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UAA Announces 30th Anniversary Volleyball Team

Rochester, NY – The University Athletic Association has announced its 30th Anniversary Volleyball Team. Fifty-seven student-athletes earned the honor, including 29 from Washington University, which has captured 21 Association championships.

The team consists of each student-athlete who was named Most Valuable Player or accumulated five or more points in her career, with two points awarded for All-Association first-team recognition, and one point for second-team honors..

Among those honored are Washington student-athletes Jennifer Martz, the only player in Association history to be named UAA Volleyball Most Valuable Player (MVP) three consecutive times (1996-98); Amy Albers, the only other player to garner back-to-back Most Valuable Player honors (1993-94); and Lori Nishikawa, the only other two-time Most Valuable Player (1987, 1989).

Five players have been named to the All-Association first team four times, including three from Emory University. Sydney Miles (2012-15), 2009 UAA MVP Natalie Schonefeld, and 2016 UAA MVP Jessica Holler of the Eagles earned first-team honors each season. 2001 UAA MVP Lauren Schmidt of Carnegie Mellon University and Kelly Pang of Washington also garnered first-team recognition in all four years they competed.

Before 2013, only four players who did not play for either Washington or Emory were named Most Valuable Player, with Schmidt being one of them. Diane Ulatowski (University of Rochester, 1988), Stephanie Szobota (Carnegie Mellon, 1999), and Katya Khmel'nitskaya (NYU, 2003) also received the Association's top individual honor. University of Chicago produced three MVP's in two years with Nikki DelZenero and Eirene Kim sharing the honor in 2013 and Maren Loe garnering MVP in 2014.

Seven student-athletes from six-time UAA champion Emory have been named Most Valuable Player and another seven Eagles earned a spot on the 30th anniversary team. Lulu Sewell (2002) was the first Emory MVP.

In 30 years, teams from the UAA have captured 11 national championships with eight runner-up finishes. In 2003, three Association teams advanced to the NCAA Division III Volleyball Championship Final Four with Washington and NYU meeting in the national final. Washington won six consecutive national championships from 1991-96 and the UAA won three titles in a row from 2007-09 with the Bears capturing the title in 2007 and 2009 and Emory winning its first national volleyball title in 2008.

UAA 30th Anniversary Volleyball Team

Amy Albers	Washington	Amelia McCall	Emory
Erin Albers	Washington	Tricia McCutchan	CWRU
Lisa Becker	Washington	Kelley Meier	Washington
Kathy Bersett	Washington	Alysse Meyer	Emory
Breannah Borque	Emory	Sydney Miles	Emory
Amy Brand	Washington	Alicia Moore	Emory
Lauren Budde	Washington	Nikki Morrison	Washington
Janet Bunning	Emory	Jackie Nelligan	Washington
Meghan Byrne	Washington	Lori Nishikawa	Washington
Jenny Cafazza	Washington	Kelly Pang	Washington
Ali Celentano	Carnegie Mellon	Anne Quenette	Washington
Nikki DelZenero	Chicago	Monica Robbins	Emory
Elena Drinka	NYU	Courtney Rose	Emory
Caroline Dupont	Washington	Rebecca Rotello	Washington
Marilee Fisher	Washington	Lauren Schmidt	Carnegie Mellon
Jackie Gibbons	Carnegie Mellon	Natalie Schonefeld	Emory
Katie Gielow	Washington	Lulu Sewell	Emory
Stephanie Habif	Washington	Amy Shapiro	Emory
Jennifer Hall	Chicago	Jennifer Sherry	Rochester
Leslie Hartman	Rochester	Haleigh Spencer	Washington
Jessica Holler	Emory	Diane Stites	Washington
Brooke Hortin	Washington	Amy Sullivan	Washington
Audra Janak	Washington	Shelley Swan	Washington
Katya Khmel'nitskaya	NYU	Stephanie Szobota	Carnegie Mellon
Eirene Kim	Chicago	Diane Ulatowski	Rochester
Kara Liefer	Washington	Megan Williams	Emory
Maren Loe	Chicago	Colleen Winter	Washington
Jennifer Martz	Washington	Allison Zastrow	Washington
Jessica McAlvany	Emory		