



# PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## SIX-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

### 33 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 16 BIG TEN TITLES

#### 2014 SCHEDULE & RECORD

**Overall:** 8-1 (Home: 3-0, Away: 1-1, Neutral: 4-0)

**Big Ten:** 0-0 (Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0)

#### AUGUST

Penn State Classic

29	vs. TCU	W, 3-0
30	vs. IONA	W, 3-0
39	vs. WILLIAM & MARY	W, 3-0

#### SEPTEMBER

Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge

5	at Stanford#	L, 3-2
6	vs. UCLA	W, 3-0

Villanova Classic

12	vs. American	W, 3-1
12	at Villanova	W, 3-0
13	vs. Yale	W, 3-0
13	vs. Kansas	W, 3-0

Penn State Alumni Classic%

19	vs. EASTERN ILLINOIS	4 p.m.
19	vs. DEPAUL	7:30 p.m.
20	vs. UIC	9 a.m.
20	vs. EAST CAROLINA	8 p.m.
24	at Wisconsin*#	7:30 p.m.
27	at Minnesota*#	8 p.m.

#### OCTOBER

3	at Nebraska*#	8 p.m.
4	at Iowa*	8 p.m.
8	vs. NORTHWESTERN*#	7:30 p.m.
11	vs. ILLINOIS*	4 p.m.
17	at Purdue*#	8 p.m.
18	at Indiana*	7 p.m.
24	vs. MICHIGAN*#	7 p.m.
25	vs. MICHIGAN STATE*	5:30 p.m.
28	vs. OHIO STATE*#	8 p.m.
31	at Ohio State*	7 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER

7	vs. RUTGERS*	7 p.m.
8	vs. MARYLAND*	7 p.m.
12	vs. IOWA*	7 p.m.
15	vs. MINNESOTA*	7 p.m.
19	at Michigan*	7 p.m.
22	at Maryland*	7 p.m.
26	at Northwestern*	8 p.m.
29	vs. NEBRASKA*#	8:30 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

5-6	NCAA First/Second Rounds	TBA
12-13	NCAA Regionals	(Ames, Louisville, Seattle, Minneapolis)
18-20	NCAA Championship	Oklahoma City Okla.

Home matches played at Rec Hall in CAPS • All times EST and subject to change • \* Indicates Big Ten match • # indicates match will be aired on TV • % Indicates Penn State Women in Sports celebration

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## WEEK 4: PENN STATE ALUMNI CLASSIC

Friday, Sept. 19 - Saturday, Sept. 20 | University Park, Pa. - Rec Hall

### #3 PENN STATE VS. PENN STATE ALUMNI CLASSIC OPPONENTS

**EIU**  
PANTHERS



**Record:** 5-4  
**Ohio Valley:** 0-0  
**National Rank:** NA  
**Last Outing:** 9/15/2012  
**Head coach:** Kate Price

**DePAUL**  
BLUE DEMONS



**Record:** 2-7  
**BIG EAST:** 0-0  
**National Rank:** NA  
**Last Outing:** 9/7/2012  
**Head coach:** Nadia Edwards

**UIC**  
FLAMES



**Record:** 4-8  
**Horizon:** 0-0  
**National Rank:** NA  
**Last Outing:** 9/9/2012  
**Head coach:** Katie S. Cawley

**ECU**  
PIRATES



**Record:** 4-0  
**American:** 0-0  
**National Rank:** NA  
**Last Outing:** 10/23/1981  
**Head coach:** Julie Torbett

#### FIRST SERVE

» PSU returns home from the road to round out the 2014 non-conference slate this weekend, hosting the Penn State Alumni Classic, in conjunction with the PSU 50 Years of Women in Sport Celebration. The Nittany Lions kick off the event with a doubleheader against EIU and DePaul, Friday, Sept. 19, before closing out the weekend with a pair of matches against UIC and East Carolina, Saturday, Sept. 20.

» All four of this weekend's opponent head coaches are former Nittany Lions including: Eastern Illinois (Kate Price '08), DePaul (Nadia Edwards '01), University of Illinois-Chicago (Katie Schumacher-Cawley '02) and East Carolina (Julie Torbett '90).

» Penn State will raise two banners this weekend in celebration of the 2013 national championship season. The Nittany Lions hoist the Big Ten Championship banner Friday evening, before raising the 2013 NCAA national championship banner before Saturday evening's match.

» NOTE: PSU's match against East Carolina Saturday, Sept. 20 has been moved to 8 p.m.

» The Nittany Lions went 4-0 on the road last weekend to capture the Villanova Classic crown, with a four-set win against American and a trio of straight-set victories against Villanova, Yale and No. 24 Kansas.

» Senior Micha Hancock earned Villanova Classic MVP honors, while senior Nia Grant and redshirt junior Aiyana Whitney were each honored on the All-Tournament team.

» Seniors Nia Grant and Micha Hancock highlighted the Big Ten Weekly Awards as Grant was named Player of the Week and Hancock was selected as the Setter of the Week. The duo were instrumental in all four Nittany Lion victories this past weekend, posting season and career high marks.

» With 1,133 wins, head coach Russ Rose is presently one win shy of tying current Hawaii head coach Dave Shoji for first on the all-time list with 1,134 victories. Rose currently owns the all-time record for NCAA DI career winning percentage, having posted a career clip of .864 in the past 35 seasons.

» Averaging 0.90 aces per set, senior Micha Hancock enters the week as the national leader in the category, with 27 aces on the year. The Penn State all-time aces leader served up 21 aces last week to vault into first-place in the national standings. She highlighted the weekend with a season-high eight aces in the win against American.

» As a team, the Nittany Lions'.361 overall hitting percentage ranks second nationally and leads the Big Ten. Additionally, four PSU attackers are hitting at .343 or higher, led by senior Nia Grant's .513 hitting clip, which ranks fourth in the nation and leads the conference.

» Penn State remains No. 3 in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll this week. Prior to the No. 3 positioning, the Nittany Lions were slotted No. 1 overall for two consecutive weeks.

» PSU has matched up or will soon square off against a total of nine teams represented in the AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll, including eight matches against teams in the top 25 and one receiving votes.

» The Nittany Lions are among seven teams from the Big Ten to be ranked within the AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll and one of three within the top 10.

