



# BRUINS VOLLEYBALL

BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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## McLeay Leaves Bruins

Assistant coach Amy McLeay resigned officially on February 28. Her husband works for Peter Kiewit Construction and will be taking on a project in Honolulu, HI. They plan to reside there for the next couple years. "I cannot say enough good things about how Amy worked out for not only the team, but for me as well. She understood me as a coach and as a mom, so we had that connection in the way we coached. I hope that when they come back, she will consider joining me again!" said Trish Siedlik. The Bellevue Athletic Department wishes Amy, John, Johnny Mac, and Zac well! Coach Siedlik will be announcing a new assistant coach that will be joining her and assistant Katie Gaspers.

## Meet the Volleyball Team

**HEAD COACH TRISH SIEDLIK**

*What brought you to BU?*

First of all, Athletic Director Jerry Mosser can take the credit for that one. I knew that leaving CSM would be a change, but not one that would be a step down. BU had a lot of tradition and success that I wanted to continue at a national level. It was a move that was best for my family and it's one that I have no regrets!

*What is your favorite thing to coach in practice?*

I love to coach defense. I take the saying "Defense Wins Matches" seriously. I like the pursuit and the determination of keeping that ball up that everyone thought was going to be down for a point. I feel that if you are a good defensive player, you learn to read and see what is going on the other side.

*The question that everyone would like to know is how did it feel to finally win the Conference Title against CSM?*

I can honestly say that it felt bad and good. Bad because those were the players that I recruited that were full of tears. Good because we worked so hard to achieve something that hadn't been done for 11 years. I thought that moment was a huge turning point in this program. I loved being a part of it. It was so nice to see the act of celebration in a title match. After a dynasty like

that, things are expected. I think here at Bellevue it is wanted and will not ever be taken for granted!

**KALA HOLMES**

**MURRAY, NE, FR**

*Why did you choose BU?*

I chose BU because I know about Trish and her great coaching. Knowing her really got me introduced to the college and meeting some of the girls. I also love the fact that it's not a huge college. I come from a small school so it's not too much of a big change for me.

*What will be the first thing you want to accomplish when you step on the court?*

To feel like a part of the team, to be relaxed, to have fun, but be focused at the same time!

*Where would you like to see the BU program travel to someday?*

Nationals!

*What is important to you when winning a match?*

Keep composure. Make the other team make the mistakes. And always give it my all.

*What position is the best to watch on the court?*

Any position that I could possibly play, you never know when or where you will be put in.

**KATY GREGORY**

**OMAHA, NE, FR**

*Why did you choose BU?*

I chose BU because I wanted to attend a small college close to home with great education and a great volleyball program. BU went above my expectations of what I wanted because of the nice people I met so far and the team.

*What is the most exciting thing about BU Volleyball?*

I think the most exciting thing about BU volleyball would be that from what I noticed so far, we have the talent and attitudes to make something big happen for BU. We have the ability to do great against anyone.

*Where would you like to see the BU program travel to someday?*

Well, I think that it would be very fun if the BU program went to somewhere on the East coast, like New York or Florida.

*What is important to you when winning a match?*

What is most important to me when winning a match is to win it cleanly. Winning a match with a good hard fight and playing clean is most important to me. I think that it is also important to stay to our potential no matter who we play.

Letter from Coach Siedlik

First and foremost I wish to say a big thank you to Amy McLeay and her family. She was a big help to me and the team and we will miss her. We wish her well. It has been a great winter conditioning season! The team is looking stronger and feeling good about their performance in the weight room. Getting up at 5am four days a week took some discipline, but it's the little effort that will get us to December! Lots of information about upcoming events in this issue. Also, we would like to introduce ourselves to those of you that have joined our newsletter list. Thank you all for the support!

Trish Siedlik  
Head Volleyball Coach  
Bellevue University

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## Westside Athlete Signs with Bruins

Coach Siedlik is pleased to announce Nicole Seipold from Omaha Westside will be joining the Bellevue University volleyball program. Nicole was an outside hitter for the Warriors. She plays for the Premier Volleyball Club under former Bruin Head Coach, Doug Feagan. Nicole will join fellow incoming freshmen Kala

Holmes, Katy Gregory and Jaclyn Thorson.

Siedlik is still recruiting and anticipates a very strong freshman class. Siedlik has also noted that more and more athletes have waited to make their college decision. "Here at Bellevue we can sell them the idea that they will play for a conference and regional title, and compete at

the national tournament year after year. At the NCAA level, sometimes you are just trying to make the conference tournament. I feel that we can bring in top quality players to reach their goals and the program's goals."

## Golf Outing Set for June 8

The Women's Athletics (soccer, softball, and volleyball) will be hosting the 2nd Annual BU Women's Athletic Golf Outing, **June 8**, at Shoreline Golf Course. BU has set a standard in the NAIA as one of the top athletic programs and hopes to continue that through their fundraising efforts.

Get your foursomes together and come join us for a day of fun in supporting the Bruins! If you are not a golfer, feel free to join us at the dinner and silent auction following the outing. This will be held at the clubhouse at Shoreline.

