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2005 AVCA ALL-AMERICA TEAMSSM ANNOUNCED FOR DIVISION I WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

SAN ANTONIO - The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) is proud to announce the 25th annual AVCA Division I All-America TeamsSM for women's volleyball. The awards will be presented Dec. 16, 2005, at the AVCA All-America/Players of the YearSM Banquet at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter Hotel.

Each of the three AVCA All-America TeamsSM is comprised of 12 athletes. The AVCA National Player of the YearSM will be announced on Dec. 16 at the AVCA All-America/Players of the Year BanquetSM.

Nebraska senior middle blocker Melissa Elmer and Penn State senior setter Sam Tortorello return to the first team and now are three-time AVCA All-AmericansSM. Arizona senior outside hitter Kim Glass, Southern California outside hitter Bibiana Candelas and Hawai'i junior setter Kanoe Kamana'o earned their third AVCA All-AmericaSM award.

The selections are made by the AVCA Division I All-America Committee: chair –Pi'i Aiu, Colorado; John Dunning, Stanford; Laura Farina, Auburn, Burt Fuller, Utah State; Barry Goldberg, American; Nancy Mueller, Illinois-Chicago; Jolene Nagel, Duke; and Mark Rosen, Michigan. The AVCA Awards Chair is New Hampshire Head Coach Jill Hirschinger.

2005 AVCA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA FIRST-TEAMSM

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Jane Collymore @	University of Florida	OH	Sr.	6-0	Englewood, Colorado
Melissa Elmer ^\$	University of Nebraska	MB	Sr.	6-2	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Kim Glass !&	University of Arizona	OH	Sr.	6-4	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Christina Houghttelling	University of Nebraska	RS/Opp	Jr.	6-2	Cambridge, Nebraska
Lindsey Hunter #	University of Missouri	S	Sr.	5-10	Papillion, Nebraska
Laura Jones #	Texas A&M University	OH	Sr.	6-2	Arlington, Texas
Sarah Pavan ^	University of Nebraska	RS/Opp	So.	6-5	Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
Cassie Perret	Santa Clara University	RS/Opp	Sr.	6-1	Menlo Park, California
Kristin Richards	Stanford University	OH	Jr.	6-0	Orem, Utah
Courtney Thompson ^	University of Washington	S	Jr.	5-7	Kent, Washington
Sanja Tomasevic \$	University of Washington	OH	Sr.	6-1	Uzice, Serbia & Montenegro
Sam Tortorello ^\$	Penn State University	S	Sr.	5-11	Shorewood, Illinois

2005 AVCA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA SECOND- TEAMSM

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Foluke Akinradewo	Stanford University	MB	Fr.	6-3	Plantation, Florida
Kristen Andre	University of Tennessee	MB	Sr.	6-1	Kelseyville, California
Leticia Armstrong	University of Texas	MB	So.	6-1	Elkhart, Indiana
Lauren Brewster @	University of Notre Dame	MB	Sr.	6-3	Brentwood, Tennessee
Bibiana Candelas @*	Univ. of Southern California	OH	Sr.	6-5	Torreón, Mexico
Nicole Fawcett	Penn State University	OH	Fr.	6-4	Zanesfield, Ohio
Jennifer Hoffman	University of Louisville	MB	Sr.	6-1	Chicago, Illinois
Candace Lee	University of Washington	Lib/DS	Sr.	5-7	Eugene, Oregon
Marisa Main #	The Ohio State University	S	Jr.	5-9	Louisville, Kentucky
Victoria Prince #	University of Hawai'i	MB	Sr.	6-0	Kennewick, Washington
Lena Ustyenko	University of Louisville	OH	Sr.	6-3	Kiev, Ukraine
Melissa Walbridge	Penn State University	MB	So.	6-3	Yardley, Pennsylvania

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ADD 1 – 2005 AVCA Division I All-America TeamsSM**2005 AVCA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA THIRD- TEAMSM**

