



Statement from UMKC Department of Athletics

The KC Star's email description referring to "several now former softball players" who "had complained ... about what they felt was inappropriate behavior from an assistant coach" applies to three individuals.

Those three were among a group of six softball players who committed a serious violation of team rules in March 2018 involving several high school student recruits on an official visit to UMKC. They took the high school students to an off-campus party where alcohol was being consumed. Some of the high school students and their parents later reported the incident to UMKC. In April, all six UMKC players involved were suspended indefinitely. Nine days after the suspension, one of the three players referenced above informed Coach Meredith Neal that she was leaving the team and the university. On April 24, Coach Neal informed the other two individuals that their scholarships were not being renewed due to their resistance to disciplinary actions relating to the alcohol incident and lack of remorse. The other three players involved cooperated fully with the disciplinary actions and were reinstated.

In May of 2018, the three former players met with Deputy Director of Athletics Ursula Gurney and Athletics Director Carla Wilson to complain about inappropriate behavior by Assistant Coach Greg Bachkora. This was the first report of alleged inappropriate behavior by Bachkora. Their complaint was immediately referred to the university's Title IX office.