friday, June 16th and Thursday, June 29th

The new faces to lead the 2017 GreenJack-ettes are North Augusta School of Dance owner, Rachel Griffin, and instructor at North Augusta School of Dance, Elle Starzec. North Augusta School of Dance is a dance studio focused on providing high-quality dance education. North Augusta School of Dance is located at 211 West Ave. in North Augusta.

"We are excited for the opportunity to grow the GreenJack-ettes program with Rachel and the North Augusta School of Dance," said Augusta GreenJackets General Manager Tom Denlinger. "At GreenJackets games we are all about having FUN, standing up and cheering and in 2017 we look forward to seeing the GreenJack-ettes perform and cheer on our 'Jackets.'"

Griffin has been dancing for as long as she can remember. It was a passion that manifested early on and only continued to grow as the years progressed. Throughout her childhood, she trained in ballet, tap, modern, jazz, lyrical, and contemporary dance. She grew up training at many local studios in the Augusta and North Augusta area. She has had the chance to work alongside highly-respected instructors and dancers in the industry and many opportunities to train and dance with various competition companies throughout the United States. She was awarded the WRDW News 12 Time to Care Award in May 2016 for her leadership in the community. In addition to being the director of The North Augusta School of Dance, Rachel locally works with athletic teams, theaters, daycare programs and donates her time to non-profit organizations in the area. She continues to travel teaching master classes, coaching competition teams and theater festivals.

Starzec has been dancing for over 20 years. Her love for dance began at Mrs. Betsy's School of Dance in Franklin, North Carolina. She took every class she could including: ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, modern, pointe, and hip-hop. As an advanced dancer she was invited to participate in the studios company. At an early age she was inspired to help Mrs. Betsy and other teachers as a "teachers assistant" where her love for teaching began. She has been teaching for over 5 years at her home studio and various studios in Augusta. In New York, Elle had the privilege of taking classes at Broadway Dance Center where she saw first hand just how amazing the world of dance is.

"We are most excited about our new partnership because it is going to bring a ton of fun for the summer, said North Augusta School of Dance owner, Rachel Griffin, "It's really exciting to be a part of the new growth of downtown North Augusta."

The countdown is on for GreenJackets Opening Day and the start of the 29th consecutive season of professional baseball in Augusta on Thursday, April 13th against the Columbia Fireflies (NY Mets).

All GreenJackets Ticket Plans including Full, Half, Weekend, and the all-new 6-Game Flex Plans are on sale now for the 2017 season. To guarantee your seats, order your 2017 Ticket Packages today by reaching out to the GreenJackets Front Office at (706) 922-WINS (9467). The 4th Annual BuzzFest is slated for Saturday, March 18th featuring the Inaugural BuzzFest Shamrock 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run presented by Fleet Feet Sports, Yard Sale, Touch-a-Truck, First Day of Tickets going on sale and so much more!

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