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Jennifer Abernathy	University of Arizona	OH	Sr.	5-11	Antioch, California
Anna Cmaylo	Santa Clara University	MB	So.	6-4	Napa, California
Kanoë Kamana'o ^!	University of Hawai'i	S	Jr.	5-8	Honolulu, Hawai'i
Bryn Kehoe	Stanford University	S	So.	5-11	North Bend, Ohio
Brandy Magee	University of Texas	MB	Jr.	6-2	Mission Viejo, California
Crystal Match	Santa Clara University	S	So.	5-11	Forestville, California
Angie McGinnis	University of Florida	S	So.	5-11	Fraser, Michigan
Nana Meriwether	UCLA	MB	Jr.	6-1	Potomac, Maryland
Danielle Meyer	The Ohio State University	MB	So.	6-1	Cincinnati, Ohio
Christal Morrison #	University of Washington	OH	So.	6-2	Puyallup, Washington
Jennifer Saleaumua #	University of Nebraska	OH	Sr.	5-11	National City, California
Sheila Shaw	University of Wisconsin	MB	Sr.	6-0	Muskego, Wisconsin

^ indicates 2004 AVCA First-Team All-America selection

* indicates 2003 AVCA First-Team All-America selection

indicates 2004 AVCA Second-Team All-America selection

\$ indicates 2003 AVCA Second-Team All-America selection

@ indicates 2004 AVCA Third-Team All-America selection

! indicates 2003 AVCA Third-Team All-America selection

2005 AVCA Division I Freshman of the YearSM: Nicole Fawcett (Penn State University, Outside Hitter)**2005 AVCA Division I Player of the YearSM**: Announced at AVCA All-America/Players of the Year BanquetSM on Dec. 16, 2005**AVCA All-America Honorable MentionSM**

Megan Argabright (Western Kentucky, MB, Fr.)

Faye Barhorst (Dayton, MB, Jr.)

Kelly-Anne Billings (Marshall, RS/Opp, So.)

Elizabeth Bishop (Cornell, OH, Jr.)

Caron Blotch (Western Kentucky, S, Sr.)

Abbey Breit (Jacksonville State, MB, So.)

Blair Buchanan (Albany, S, Jr.)

Zuzana Cernianska (Utah State, OH, Sr.)

Alexis Crimes (Long Beach State, MB, So.)

Renata Dargan (Purdue, S, Sr.)

Christie Dawson (San Diego, RS/Opp, Jr.)

Carrie DeMange (Duke, MB, So.)

Andreya Downs (Colorado State, MB, Sr.)

Kelly Duan (Syracuse, RS/Opp, Sr.)

Lauren Evans (Brigham Young University, S, Sr.)

Liz Guard (Eastern Kentucky, MB, Sr.)

Paula Gentil (Minnesota, DS/Lib, Sr.)

Jaci Gonzalez (Houston, DS/Lib, Sr.)

Allie Griffin (Colorado, RS/Opp, Sr.)

Christa Harmotto (Penn State, MB, Fr.)

Lindsay Hartstock (Brigham Young, MB, Jr.)

Ali Hausfeld (Duke, S, So.)

Karla Johnson (Miami [Fla.], OH, Sr.)

Lauren Kelbley (Notre Dame, OH, Sr.)

Nickole Kennedy (Cleveland State, RS/Opp, Sr.)

Kisya Killingsworth (Florida, MB, So.)

Sarah Kirkwood (Virginia, OH, So.)

Julie Knytych (Tennessee, S, Sr.)

Ivana Kuzmic (LSU, MB, Sr.)

Lindsey Laband (Georgia Tech, S, Sr.)

Andressa Lyra (Middle Tennessee, OH, Jr.)

Amanda McCormick (Ball State, DS/Lib, Jr.)

Megan McGrane (Pittsburgh, DS/Lib, Sr.)

Michelle Moriarty (Texas, S, So.)

Jessie Nevitt (Cincinnati, MB, Fr.)

Dani Nyenhuis (North Carolina, OH, Sr.)

Kim Oguh (New Mexico State, MB, So.)

Alexandra Oquendo (Georgia, MB, Sr.)

Kelly Paiva (Florida Atlantic, OH, Sr.)

Olaya Pazo (Rice, OH, Sr.)

Sara Radosevic (Tulane, OH, Fr.)

Rachel Refenes (Ball State, MB, Sr.)

