



BRUINS VOLLEYBALL

BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

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Letter from Coach Siedlik

The school year is over and a new season is about to start! I am very thankful for what I have to work with every day with the team and my coworkers. Loving your job is something to really say about the Bellevue Athletic programs. This year has been a tremendous year for all of the sports here. We are very glad that we contributed to a championship. We will be setting our sights on more in 2007. Thank you to everyone that has donated to make that happen! Take care and see you all soon!

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Danley Joins Coaching Staff

Dawn Danley, a former UNO volleyball standout and College of Saint Mary's top assistant coach (1994-2003), will be joining the Bruin Volleyball staff this season. "Dawn has coached four All-American middles. She knows how to train and follows the same philosophy that both Katie and I follow," commented Siedlik. In 2003 Dawn resigned to spend more time with her family helping Siedlik periodically during her maternity leave. "I am looking forward to getting back into the gym to help develop a program that has its sights on being one of the best in the country. My goal is to train the players and work with the experienced coaching staff, and help Bellevue perform at a championship level of play on a consistent basis. I am excited to help with the blend of youth coming in and experienced players on the roster that are enthused to be part of a winning, championship program."

Meet the Team

Jennifer Horne, Senior— Exeter, NE

What have you learned from BU Volleyball that you will continue after your career? You decide if your going to have fun or make something out of what you have.

What is the most exciting thing about BU Volleyball? Never know what's going to happen next!!

What do you hope to accomplish athletically next season? To make it through the season without falling apart. And to show the freshmen out there what it looks like to be a senior.

Angela Raether, Sophomore Katy, TX

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

What have you learned since coming to BU?
How to drive in snow

What position is the best to watch on the court?
Any back row player! Its so fun to see people dive and go all out with no regards to their body!

What was one thing that surprised you last year?
When we woke up in Kansas and found out our coach was in labor.

Three More Sign with the Bruins

Three more recruits have joined the fully loaded class of freshman for 2007. This will finish the Bruins roster at 14. "This will be a very deep squad. The best part of these young ladies coming in is that they are versatile, so not only will they be competitive with the returning players, but they will make a spot for themselves regardless on the court. Leah Keller, Katelyn Bird and Kylie Davis will join, Nicole Seipold, Kala Holmes, Katy Gregory and Jaclyn Thorson.

Leah Keller, a 6-0 middle/right side from Barstow High School in Barstow, CA, finished her senior season second in blocks and kills and third in digs for the Desert Sky League. Leah also played for Rancho Valley Volleyball Club. Her parents are Mike and Vicki. "Leah comes from a wonderful family and has set high goals for herself. I felt she mixed in perfectly with our chemistry. She is tall and fits the profile of what we need in the front row. We are very excited to see what she is going to do next season." Leah helped lead her team to the playoffs and earned a spot on the All DSL-Team.

Katelyn Bird, a 5-11 middle hitter from Valencia HS, Placentia, CA, was a starter for the Tigers. She played for Impact Volleyball Club. Her parents are Gary and Donna. "Katelyn will add much height and depth in the middle and potentially the rightside. She has a heavy arm and is full of potential. She has the ambition and desire to excel on and off the court."

Kylie Davis, a 5-9 setter from Platteview High School, was an all-area honorable mention selection for the Trojans. Her parents are Dixie and Jennifer. "I consider Kylie and investment to our program. She is consistent and is a quick learner and will go to work right away. Her work ethic is exceptional and her love for the game was something that we wanted in our program. She is going to make us a better team."

Bellevue University Wins Commissioner's Cup

Posted by Jerod Dahlgren - Wed, May 23, 2007
Thanks to four MCAC Regular Season Championships, Bellevue University has won the 2006-07 MCAC Commissioner's Cup.

The Commissioner's Cup tracks each member institution's finish in the MCAC's 13 sports, awarding nine points for a first place finish in the regular season standings, eight points for second, etc. Each school's point total is then divided by the number of sports it participates in to determine its final score in the Commissioner's Cup standings.

Bellevue's men's soccer, men's basketball, baseball and softball teams all won MCAC Regular Season Championships in 2006-07, helping the Bruins to both the MCAC Men's and Women's All-Sports Titles as well. In addition, men's soccer, women's soccer, volleyball, basketball, and softball all won their respective conference tournament title leading to the most successful combined athletic program in school history!!

