



# BRUINS VOLLEYBALL

BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

## Siedlik adds height for new look Bruins

Coach Trish Siedlik, in her third season, has signed five new recruits for the 2008 season. Siedlik's team went 27-14 last year repeating as MCAC Tournament Champions winning their first-ever regular season title last year, adds three freshman and two juniors.

Of the 14 players on the roster for coach Siedlik, nine are under-classmen with four juniors and one senior, an All-Region and All-MCAC player, Candace Clow. The Bruins this season, bring a new look when it comes to height. On the roster for the 2008 campaign, all players are listed at 5'7 and above, with five topping the 5'10 mark and above. This will be the tallest team in coach Siedlik's tenure at Bellevue with a team average height of just over 5'9".



*Senior Candace Clow*

Bellevue lost five players from last year, four to graduation. All-Region and All-Conference player in Jennifer Horne is among the group to graduate leading the team with 566 kills hitting .339 with 3.90 kills/game. Horne was also an NAIA All-American in 2007. Alicia Oakeson and Jennifer Kozlik graduate as four year seniors, Oakeson with 461 digs and 219 kills, Kozlik with 140 digs and a passing percent of .948.

This years recruits: **Kali Schnacker** (5'10, Fr., Humboldt-Table Rock Steinhauer HS - Humboldt, NE), **Gabby Pfannenstiel** (5'8, Jr., IWCC - Elkhorn, NE), **Maureen Wardian** (5'11, Fr., Westside HS - Omaha, NE), **Lace Puffer** (5'11, Jr., Pima CC - Tucson, AZ), **Laura Tesnohlidek** (5'9, Fr., Bellevue East HS - Omaha, NE)



### BRUINS ACHIEVE TEAM AVCA ACADEMIC AWARD

A year ago, at the start of the fall 2007, Bruin Head Volleyball Coach Trish Siedlik and her players set several goals for their season and the 2007-08 academic year. One of the goals was to earn American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) recognition for a team cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher. Only one previous Bruin squad had done it, in 2001-02.

Now that the season and the academic year are in the books, Siedlik is all smiles. The team GPA for the year averaged 3.33! "That is a huge accomplishment," she commented. "Only one other Bruin team has ever done it." She hopes to make it a habit.

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#### Letter from Coach Siedlik,

We are getting geared up for another stellar season! The players have been hitting the weights hard and are anxious to start up again! I want to thank all of you that have donated to our program. It is appreciated and needed to get us playing the top teams in the country, especially out at the Concordia University Tournament held in Irvine, CA. I hope that you are able to come and see the excitement here at Bellevue University.

See you on the court!

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## Fundraising Efforts a Huge Success

If you were on the Bellevue University campus on Sunday or Monday afternoons earlier this summer, you may have seen them. Hundreds of junior varsity and varsity volleyball players and a strong following of family and friends flock to the campus compete or watch competition in one of Nebraska's largest and longest running high school volleyball summer leagues. This year was one of the biggest years yet with 37 teams having entered in the Bellevue Summer High School Volleyball League.

The summer league attracts teams and coaches from Nebraska and Iowa schools throughout the greater Omaha area and beyond "Recruiting of scholarship athletes is very competitive, and the league has been a great recruiting tool," said Siedlik, who began the league at College of Saint Mary 12 years ago, then moved it to Bellevue University when she was hired as Bruins head coach in 2006. "Not only is this a great fundraiser for our program, but it's a great recruiting tool, not only do we get to see the players, but they get to come on our campus and see what we are all about. Seeing over 400 people for those two days a week just makes our university that much more to talk about!"

## Meet the Players



**JACLYN THORSON**

**Favorite Food:**  
Bread from Out-back

**Favorite Movie:**  
Dumb and dumber

**Favorite Place to Be:** Bed!

**Favorite Role Model:** My sister



**RACHEL MULLER**

**Favorite Food:**  
Pizza

**Favorite Music Group:**  
Britney Spears

**Favorite Movie:**  
P.S. I love you

**Favorite Place to Be:** Michigan

**Siblings (names and ages):**  
Nick- 28 Paul- 26 Kayla- 24

**Childhood memory:**  
When I was younger my brother, sister and I were taking turns breaking up an old dog house with a sledge hammer. I was standing behind my sister when she took a swing at the dog-house. Unfortunately she missed and made a full circle slamming the sledge hammer into the side of my head. I still haven't let her live it down to this day.

**Funniest thing happen to you:**  
Trip over a box and smash my face into the floor during practice!

**Best Volleyball Experience:**  
Going to nationals!

**Favorite Role Model:** Mom and Dad

**Siblings (names and ages):** Mike- 16, Kyle-10

**Childhood memory:** I used to play soccer when I was really little and when I got tired, I sat down in the middle of the field while everyone else played around me and once I wanted to play again I would get back up and start playing.

**Funniest thing happen to you:** Getting caught belting Whitney Houston when I thought nobody was home.

**Best Volleyball Experience:** Winning the regional tournament and getting to go to nationals.

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## Official 2008 Schedule

*August 29-30 @ Concordia University, Irvine CA*  
*Sept 5-6 @ Columbia Tournament*  
*Sept 12-13 @ Hastings Tourn.*  
*Sept 16 @ Peru State*  
**Sept 19 Park University**  
**Sept 20 Haskell University**  
**Sept 26-27 Bruin Classic**  
*Sept 30 @ Central Christian*  
*Oct 3 @ College of the Ozarks*  
*Oct 4 @ Ok. Wesleyan University*  
*Oct 7 @ College of Saint Mary*  
*Oct 14 @ Briar Cliff University*  
*Oct 17 @ Park University*  
*Oct 18 @ Haskell University*  
**Oct 21 Peru State**  
**Oct 25 Central Christian**  
*Oct 29 @ UN-Kearney*  
**Nov 5 College of Saint Mary**  
**Nov 7 College of the Ozarks**  
**Nov 8 Ok. Wesleyan Univ.**  
*Nov 14 -15 MCAC Tournament-TBA*  
*Nov. 22 First Round of Nationals*  
*Dec 3-6 NAIA National Tournament*  
**TBA**