For brochures or more information please call Trish at 402.557.7056.

Schedule of Events:

**-11:30 am-**

Golf Registration Opens

**SHORELINE GOLF COURSE**

**210 Locust St.**

**Carter Lake, IA**

**-1:00 pm-**

Shotgun Start

4-Person Texas Scramble

**Dinner**

**6:00 pm**

Awards, Silent Auction and Drawings at Shoreline

Individual Golfer	\$75
Foursome	\$300
-Includes green fees, cart, welcome gifts and dinner	
Hole Sponsor	\$100
Green Sponsor	\$200
Dinner Only	\$20

*Check out  
www.bellevue.edu/bruins  
for any  
Bruin Athletics  
updates.*

## Sponsorship Information

Once again we are kicking off our fundraising efforts for the volleyball program and we hope you will be a part of it. Last season all fundraising efforts contributed to a #19 ranking, a **MCAC CHAMPIONSHIP (first in the school's history)** and a Runner-Up finish in the Region IV Championships. Below is a small list of goals that we wish to reach this year in our fundraising efforts in addition to traveling to the NATIONAL TOURNAMENT....

### TEXAS, BRUIN LABOR DAY, GEORGETOWN TOURNAMENTS...

We are hosting a very competitive tournament this year as well as traveling to Texas and Kentucky. Our Labor Day Classic will be the host to five other teams. All of these tournaments will be packed with tough competition which will only prepare us more for the post season. Any fundraising contributions will cover officiating costs at our tournaments and travel fees to Texas and Kentucky.

### BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ATHLETICS GOLF OUTING...

This year we will be teaming up for our second annual gold outing with the women's soccer and softball teams. The outing will be held June 8 at Shoreline Golf Club. This will be a scramble for men's, women's, and co-ed foursomes. We want to put on a great event so all will enjoy the outing and want to return year after year, making this a special event. We hope you will get a team together or sponsor a hole for the event.

### TRAINING...

To play the best, we need to be our best. The remaining funds raised will go towards our off season training. Xplosive Edge Strength and Condi-

tioning team has been training our athletes over the summer. The progress has been tremendous! However, this does require some of our funds to cover the cost of their training program.

We wish to thank you for your support of the Bruin Volleyball Team. We hope that you will join us for a home match to see what all the excitement is about.

If you have any questions, please contact Trish Siedlik, Head Coach at 402-293-3783 or by cell phone 402-660-5906. **THANK YOU and GO BRUINS!**

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Volleyball Media guide  
Autographed team poster  
Two FREE season passes  
Bruin Volleyball Newsletter

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Two Bellevue Volleyball shirts  
Volleyball Media guide  
Autographed team poster  
One FREE season passes  
Bruin Volleyball Newsletter

#### Silver Level: Donation of \$150-\$249

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One Bellevue Volleyball shirt  
Volleyball Media guide  
Autographed team poster  
Bruin Volleyball Newsletter

#### Bruin Level: Donation of \$50-\$149

One Bellevue Volleyball shirt  
Volleyball Media guide  
Autographed team poster  
Bruin Volleyball Newsletter

#### Bruin Backer: Donation Up to \$49

One Bellevue Volleyball shirt  
Bruin Volleyball Newsletter

## Updates...

Just a few updates this month. Please take a look and make any changes to your calendars!

York College will not be sponsoring a volleyball team for the 2007 season resulting in dropping the Oct. 30 date.....Sept 7 match against Northwestern has been moved to Sept 8. at 5pm.....Bruins will be facing Haskell, Oklahoma Wesleyan, Central Christian, and College of the Ozarks at the Midseason Tournament Oct. 12-13 at College of the Ozarks, in Branson, MO..... Bruin Volleyball Season passes are on sale for \$25. This will get one adult into all 10 home match dates next season. This does include our Bruin Labor Day Classic.....Jamestown College will be in our Labor Day Tournament instead of Chadron State.....April 28 we will be hosting our spring tournament at BU. I encourage you all to come and get a preview of next season.....Congratulations to former head coach Joel McCartney who is now the head coach for the University of Georgia..... Alumnae match will be held on Friday August 17 at 7pm. All Alums are encouraged to contact Coach Siedlik for participation.....

## 2007 Schedule

*August 24-25 @ Brownsville, TX  
August 31-Sept 1 BU Tourn.  
Sept 5 @ UN-Kearney  
Sept 8 @ Northwestern  
Sept 11 @ College of Saint Mary  
Sept 14-15 @ Hastings Tourn  
Sept 21 Concordia University  
Sept 22 Central Christian  
Sept 25 Peru State  
Sept 28 Haskell  
Sept 29 Park University  
Oct 12-13 MCAC Midseason @ Ozarks  
Oct. 16 College of Saint Mary  
Oct. 19 College of the Ozarks  
Oct. 20 Okla. Wesleyan  
Oct 24 @ Peru State  
Oct. 26-27 @ Georgetown, KY  
Nov 3 @ Park University  
Nov 9-10 MCAC Conference Tourn.  
Nov 15-17 Region IV Tourn.  
Nov 28-Dec. 1 NAIA National  
Tournament in Columbia, MO*