Park University, which also had four MCAC titles in 2006-07, finished second overall, while College of Saint Mary took third.

A list of Bruin 2006-07 Athletic Accomplishments:

Teams Rated in Final NAIA Polls

Women's Soccer (20th, 16-4-1)
Women's Volleyball (19th, 31-9)
Men's Basketball (1st, 32-2)
Women's Softball (11th, 34-8)
Men's Baseball (8th, 47-15)

NAIA National Championship Appearances

Men's Basketball
Men's Baseball
Women's Softball

Super Regional Tournament Title

Men's Baseball

Region IV Tournament Titles

Men's Baseball
Women's Softball

Conference Tournament Titles

Men's Soccer
Women's Soccer (First Ever)
Women's Volleyball (First Ever)
Men's Basketball
Women's Softball

Regular Season Conference Titles

Men's Soccer
Men's Basketball
Women's Softball
Men's Baseball

Region IV Coach of the Year

Trish Siedlik (Women's Volleyball)
Ed Lehotak (Women's Softball)
Mike Evans (Men's Baseball)

Conference Coach of the Year

Aaron Champenoy (Men's Soccer)
Trish Siedlik (Women's Volleyball)
Todd Eisner (Men's Basketball)
Ed Lehotak (Women's Softball)
Mike Evans (Men's Baseball)

NAIA All-Americans

Men's Soccer (3)
Women's Soccer (1)
Women's Volleyball (1)
Men's Basketball (1)
Women's Softball (1)
Men's Baseball (1)

Daktronic NAIA Scholar Athletes

Women's Soccer (1)
Men's Soccer (1)
Women's Volleyball (1)
Men's Basketball (1)

Region IV Honors

Men's Soccer (3)
Women's Soccer (3)
Women's Volleyball (4)
Men's Basketball (no awards - no region)
Men's Baseball (3)
Women's Softball (4)

All-Conference Honors

Men's Soccer (9)
Women's Soccer (5)
Women's Volleyball (6)
Men's Basketball (3)
Women's Softball (8)
Men's Baseball (4)

Players of the Year - Conference

Juan Carciente
(Men's Soccer Defensive POY)

Jessica Wachtler
(Women's Soccer Defensive POY)

Jennifer Miller
(Women's Softball Pitcher of the Year)

Nick Love
(Men's Baseball Pitcher of the Year)

2007 MCAC Commissioner's Cup Winner

Overall All-Sports Award
Men's All-Sports Award
Women's All-Sports Award

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Bruin Athletics
updates.

Congratulations to
Jerry Mosser,
MCAC ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR OF THE
YEAR

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 @ Mead HS
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

FUNDRAISING 2007 This year's fundraising efforts were a tremendous success! During June and July, the volleyball team hosted a summer volleyball league with 30 high school teams from the Omaha, Bellevue, and surrounding areas. Over 600 people are in and out of the Gordon Lozier Athletic Facility to play or watch volleyball. Coach Siedlik was very excited with the turnout. "This exposes our volleyball program and university at a whole new level. Recruiting is something that is done year round and what better way to have them see us and us see them!"

On June 8 at Shoreline Golf Course, the Women's Athletic Golf Outing was another great time and successful day. Women's soccer, softball and volleyball teams brought in a total of 25 foursomes and raised over \$5000. "It was a beautiful day and we had lots of people wanting to come back next year!"

Finally, this year's season and sponsorship drive for volleyball was a great hit. All sponsors will be receiving their Bellevue Volleyball items in August. Stay Tuned!

Updates...

Bruin Volleyball Season passes are on sale for \$25. This will get you two adults into all home dates next season. This does include our Bruin Labor Day Classic....Alumnae match will be held on Friday, August 17 at 7pm. All Alums are encouraged to contact Coach Siedlik for participation....Oct. 24 match against Peru State will be played at Mead High School at 7pm.... Alums! Send me news! What are you up to!?

Follow up: Bellevue University would like to express their condolences to Katie Gaspers and her family. Katie's brother, Lt. Kevin Gaspers, died on April 24th serving our country in Iraq. He will be in our prayers....