» Penn State was voted No. 1 in the Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll for the second consecutive year, with three Nittany Lions earning preseason All-Big Ten honors.

» Penn State improved to 30-6 all-time in season-openers, having swept TCU in the first match of the Penn State Classic. The win against the Horned Frogs marked the Nittany Lions' third consecutive season-opening victory.

» In his 36th season at the helm of the program, five-time AVCA DI National Coach of the Year Russ Rose returns four starters and 11 letterwinners from last year's NCAA national championship squad.

» The Nittany Lions welcome a highly talented class of eight newcomers in 2014, featuring four state Gatorade Player of the Year honorees. PrepVolleyball.com tabbed PSU's incoming class No. 1 nationally.

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## PENN STATE AT A GLANCE

### THE UNIVERSITY

Location: ..... University Park, Pa. 16802  
 Founded: ..... 1855  
 Enrollment: ..... 44,112  
 Colors: ..... Blue & White  
 Nickname: ..... Nittany Lions  
 Conference: ..... Big Ten  
 President: ..... Dr. Eric J. Barron  
 Director of Athletics: ..... Sandy Barbour  
 Associate AD/SWA ..... Charmelle Greene  
 Facility (capacity): ..... Rec Hall (5,812)

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: ..... Russ Rose (36th season)  
 Alma Mater: ..... George Williams, 1975  
 Overall Record (Yrs/Pct): ..... 1,125-177 (35/.864)  
 School Record: ..... same  
 Associate Head Coach: ..... Salima Rockwell  
 Assistant Coach: ..... Stevie Mussie  
 Director of Operations: ..... Kevin Burch  
 Volunteer Assistant ..... Jay Goddu  
 Office Phone: ..... (814) 863-7474  
 Office Fax: ..... (814) 865-1746  
 Office Address: ..... 235 Rec Hall

### 2013 IN REVIEW

2013 Record: ..... 34-2  
 Home: ..... 17-1  
 Away: ..... 11-1  
 Neutral: ..... 6-0  
 Big Ten record (finish): ..... 19-1 (1st)  
 Final AVCA Ranking: ..... No. 1  
 Postseason Play: ..... NCAA national champions  
 First round: ..... def. LIU-Brooklyn, 3-0  
 Second round: ..... def. Utah, 3-0  
 Regional semifinal: ..... def. Michigan State, 3-1  
 Regional final: ..... def. Stanford, 3-2  
 National semifinal: ..... def. Washington, 3-0  
 National final: ..... def. Wisconsin, 3-1

### NITTANY LION HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball: ..... 1976  
 All-Time Record (Years): ..... 1,176-220-4 (38)  
 All-Time Big Ten Record: ..... 407-53  
 Years/Win Pct.: ..... 23/.885  
 Big Ten Titles: ..... (16) '92, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99,  
 '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '12, '13)  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: ..... 33  
 NCAA Tournament Record: ..... 84-27  
 NCAA National Championships: ..... 6  
 (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013)

## 2014 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	SP	K/S	HIT %	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
2	Lara Caraway	DS	5-4	Jr.	5	0.00	.000	0.00	0.20	1.00	0.00
3	Kendall Pierce	DS	5-6	Jr.	17	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.00
4	Dominique Gonzalez	L	5-6	Sr.	30	0.00	.000	0.70	0.17	3.67	0.00
5	Ali Frantti	OH	6-1	Fr.	30	3.57	.365	0.17	0.13	1.47	0.53
7	Nia Grant	MH	6-2	Sr.	28	2.57	.513	0.07	0.18	0.71	0.93
8	Lainy Pierce	DS	6-2	Fr.	11	0.00	.000	0.09	0.18	0.18	0.00
9	Skylar Dykstra	DS	5-8	Fr.	2	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Carley Muller	DS	5-9	So.	4	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Nia Reed	OH	5-9	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Micha Hancock	S	5-11	Sr.	30	1.07	.338	11.57	0.90	1.80	0.47
13	Taylor Krause	DS	5-6	So.	8	0.12	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00
14	Aiyana Whitney	OH	6-4	RS-Jr.	30	2.50	.372	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.83
15	Haleigh Washington	MB	6-3	Fr.	2	3.00	.545	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50
17	Megan Courtney	OH	6-2	Jr.	30	2.67	.343	0.57	0.1	1.97	0.83
19	Heidi Thelen	MB	6-2	Fr.	6	1.50	.438	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.83
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	S	6-1	Fr.	0	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	Simone Lee	OH	6-1	Fr.	25	2.20	.229	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.36
23	Kelly Robertson	MH	6-0	So.	4	0.25	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50
24	Laura Broerman	DS	5-4	So.	6	0.00	.000	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00
33	Lacey Fuller	DS	5-6	Sr.	30	0.00	.000	0.17	0.07	1.47	0.00

### PENN STATE

**30 14.60 .361 13.27 1.63 12.50 2.27**

### OPPONENTS

**30 9.07 .125 8.50 0.63 10.13 1.10**

### Head Coach:

Russ Rose (George Williams, 1975), 36th year

### Associate Head Coach:

Salima Rockwell (Penn State, 1994)

### Assistant Coach:

Stevie Mussie (Washington, 2008)

### Director of Operations:

Kevin Burch (Ohio State, 2011)

### Volunteer Assistant:

Jay Goddu (Villanova, 2013)

## ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School (College)
24	Laura Broerman	So.	DS	5-4	Colorado Springs, Colo./St. Mary's
2	Lara Caraway	Jr.	DS	5-4	Evans City, Pa./Home Schooled
17	Megan Courtney	Jr.	OH	6-2	Dayton, Ohio/Archbishop Alter
9	Skylar Dykstra	Fr.	DS	5-9	Redondo Beach, Calif./Redondo (UCLA)
5	Ali Frantti	Fr.	OH	6-1	Spring Grove, Ill./Richmond Burton
33	Lacey Fuller	Sr.	DS	5-6	San Diego, Calif./Torrey Pine
4	Dominique Gonzalez	Sr.	L	5-6	San Antonio, Texas/Sandra Day O'Connor
7	Nia Grant	Sr.	OH	6-2	Warren, Ohio/Howland
12	Micha Hancock	Sr.	S	5-11	Edmond, Okla./Edmond Memorial
13	Taylor Krause	So.	DS	5-6	Allentown, Pa./Parkland High
22	Simone Lee	Fr.	OH	6-1	Menomonee Falls, Wis./Menomonee
10	Carley Muller	So.	DS	5-7	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
3	Kendall Pierce	Jr.	DS	5-6	Eden, N.Y./Eden
8	Lainy Pierce	Fr.	DS	5-8	Eden, N.Y./Eden
11	Nia Reed	Fr.	OH	6-2	Fort Lee, N.J./Immaculate Heart Academy
23	Kelly Robertson	So.	MH	6-0	Allentown, Pa./Parkland High
19	Heidi Thelen	Fr.	MB	6-2	Edgewood, Ky./Notre Dame Academy
15	Haleigh Washington	Fr.	MB	6-3	Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty High School
21	Bryanna Weiskircher	Fr.	S	6-1	Loves Park, Ill./Boylan Catholic
14	Aiyana Whitney	RS-Jr.	OH	6-4	Norwood, N.J./Northern Valley Regional

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Aiyana	..... I-YAH-nuh	Broerman	..... Bro-er-man
Micha	..... MIKE-uh	Nia	..... Nee-uh
Muller	..... Mew-ler	Thelen	..... Th-EE-len
Lacey	..... Lace-EE	Frantti	..... Fran-TEE
Lara	..... Lar-uh	Bryanna	..... Bree-yah-nuh
Dykstra	..... Dike-STRAH	Weiskircher	..... Weis-KIR-Cher

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## AROUND THE BIG TEN

### BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall		Big Ten	
	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Wisconsin	8-0	1.000	0-0	.000
Northwestern	8-1	.889	0-0	.000
<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>8-1</b>	<b>.889</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>
Purdue	8-1	.889	0-0	.000
Indiana	7-1	.875	0-0	.000
Minnesota	7-1	.875	0-0	.000
Iowa	8-2	.800	0-0	.000
Maryland	7-2	.778	0-0	.000
Nebraska	5-2	.714	0-0	.000
Ohio State	6-3	.667	0-0	.000
Illinois	5-3	.625	0-0	.000
Michigan State	5-3	.625	0-0	.000
Rutgers	5-4	.556	0-0	.000
Michigan	3-4	.429	0-0	.000

### 2014 PRESEASON BIG TEN POLL

- 1. PENN STATE**
- Nebraska
- Wisconsin
- Illinois
- Purdue
- Michigan State
- Minnesota
- Michigan
- Ohio State
- Northwestern
- Iowa
- Indiana
- Maryland
- Rutgers

### ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. 2014 OPPONENTS

#### NON-CONFERENCE

Team	W-L	Last
TCU	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/29/14)
Iona	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (8/30/14)
William & Mary	11-1	PSU, 3-0 (8/30/14)
Stanford	8-8	SU, 3-2 (9/5/14)
UCLA	5-7	PSU, 3-0 (9/6/14)
American	7-0	PSU, 3-1 (9/12/14)
Villanova	14-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/12/14)
Yale	9-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/13/14)
Kansas	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/13/14)
EIU	3-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/15/12)
DePaul	1-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/7/12)
UIC	6-0	PSU, 3-0 (9/9/12)
ECU	2-0	PSU, 2-0 (10/23/81)

#### BIG TEN

Team	W-L	Last
Wisconsin	43-7	PSU, 3-1 (12/21/13)
Minnesota	42-8	PSU, 3-0 (11/116/13)
Nebraska	9-13	PSU, 3-1 (11/30/13)
Iowa	45-0	PSU, 3-0 (10/26/13)
Northwestern	46-8	PSU, 3-1 (11/22/13)
Illinois	41-9	PSU, 3-1 (11/23/11)
Purdue	50-6	PSU, 3-0 (11/8/13)
Indiana	47-1	PSU, 3-0 (11/9/13)
Michigan	44-3	PSU, 3-1 (11/1/13)
Michigan St.	39-7	PSU, 3-1 (12/13/13)
Ohio St.	42-14	PSU, 3-0 (11/27/13)
Rutgers	25-9	PSU, 3-0 (9/17/11)
Maryland	18-5	PSU, 3-0 (12/4/04)

## THAT'S SOME HEAVY HITTING

Senior setter Micha Hancock has paced the Nittany Lions to a .361 overall hitting percentage in 2014, which ranks second nationally and leads the Big Ten. Hancock's also paced four Nittany Lion hitters to .343 or better hitting efficiency. Individually, senior Nia Grant's .513 hitting clip ranks fourth in the nation, while also coming in at first in the conference. Redshirt junior Aiyana Whitney, junior Megan Courtney and freshman Ali Frantti are all hitting .343 or better, led by Whitney's .373 efficiency.

## HANCOCK HIGHLIGHTS VILLANOVA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT SQUAD

Penn State dominated the Villanova Classic All-Tournament team as senior Micha Hancock highlighted a trio of honorees with MVP honors. Senior Nia Grant and redshirt junior Aiyana Whitney each earned All-Tournament team laurels. Hancock led the way from the service line, notching 21 aces on the weekend, while Grant powered the Penn State offense with a team-high .618 hitting percentage during the undefeated road test. Whitney highlighted the weekend with a season-high 13 kills and a career-high six blocks vs. No. 24 Kansas (9/13).

## DUO NAMED BIG TEN/PAC-12 CHALLENGE ALL-TOURNAMENT

Senior Dominique Gonzalez and freshman Ali Frantti earned Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament team honors. Gonzalez highlighted the weekend with her fourth career 20+ dig match against the Cardinal, while Frantti logged her first career double-double with 22 kills and 11 digs.

## TRIO EARNS PENN STATE CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM HONORS

Following back-to-back double-digit kill performances in her first two collegiate matches, freshman Ali Frantti earned Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player honors. Senior Micha Hancock and junior Megan Courtney each earned spots on the All-Tournament team for their performances during an undefeated opening weekend at home.

Hancock directed the Nittany Lions to a conference-high .436 hitting clip during the week, while also pacing Frantti (.482) and Courtney (.500) to a pair of Big Ten top-five hitting clips. Hancock's 11.33 assists per set ranks third in the league.

