

Christie Leigh McHugh is an experienced gymnastics coach with 18 years of expertise in mentoring athletes of all skill levels, including those with special needs. As Program Director at Auburn Gymnastics Academy, she leads recreational and competitive programs, trains coaches, and manages club operations. Passionate about inclusivity, she serves as the HUGS & Adaptive Program Coordinator at AGA, fostering opportunities for gymnasts with diverse abilities.

Last summer, Christie Leigh McHugh was appointed to the Alabama USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee as the HUGS Coordinator, shaping statewide policies and leading a sub-committee to foster ideas and collaboration among gyms that host or want to host a HUGS team.

She is known for being quick to action, taking initiative, and ensuring things get done efficiently and effectively. Her passion extends beyond the gym, as she finds purpose in giving back and championing philanthropic missions that create meaningful change. With strong leadership, problem-solving, and communication skills, Christie Leigh also brings expertise in organization, time management, and inclusive training strategies. She holds a Master's in Biomechanics and a Bachelor's in Exercise Science from Auburn University.