Kariny Ritter (Houston, OH, Sr.)

Salaia Salave'a (Nevada, MB, Sr.)

Janine Sandell (UC Santa Barbara, OH, Jr.)

Andreza Santos (Florida State, OH, Sr.)

Becca Sartori (Houston, MB, Jr.)

Francheska Savage (Miami [Fla.], MB, Jr.)

Jenny Shull (Duke, DS/Lib, So.)

Julia Silva (Tulsa, S, So.)

Stephanie Smith (Maryland, MB, Sr.)

Shelly Sommerfeldt (Utah, OH, Sr.)

Kari Stacy (Texas-El Paso, OH, Sr.)

Adrianna Stasiuk (Notre Dame, OH, So.)

Katie Stein (Marshall, S, Sr.)

Yuliya Stoyanova (Tennessee, OH, So.)

Elif Unlu (UNC Asheville, OH, Jr.)

Jessica Vander Kooi (Missouri, RS/Opp, Jr.)

Amanda Vazquez (UC Irvine, MB, Sr.)

Rachel Wagener (Maryland, MB, Sr.)

Kaleena Walters (Penn State, DS/Lib, Sr.)

Nicole Wilson (Missouri, MB, Jr.)

Julia Winkfield (Ohio, MB, Sr.)

Ana Yartseva (Louisville, MB, Jr.)

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ADD 2 – 2005 AVCA Division I All-America TeamsSM

AVCA All-America First-Team

Jane Collymore, a 6-0 senior outside hitter for University of Florida, earned her second AVCA All-America honor after leading the Gators to the NCAA Division I Tournament regional final. She was named the SEC Most Valuable Player. Collymore averaged 4.57 kills, 3.00 digs, 0.60 blocks and 0.48 aces per game.

Melissa Elmer, a 6-2 senior middle blocker for University of Nebraska, is a three-time AVCA All-American. She leads the nation with a 2.18 block average and is the all-time Big 12 and school block leader. Elmer averages 2.64 kills per game with a .387 attack percentage.

Kim Glass, a 6-4 senior outside hitter for University of Arizona, led the Pac-10 in points and kills average with 6.30 points and 5.39 kills per game. She added 3.01 digs and 0.39 aces per game while hitting .263. Glass is a three-time AVCA All-American and the Wildcats' all-time career-kills leader.

Christina Houghtelling, a 6-2 junior right side/opposite hitter for University of Nebraska, ranks among the Big 12 leaders in hitting percentage and kills per game. She attacks at a .375 percentage with averages of 3.71 kills and 1.00 blocks per game. Houghtelling has hit .400 or better in 18 of 33 matches.

Lindsey Hunter, a 5-10 senior setter for University of Missouri, is a two-time AVCA All-America honoree as she led the Big 12 in assists for the fourth year. She paced the Tigers to a .299 attack percentage while averaging 2.40 digs, 0.50 blocks and 0.94 kills. Hunter finished her career sixth all-time in NCAA Division I in assist average.

Laura Jones, a 6-2 senior outside hitter for Texas A&M, is a two-time AVCA All-American as she averaged a 2005 national-leading and school-record 6.09 kills per game. She broke the school single-season kill mark by 133 kills. Jones completed her career with 33 Aggie school records.

Sarah Pavan, a 6-5 sophomore right side/opposite hitter for University of Nebraska, is a two-time AVCA All-American and the 2005 Big 12 Player of the Year. She has paced the Huskers with 3.78 kills and 1.26 blocks per game. Pavan is hitting .351 and ranks among the Big 12 top 10 in five categories.

Cassie Perret, a 6-1 senior right side/opposite hitter for Santa Clara University, was named the West Coast Conference Player of the Year. She attacks at a .370 percentage with averages of 3.22 kills, 0.82 blocks and 2.20 digs per game. Perret has paced the Broncos to their first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament semifinal appearance.

Kristin Richards, a 6-0 junior outside hitter for Stanford University, led the Cardinal with 544 kills, sixth best in school history. She hit .272 for the season with 28 double-digit kill matches, including a career-best 35 kills versus Southern California. Richards averaged 4.90 kills per game for third-best in the Pac-10.