## PENN STATE TABBED BIG TEN PRESEASON FAVORITE

Penn State earned the No. 1 ranking in the 2014 Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll, which is decided by the league's 14 head coaches. The top-ranking marks the ninth time in the last 10 years that the 16-time defending Big Ten champion Nittany Lions have been voted No. 1 the preseason standings.

## PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN NITTANY LIONS

PSU is well represented on the All-Big Ten Preseason Team, with more honorees than any other conference team in the league for the second consecutive year. Senior setter Micha Hancock highlights a trio of 2014 honorees as a unanimous selection. She's joined by senior middle Nia Grant and junior outside Megan Courtney. The nod is the second consecutive for both Hancock and Courtney and the first career for Grant.

## ROSE ONE WIN AWAY FROM A HISTORIC MARK

In 2013, head coach Russ Rose earned his 1,107th victory with a straight-set win at Northwestern, moving him into sole possession of second place on the NCAA DI career wins list. With the triumph, he passed former UCLA head coach Andy Banachowski, who previously owned the record.

With 1,133 wins, Rose is presently one win shy of tying current Hawaii head coach Dave Shoji for first on the all-time list with 1,134 victories. Rose currently owns the all-time record for NCAA DI career winning percentage, having posted a career clip of .864 in the past 35 seasons. Both Rose and Shoji are the only two NCAA DI head coaches to have more than 1,000 career wins. The two are also one of just three active NCAA head coaches in all three divisions to have more than 1,100 career wins.

## THE BEST SERVE IN THE NATION

Hancock's 21 aces across four matches last weekend vaulted her into first place in the national standings, as she's presently averaging 0.90 aces per frame. Her mark also ranks first in the conference.

Averaging 0.65 aces per set in 2013, Micha Hancock finished last year ranked second nationally in aces per set. Her mark also ranked first in the Big Ten. Her impressive serving also set a new program record. With four aces against Eastern Kentucky, Hancock notched her 200th career service ace. Building on the mark throughout the season she moved into sole possession of first place on the Penn State all-time list with 254 aces on the year to surpass Ellen Hensler, who set the record in 1986. With 27 aces in 2014, Hancock has improved her mark to 281 aces all-time to keep a firm hold on her all-time record.



# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## AVCA TOP 25 COACHES' POLL

Poll #4 • Sept. 15, 2014

NO.	SCHOOL	PTS.	REC.	PW
1	<i>Stanford</i> (52)	1491	7-0	1
2	<i>Texas</i> (6)	1411	7-0	2
<b>3</b>	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>1376</b>	<b>8-1</b>	<b>3</b>
4	<i>Wisconsin</i> (2)	1321	8-0	4
5	<i>Washington</i>	1287	9-0	5
6	<i>Florida State</i>	1209	8-0	7
7	<i>Florida</i>	1121	5-2	10
8	<i>Colorado State</i>	969	9-1	14
9	<i>Nebraska</i>	960	5-2	11
10	<i>USC</i>	920	6-2	6
11	<i>Purdue</i>	869	8-1	8
12	<i>BYU</i>	846	7-2	9
13	<i>North Carolina</i>	770	7-1	17
14	<i>Oregon</i>	763	8-0	18
15	<i>Kentucky</i>	586	8-2	16
16	<i>Illinois</i>	493	5-3	12
17	<i>Minnesota</i>	459	6-1	19
18	<i>Arizona State</i>	433	8-1	15
19	<i>San Diego</i>	412	5-3	13
20	<i>Arizona</i>	377	8-1	21
21	<i>Texas A&amp;M</i>	346	7-1	NR
22	<i>UCLA</i>	322	6-2	25
23	<i>Loyola Marymount</i>	144	9-0	NR
24	<i>Kansas</i>	138	9-2	24
25	<i>Michigan State</i>	117	5-3	23

**RECEIVING VOTES:** Hawaii'i 95; Duke 91; Western Kentucky 30; Appalachian State 24; Creighton 23; Kansas State 23; Oklahoma 19; Iowa State 14; Northwestern 8; SMU 8; Santa Clara 6; Louisville 5

\*2014 opponents in italics

PENN STATE PRESENCE IN THE COACHES' POLL

Aug. 11: #1 (preseason)

Sept. 1: #1

Sept. 8: #3

Sept. 15: #3

## 2013 HONORS & ACCOLADES

### ALI FRANTTI

- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/1, 9/8)
- Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player
- Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team

### MEGAN COURTNEY

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament team

### MICHA HANCOCK

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Big Ten Setter of the Week (9/15)
- Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team
- Villanova Classic Most Outstanding Player

### NIA GRANT

- Preseason All-Big Ten
- Big Ten Player of the Week (9/15)
- Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team

### DOMINIQUE GONZALEZ

- Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team

### AIYANA WHITNEY

- Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team

## GRANT, HANCOCK EARN BIG TEN WEEKLY HONORS

After helping PSU claim the Villanova Classic title, senior Nia Grant was selected as the Big Ten Player of the Week, while senior Micha Hancock was tabbed Setter of the Week.

Grant powered the Penn State offense with a team-high .618 hitting percentage during the undefeated weekend on the road. She posted double-digit kills in three-of-four matches, recording errorless hitting performances in back-to-back matches against Villanova and Yale. In addition to Villanova Classic All Tournament team honors, Grant also set a career-high mark with an .846 hitting efficiency against the Bulldogs.

Hancock directed the Nittany Lions to a .351 team hitting clip during the week, averaging 11.60 assists per set. On her way to Villanova Classic Most Outstanding Player honors, she logged 21 service aces in the tournament, highlighting the event with a season-high eight aces against American. Averaging 1.62 aces per set for the week, she also tallied six aces against both Villanova and Kansas.

## MORE BIG TEN WEEKLY HONORS FOR FRANTTI

Following a weekend of team-high performances in Palo Alto, Calif., freshman Ali Frantti was tabbed the Big Ten's Freshman of the Week for the second consecutive week. She opened the weekend with her first collegiate double-double against then-No. 2 Stanford, posting a match-high 22 kills on .405 hitting, adding 11 digs and two blocks. The next evening, she returned to the court to lead the offense with her fourth double-digit kill performance of the season, putting down 14 kills on .619 hitting, adding five digs in a straight set victory against UCLA.

## WEEK 4: AVCA TOP 25 COACHES POLL UPDATE

Following a 4-0 weekend on the road, Penn State remained No. 3 in the latest AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll for the second consecutive week. Prior to the No. 3 positioning, PSU spent two consecutive weeks ranked No. 1 overall.

## BUST OUT THE BROOMS

Penn State has earned seven of its eight (88%) victories this season in straight sets. Within those seven sweeps, PSU surrendered less than 40 total points in back-to-back matches against Iona and William & Mary. Last season, the Nittany Lions earned 23 of their 34 victories in 3-0 sweeps.

## HANCOCK NOMINATED FOR 2014 ESPY AWARD

Penn State's Micha Hancock was one of two PSU student-athletes to be nominated for a 2014 ESPY Award, presented by ESPN. Hancock was nominated for Best Female Collegiate Athlete. Hancock's nomination marks the third time a PSU women's volleyball student-athlete has been up for an ESPY. Megan Hodge earned a nomination in 2010, following the '09 season, while Blair Brown was selected in 2011 following the '10 season.

## I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, ICE CREAM!

Earlier this summer Penn State's renowned Berkey Creamery unveiled a new "hall of fame" ice cream flavor named after legendary Nittany Lion women's volleyball head coach, Russ Rose. For the first time in more than 20 years, the flavor, Russ "digs" Roseberry, joins the creamery's lineup of "hall of fame" permanent flavors. The ice cream variety is made with black raspberry puree, red raspberry sauce and pure Wilbur's chocolate in a strawberry base.

## NITTANY LIONS EARN TOP RANKING IN AVCA PRESEASON POLL

Penn State women's volleyball earned the No. 1 overall ranking in the 2014 AVCA Preseason Coaches' Poll. This year's poll features more Big Ten teams than any other conference, with the Nittany Lions among seven other league teams to be ranked within the top 25 and one of four to be within the top 10. Since 2004, Penn State has been ranked within the top five in every AVCA preseason poll, having earned a top-ranking five times (2008-11 & 2014).

Earning 32 of a possible 60 first-place votes, PSU claimed the top spot ahead of No. 2 Texas, No. 3 Stanford, No. 4 Washington and No. 5 USC. The Big Ten is also well represented in the lower half of the top 10 rankings with Wisconsin, Nebraska and Purdue in spots six through eight, consecutively. BYU and Florida rounded out the last spots at No. 9 and No. 10.

## NEW YEAR, NEW STAFF

Fresh faces on the court are not the only new additions this year, as a new staff joins Rose for the 2014 season. Following the departure of five-year assistant coach Kaleena Davidson, Stevie Mussie joins Penn State as an assistant coach after serving as in the same role at the University of Virginia. Penn State women's volleyball gained more momentum shortly after Mussie's hiring as former All-American and Nittany Lion assistant coach Salima Rockwell re-joined the staff as associate head coach after spending the past five seasons at Texas.

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## RICKKERN.COM TOP 30

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NO.	SCHOOL	POINTS
1	Stanford	658
<b>2</b>	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>626</b>
3	Texas	623
4	Wisconsin	594
5	Washington	572
6	Florida State	552
7	Florida	531
8	Nebraska	468
9	Colorado State	455
10	BYU	434
11	Purdue	434
12	USC	433
13	Oregon	420
14	North Carolina	378
15	Kentucky	309
16	San Diego	279
17	Illinois	275
18	Arizona	271
19	Arizona State	247
20	Minnesota	240
21	Texas A&M	219
22	UCLA	178
23	Michigan State	163
24	Loyola Marymount	139
25	Hawaii	127
26	Northwestern	122
27	Duke	94
28	Iowa State	82
29	Kansas	79
30	Utah	6

Receiving Votes: Marquette, Oregon State, Colorado, Michigan, American, Oklahoma, Western Kentucky, Ohio, Appalachian State, Louisville, Kansas State, Missouri, Creighton, Cal State Northridge

## PENN STATE'S RECORD WHEN ...

Playing at home.....	3-0
Playing on the road .....	1-1
Playing at a neutral site .....	4-0
Current winning streak .....	W4
Big Ten matches.....	0-0
Non-conference matches .....	8-1
In three-set matches.....	7-0
In four-set matches .....	1-0
In five-set matches.....	0-1
Hitting .300 + .....	7-0
Hitting .200 -.299 .....	1-1
Out-hitting a team .....	8-1
Out-hit by a team.....	0-0
Playing a ranked team .....	1-1
Playing an unranked team.....	7-0
On TV.....	0-1
In August.....	3-0
In September.....	5-1
In October .....	0-0
In November .....	0-0

## NITTANY LIONS MONTH - BY- MONTH

Penn State is 40-5 (.889) all-time during the month of August, after notching a trio of victories against TCU, Iona and William & Mary last weekend. The Nittany Lions' first two losses came during the inaugural NACWAA in 1995 when Nebraska swept PSU, and in the 1999 NACWAA when Florida outlasted Penn State, 3-2, in the opening round. The Nittany Lions have not dropped a season opening match since losing to Oregon in 2011.

Penn State is 363-57-4 (.856) all-time during the month of September. The Lions are 188-18 (.913) during September dating back to the 1995 season and 46-9 (.836) within the last six years.

PSU is 386-67 (.852) all-time during the month of October. Penn State has posted an 86-11 (.887) mark in October across the last 10 seasons, and a record of 50 -3 (.943) in the last five years and did not lose a match during the month from 2007 to 2010.

Penn State is 285-57 (.833) all-time during the month of November, including a 87-8 (.916) mark across the last 10 seasons. The Nittany Lions posted a six-year streak from 1995-2000 where they did not lose a match in the month, and in the last five seasons, Penn State has a 45-3 (.938) mark in November.

In 2013, the Nittany posted unblemished records in three months, going 2-0 in August, 8-0 in October and 10-0 in November. Despite registering an 8-2 mark in the month of September, Penn State has lost a match since dropping a close five-setter to Michigan State on Sept. 27th.