Courtney Thompson, a 5-7 junior setter for University of Washington, has led the Huskies to a national-leading .341 team attack percentage. She averages a national-leading 14.83 assists per game. Thompson, a two-time AVCA All-American, adds 2.44 digs and 0.59 blocks per game.

Sanja Tomasevic, a 6-1 senior outside hitter for University of Washington, contributes 4.53 kills, 1.12 blocks, 2.68 digs and 0.32 aces per game. She hits .360 for the NCAA Division I Tournament national semifinalist Huskies. Tomasevic, a two-time AVCA All-American, has 1,000-career kills and digs.

Sam Tortorello, a 5-11 senior setter for Penn State, led the Nittany Lions to a 31-3 overall record and undefeated Big Ten season. She set Penn State to a .307 team attack percentage as she averaged 13.37 assists, 2.48 digs, 0.84 blocks and 1.03 kills per game. Tortorello is a three-time AVCA All-American with 6,085-career assists.

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ADD 3 – 2005 AVCA Division I All-America TeamsSM

AVCA Division I Second-Team All-America Bios

Foluke Akinradewo, a 6-3 freshman middle blocker for Stanford University, ranks 10th in the nation in attack percentage at .397. She averaged 3.92 kills and 1.09 blocks per game with double-digit kills in 26 matches. Akinradewo hit .400 or better in 15 matches, including a season-high .720 versus Utah State.

Kristen Andre, a 6-1 senior middle blocker for University of Tennessee, has helped the Lady Vols to their first-ever national semifinal appearance. She attacks at a .365 percentage with 3.52 kills per game, including 33 kills versus Florida on Oct. 30. On defense, Andre provides 1.07 blocks per game.

Leticia Armstrong, a 6-1 middle blocker for University of Texas, averaged 1.36 blocks per game to lead the Longhorns into the NCAA Division I Tournament second round. She finished the season hitting .356 with 3.19 kills per game. Armstrong ranked among the top 10 in Big 12 matches in four different categories.

Lauren Brewster, a 6-3 senior middle blocker for University of Notre Dame, is a two-time AVCA All-American. She hit .310 for the season with a team-leading 3.84 kills per game. Brewster helped the Fighting Irish reach the NCAA Division I Tournament regional semifinals with 1.63 blocks per game.

Bibiana Candelas, a 6-5 senior outside hitter for University of Southern California, averaged 4.91 kills, 1.17 digs and 0.91 blocks per game. She ranks second in the Pac-10 in points average with 5.64 per game. Candelas, a three-time AVCA All-American, posted a career-high 36 kills versus Stanford on Nov. 26.

Nicole Fawcett, a 6-4 freshman outside hitter for Penn State, averaged 4.51 kills per game while hitting .309. She contributed 1.80 digs and 0.80 blocks per game on defense. In her first postseason appearance, Fawcett set a NCAA Division I Tournament record with a .889 attack percentage versus Long Island.

Jennifer Hoffman, a 6-1 senior middle blocker for University of Louisville, charted a team-leading 1.63 blocks per game for eighth-best in NCAA Division I. She added a national-best .445 attack percentage. Hoffman averaged 2.78 kills per game as the Cardinals reached the Sweet 16.

Candace Lee, a 5-7 senior libero for University of Washington, averages 4.94 digs per game in helping the Huskies hit .341 as a team. She has helped the Washington defense limit opponents to a .133 team attack percentage. Lee ranks second in the Pac-10 for career digs with 2,012.

Marisa Main, a 5-9 junior setter for The Ohio State University, averaged 12.43 assists, 1.96 kills, 2.34 digs and 0.63 blocks per game. She produced five triple-doubles this season with four coming in Big Ten action. Main, a two-time AVCA All-American, ranked second in Big Ten matches for attack percentage.

Victoria Prince, a 6-0 senior middle blocker for University of Hawai'i, contributed a team-leading 1.56 blocks per game. She tallied a team-best .402 attack percentage with 3.26 kills per game. Prince, a two-time AVCA All-American, contributed 0.39 aces per game for the Rainbow Wahine.