## QUICK SETS

From Oct. 16, 1996 to Nov. 9, 2001, Penn State won 139 consecutive matches when taking a 2-0 lead. Since joining the Big Ten in 1991, Penn State has played in 776 total matches, winning 719. Across the last seven years, Penn State has earned 159 of its 209 victories in three sets (76%), including 37-of-38 (98%) in 2008 and 32-of-38 in 2009 (84%).

In the last 15 years, the Lions have lost only 59 matches. And of those 22 teams that defeated the Lions – BYU, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Long Beach State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oregon, Oregon State, Purdue, USC, Stanford, Temple, Tennessee, Texas, UCLA, Washington and Wisconsin – only nine of these teams (Nebraska, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois, Wisconsin, UCLA, Minnesota, Michigan State and Florida) have been able to beat Penn State a third time. The Lions have compiled a 278-57 mark in the last 15 years versus these teams.

vs. Michigan	28-2	vs. Stanford	5-6
vs. Northwestern	28-2	vs. MSU	26-3
vs. Wisconsin	25-6	vs. Ohio State	25-5
vs. Florida	4-3	vs. UCLA	4-3
vs. Nebraska	5-4	vs. Minnesota	26-6
vs. LBSU	0-1	vs. USC	2-1
vs. Illinois	26-5	vs. Temple	2-1
vs. BYU	3-1	vs. Tennessee	0-1
vs. Purdue	31-1	vs. Indiana	30-1
vs. Washington	0-1	vs. Texas	9-2
		vs. Oregon	0-2
		vs. Oregon State	0-1

## PENN STATE BY THE NUMBERS

5	Number of NCAA national championships PSU has won in the last seven years
6	Number of total NCAA national championships (1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013) » Penn State's six national titles ties Stanford for the most in history
16	Number of Big Ten titles in 23 seasons in the league » Penn State has captured Big Ten championships in nine of the last 10 years.
21	Number of all-time conference player of the year selections
33	Number of NCAA Tournaments PSU has participated in, one of two to play in all 33
37	Number of consecutive 20-win seasons
38	Seasons of Penn State women's volleyball, which started in 1976 under Tom Tait
65	Longest Big Ten winning streak recorded by Penn State from 11/11/06 to 9/24/10
78	Number of polls in which Penn State was ranked No. 1
94	Number of consecutive home match wins from 9/1/06 to 12/11/10
109	Number of consecutive matches wins between 9/21/07 to 9/11/10
159	Number of Academic All-Big Ten honorees in 21 years
1,133	Number of wins by head coach Russ Rose in his 36th season at the helm of the program » Rose needs one more wins to match current record-holder Dave Shoji (Hawaii)

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## SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

### PENN STATE VS. EASTERN ILLINOIS

Series: Penn State leads, 3-0

#### Last Three

Date	Site	Result
9/11/86	A	PSU, 3-0 (15-11, 15-9, 15-8)
9/13/90	H	PSU, 3-0 (15-6, 15-2, 15-9)
9/15/12	H	PSU, 3-0 (25-14, 25-14, 25-16)

#### By the Numbers

at PSU	Penn State leads, 2-0
at EIU	Penn State leads, 1-0
at neutral sites	Penn State leads, 0-0

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	EIU
8-1	Record	5-4
14.60	K/S	13.59
.361	Hitting %	.181
12.50	D/S	16.21
2.27	B/S	1.68

### PENN STATE VS. EAST CAROLINA

Series: Penn State leads, 2-0

#### Last Two

Date	Site	Result
10/24/80	N	PSU, 2-0 (15-4, 15-12)
10/23/81	N	PSU, 3-0 (15-5, 15-12)

#### By the Numbers

at PSU	Penn State leads, 0-0
at ECU	Penn State leads, 0-0
at neutral sites	Penn State leads, 2-0

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	ECU
8-1	Record	4-0
14.60	K/S	11.29
.361	Hitting %	.279
12.50	D/S	11.29
2.27	B/S	2.07

### PENN STATE VS. DEPAUL

Series: Penn State leads, 1-0

#### Last One

Date	Site	Result
9/7/12	N	PSU, 3-0 (30-12, 30-10, 30-17)

#### By the Numbers

at PSU	Penn State leads, 0-0
at DePaul	Penn State leads, 0-0
at neutral sites	Penn State leads, 1-0

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	DePaul
8-1	Record	2-7
14.60	K/S	12.20
.361	Hitting %	.213
12.50	D/S	12.00
2.27	B/S	2.44

### PENN STATE VS. UIC

Series: Penn State leads, 6-0

#### Last Three

Date	Site	Result
9/4/98	H	PSU, 3-0 (15-4, 15-1, 15-2)
9/12/08	A	PSU, 3-0 (25-9, 25-18, 25-20)
9/9/12	N	PSU, 3-0 (25-17, 25-18, 25-17)

#### By the Numbers

at PSU	Penn State leads, 3-0
at UIC	Penn State leads, 2-0
at neutral sites	Penn State leads, 1-0

#### Tale of the Tape

PSU	Stat	UIC
8-1	Record	4-7
14.60	K/S	14.05
.361	Hitting %	.208
12.50	D/S	15.11
2.27	B/S	1.52

## WHO'S BACK

Two-time first team AVCA All-American Micha Hancock leads a solid group of four starters from last year's NCAA national championship squad. Hancock directed the Nittany Lion offense to a .305 hitting clip in 2013, which concluded the season ranked fifth nationally.

AVCA Honorable Mention All-America Nia Grant and starting outside Megan Courtney are two of Hancock's top attackers who return to the court. Having ranked within the top of the Big Ten and national standings throughout the season, Grant's .350 hitting clip closed out the year ranked second best on the team and fifth in the final conference standings. Courtney, who picked up 2014 Preseason All-Big Ten honors, finished the year with 297 kills, averaging 2.47 per set on .272 hitting. Her 2.51 digs per frame and 0.73 blocks per set ranked third on the squad.

Defensively, the Nittany Lions also return two-year starting libero Dominique Gonzalez, who has proved to be a steady leader in the back row. Averaging 3.28 digs per set in 2014, she amassed 416 digs on the year, posting double-digit digs in 23-of-36 matches in 2013.

## EXPERIENCED SENIOR CORE

Comprised of four, this year's senior class features Lacey Fuller, Dominique Gonzalez, Nia Grant and Micha Hancock. Together, the four have a combined record of 92-13 (.876), and a 54-6 mark in Big Ten matches. Along with back-to-back Big Ten titles in 2012 and 2013, the veteran class holds a 12-2 (.857) mark in post season play, with two consecutive NCAA national semifinal appearances in 2012-13 as well as the 2013 NCAA national title.

## SPOTS TO FILL

Penn State has entered the 2014 season without a trio of standout student-athletes who were instrumental in the Nittany Lions' fifth national crown in the last seven years. 2013 Graduating seniors Deja McClendon, Katie Slay and Ariel Scott combined for 10 AVCA All-America honors during their four-year careers on the court, guiding both the 2010 and 2013 teams to a pair of NCAA national titles.

McClendon highlighted the 2013 All-America class as the only player to be honored as a four-time All-American. A true multi-faceted student-athlete, The Nittany Lions will have to replace McClendon's ability to pass, block, defend and attack. PSU will also need to replace Scott, a three-time AVCA All-American opposite who consistently served as the Nittany Lions' go-to hitter. Defensively, Slay departs Penn State as one of the most prolific blockers in program history, having earned three consecutive All-America honors to go along with her 627 career blocks, which ranks sixth all-time.

## FRESHMAN INFLUENCE

Regarded by PrepVolleyball.com as "a class that rivals the best ever," Penn State's incoming freshman class features eight newcomers who will all be competing for spots on the court in 2014. Along with four state Gatorade Player of the Year honorees, five Nittany Lion newcomers were ranked within PrepVolleyball's top 15 in the nation, while three ranked among the top three.

**Skylar Dykstra** » Transferred from UCLA after redshirting her freshman indoor season.

**Alli Frantti** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 2 recruit in the nation ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... Helped club team (Fusion) to back-to-back AAU titles, collecting MVP honors in 202 ... Led Richmond Burton (HS) to 2013 Illinois state title ... Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year.

**Simone Lee** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 8 recruit in the nation ... Played on the same club team as Frantti (Fusion) ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... Guided Menomonee (HS) to Wisconsin state title in 2013 ... Wisconsin Gatorade Player of the Year.

**Lainy Pierce** » Led Eden (HS) to New York state title in 2013.

**Nia Reed** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 12 recruit in the nation ... Helped Immaculate Heart (HS) to four straight non-public state titles ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... New Jersey Gatorade Player of the Year from 2011-13.

**Heidi Thelen** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 61 recruit in the nation ... 2013-14 Under Armour Honorable Mention All-America.

**Haleigh Washington** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 1 recruit in the nation ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America ... Two-time Colorado Gatorade Player of the Year (2012-13) ... Led Doherty (HS) to 2012 Colorado state title ... 2013 VB Magazine Player of the Year.

**Bryanna Weiskircher** » Ranked PrepVolleyball's No. 13 recruit in the nation ... Played on the same club team as Frantti and Lee (Fusion) as the starting setter ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America.

## RUSS ROSE AT A GLANCE ...

- 2007 AVCA Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2005 USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Honoree
- 2000 US Olympic Committee Coach of the Year
- Five-time AVCA Coach of the Year  
1997, 1999, 2007, 2008, 2013
- Six-time AVCA Mideast Region Coach of the Year  
1996, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012
- Three-time Volleyball Monthly Coach of the Year  
1990, 1993, 1999
- Seven-time Mideast Region Coach of the Year  
1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2007, 2008, 2012
- 14-time Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year  
1992, 1993, 1996, 1997 (co), 1998, 2003 (co),  
2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
- 1996 District II Coach of the Year
- Six-Time Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- Five-time Northeast Region Coach of the Year
- National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame
- 2010 USAV Leader in Volleyball

## BY THE NUMBERS ...

### 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 & 2013

NCAA National Championships

### NO. 1

All-Time Winning Percentage (.864) among active DI coaches

### 1,133

Career wins in 36 seasons, the highest win total ever for a Penn State head coach

### 3

Number of active coaches in NCAA Division I history with 1,000 career wins

### 33

Straight NCAA Tournament appearances

### 16

Big Ten titles in 23 years

### 8

Consecutive Atlantic 10 titles

### 159

Academic All-Big Ten selections in 23 years

### 21

Conference Players of the Year in last 28 years

At least **1** All-American in 34-of-35 seasons

## DOUBLE-DOUBLE TRACKER

### MICHA HANCOCK (27 CAREER)

- at Stanford, 9/5/14 (57 assists, 13 digs)

### ALI FRANTTI (1 CAREER)

- at Stanford, 9/5/14 (22 kills, 11 digs)

## THE LAST TIME A NITTANY LION ...

Had 30 or more kills .....	31 - Nicole Fawcett vs. Cal Poly (8/31/07)
Had 10 or more blocks .....	10 - Katie Slay vs. Stanford (12/14/13)
Had five or more aces .....	8 - Micha Hancock vs. American (9/12/14)
Had 25 or more digs .....	35 - Alyssa D'Errico at Minnesota (11/27/10)
Had 80 or more assists .....	82 - Samantha Spink vs. Illinois (11/24/95)

## THE LAST TIME PENN STATE ...

### VS. NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS (REGULAR-SEASON MATCHES)

Won a match .....	vs. Kansas, 9/13/13 (25-10, 27-25, 25-23)
Lost a match .....	at Stanford, 9/5/14 (25-18, 23-25, 22-25, 25-16, 10-15)
Won at home .....	vs. William & Mary, 8/30/14 (25-13, 25-12, 25-9)
Lost at home .....	vs. Oregon, 8/26/11 (25-16, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22)
Won 3-0 at home .....	vs. William & Mary, 8/30/14 (25-13, 25-12, 25-9)
Lost 3-0 at home .....	vs. UC-Santa Barbara, 9/18/86 (1-15, 7-15, 13-15)
Won 3-0 on the road .....	vs. Kansas, 9/13/13 (25-10, 27-25, 25-23)
Lost 3-0 on the road .....	vs. Stanford, 9/11/10 (26-28, 12-25, 18-25)