Lena Ustylenko, a 6-3 senior outside hitter for University of Louisville, helped the Cardinals to the NCAA Division I regional semifinal round. She hit .335 with 5.30 kills, 2.74 digs and 0.56 blocks per game. Ustylenko was named the BIG EAST Player of the Year and finished her career atop the Louisville kill chart.

Melissa Walbridge, a 6-3 sophomore middle blocker for Penn State, charted 1.48 blocks per game in her first collegiate season. She averaged 2.64 kills with a NCAA Division I sixth-best .413 attack percentage. Walbridge was selected to the All-Big Ten Team and hit .449 in league matches.

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ADD 4 – 2005 AVCA Division I All-America TeamsSM

AVCA Division I Third-Team All-America Bios

Jennifer Abernathy, a 5-11 senior outside hitter for University of Arizona, averaged 4.79 points and 4.07 kills for second-best on the team. She contributed 3.35 digs and 0.36 aces per game as she landed on the All-Pac 10 for the first time. Abernathy posted 17 double-doubles this season.

Anna Cmaylo, a 6-4 sophomore middle blocker for Santa Clara University, averages 3.26 kills and 1.17 blocks per game. She attacks at a .370 clip for the Broncos. Cmaylo has 19 double-digit kill matches in helping the Broncos to their first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament semifinal appearance.

Kanoe Kamana'o, a 5-8 junior setter for University of Hawai'i, is a three-time AVCA All-American as she set the Rainbow Wahine to a .280 attack percentage. She averaged 13.85 assists, 1.02 blocks and 2.69 digs per game. Kamana'o helped Hawai'i reach the NCAA Division I Tournament regional semifinals.

Bryn Kehoe, a 5-11 sophomore setter for Stanford University, averaged 13.14 assists per game. She ranked third in NCAA Division I in assist average before suffering a broken hand forcing her to miss seven matches. Kehoe set the Cardinal to a top-five national ranking for most of the year.

Brandy Magee, a 6-2 junior middle blocker for University of Texas, led the Longhorns in attack percentage with a .377 mark. She averaged 3.24 kills and 1.10 blocks per game. Magee finished the Big 12 season ranked in four different categories.

Crystal Matich, a 5-11 sophomore setter for Santa Clara University, has set the Broncos to a .288 team attack percentage. She averages 13.98 assists, 1.82 digs, 0.42 aces and 0.94 kills per game. Matich directs an offense with five players averaging over 2.80 kills per game.

Angie McGinnis, a 5-11 sophomore setter for University of Florida, set the Gators to a .301 team attack percentage. She contributed 13.46 assists, 1.21 kills, 2.35 digs and 0.58 blocks per game. McGinnis hit .409 individually and broke school setter records for kills and hitting efficiency in a season.

Nana Meriwether, a 6-1 junior middle blocker for UCLA, averages 1.73 blocks and 3.05 kills per game. She has attacked at a .380 percentage to lead the Bruins. Meriwether contributed a school-record 17 blocks in an upset of Washington on Nov. 12, one week after tallying 16 blocks versus Oregon.

Danielle Meyer, a 6-1 sophomore middle blocker for The Ohio State University, averaged team-highs of 5.33 points, 4.49 kills and 1.01 blocks per game. She was second on the team in digs per game at 2.42. Meyer produced double-digit kills in 25 matches this season with 11 double-figure dig matches.

Christal Morrison, a 6-2 sophomore outside hitter for University of Washington, provides the Huskies with 4.30 kills, 2.27 digs, 0.71 blocks and 0.52 aces per game. She attacks at a .343 percentage. Morrison, a two-time AVCA All-American, has 24 matches with at least 10 kills and eight double-doubles.

Jennifer Saleaumua, a 5-11 senior outside hitter for University of Nebraska, is a two-time AVCA All-America selection and four-time All-Big 12 selection. She is averaging 2.28 kills, 3.82 digs and 0.77 blocks per game. Saleaumua is one of two players in school history with 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs.

Sheila Shaw, a 6-0 senior middle blocker for University of Wisconsin, contributed a .325 attack percentage for the Badgers. She helped Wisconsin reach the NCAA Division I Tournament regional final in 2005. Shaw averaged 2.91 kills, 1.49 blocks and 0.30 aces per game.