### VS. BIG TEN OPPONENTS (REGULAR-SEASON MATCHES)

Won a match .....	at Nebraska, 11/30/13 (22-25, 25-23, 26-24, 26-24)
Lost a match .....	vs. Michigan State, 9/27/13 (23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 9-15)
Won at home .....	vs. Illinois, 11/23/13 (25-20, 25-17, 23-25, 25-16)
Lost at home .....	vs. Michigan State, 9/27/13 (23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 9-15)
Won 3-0 at home .....	vs. Indiana, 11/9/13 (25-16, 25-11, 25-11)
Lost 3-0 at home .....	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road .....	vs. Ohio State, 11/27/13 (25-12, 25-14, 25-8)
Lost 3-0 on the road .....	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

### ALL MATCHES

Won a match .....	vs. Kansas, 9/13/13 (25-10, 27-25, 25-23)
Lost a match .....	at Stanford, 9/5/14 (25-18, 23-25, 22-25, 25-16, 10-15)
Won at home .....	vs. William & Mary, 8/30/14 (25-13, 25-12, 25-9)
Lost at home .....	vs. Michigan State, 9/27/13 (23-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 9-15)
Won 3-0 at home .....	vs. William & Mary, 8/30/14 (25-13, 25-12, 25-9)
Lost 3-0 at home .....	vs. Minnesota, 10/18/03 (26-30, 18-30, 21-30)
Won 3-0 on the road .....	vs. Kansas, 9/13/13 (25-10, 27-25, 25-23)
Lost 3-0 on the road .....	at Illinois, 11/11/11 (21-25, 23-25, 26-28)

## STREAKING!

Penn State holds the top three winning streaks in Big Ten history. Penn State's most recent streak of 65 consecutive matches began on Nov. 11, 2006 and ended on Sept. 24, 2010 at Illinois. It is the longest streak in league history. Penn State's other two conference winning streaks were 49 matches and 41. Illinois owns the fourth (40) and fifth (25) longest conference winning streaks.

## TOP FIVE BIG TEN STREAKS

65 - Penn State (11/11/06 - 9/18/10)	- snapped at Illinois (9/24/10)
49 - Penn State (11/1/97 - 11/27/99)	- snapped at Wisconsin (9/22/00)
41 - Penn State (10/22/04 - 10/21/06)	- snapped at Wisconsin (10/27/06)
40 - Illinois (11/15/85 - 11/20/87)	- snapped at Purdue (11/27/87)
25 - Illinois (10/2/92 - 10/9/93)	- snapped vs. Penn State (10/15/93)



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## 2014 PENN STATE SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	14 - Ali Frantti vs. UCLA (9/6).....	54 - vs. Villanova (9/12)
Attacks: .....	26 - Ali Frantti vs. Villanova (9/12) .....	101 - vs. Villanova (9/12)
Attack Percentage*:	846 (11-0-13) - Nia Grant vs. Yale (9/13).....	576 (45-7-66) - vs. William & Mary (8/29)
Assists:.....	47 - Micha Hancock vs. Villanova (9/13) .....	52 - vs. Villanova (9/12)
Aces:.....	6, 2x last - Micha Hancock vs. Kansas (9/13).....	7 - vs. Villanova (9/12)
Digs: .....	19 - Dominique Gonzalez vs. Yale (9/13).....	43 vs. Yale (9/13)
Solo Blocks: .....	1 - Aiyana Whitney vs. Yale (9/13).....	3 - vs. TCU (8/29)
Block Assists:.....	6 - Aiyana Whitney vs. Kansas (9/13) .....	18, 2x last- vs. Kansas (9/13)
Total Blocks: .....	7 - Nia Grant vs. UCLA (9/6).....	19 - vs. UCLA (9/6)

FOUR SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	12 - Ali Frantti vs. American (9/12) .....	49 - vs. American (9/12)
Attacks: .....	39 - Ali Frantti vs. American (9/12) .....	119 - vs. American (9/12)
Attack Percentage*:	571 (10-2-14) - Nia Grant vs. American (9/12) .....	269 (49-17-119) - vs. American (9/12)
Assists:.....	35 - Micha Hancock vs. American (9/12) .....	42 - vs. American (9/12)
Aces:.....	8 - Micha Hancock vs. American (9/12).....	14 - vs. American (9/12)
Digs: .....	21 - Dominique Gonzalez vs. American (9/12).....	53 - vs. American (9/12)
Solo Blocks: .....	1 - Nia Grant & Simone Lee vs. American (9/12).....	2 - vs. American (9/12)
Block Assists:.....	5 - Aiyana Whitney vs. American (9/12).....	18 - vs. American (9/12)
Total Blocks: .....	5 - Nia Grant & Aiyana Whitney vs. American (9/12) .....	11 - vs. American (9/12)

FIVE SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	22 - Ali Frantti at Stanford (9/5) .....	71 - at Stanford (9/5)
Attacks: .....	43 - Megan Courtney at Stanford (9/5).....	173 - at Stanford (9/5)
Attack Percentage*:	405 (22-5-42) - Ali Frantti at Stanford (9/5).....	243 (71-29-173) - at Stanford (9/5)
Assists:.....	43 - Micha Hancock at Stanford (9/5) .....	69 - at Stanford (9/5)
Aces:.....	1 - M. Hancock, M. Courtney, D. Gonzalez, K. Pierce at Stanford (9/5).....	4 - at Stanford (9/5)
Digs: .....	20 - Dominique Gonzalez at Stanford (9/5).....	73 - at Stanford (9/5)
Solo Blocks: .....	1 - Simone Lee & Ali Frantti at Stanford (9/5) .....	2 - at Stanford (9/5)
Block Assists:.....	5 - Megan Courtney at Stanford (9/5).....	12 - at Stanford (9/5)
Total Blocks: .....	5 - Megan Courtney at Stanford (9/5).....	14 - at Stanford (9/5)

## 2014 OPPONENT SUPERLATIVES

THREE SETS.....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	20 - Karsta Lowe, UCLA (9/6) .....	42 - UCLA (9/6)
Attacks: .....	42 - Karsta Lowe, UCLA (9/6) .....	104 - UCLA (9/6)
Attack Percentage*:	417 (5-0-12) - Claire Crutchfield, Villanova (9/12) .....	200 (27-11-80) - Villanova (9/12)
Assists:.....	34 - Julie Consani, UCLA (9/6).....	41 - UCLA (9/6)
Aces:.....	2 - Madison Rigdon, Kansas (9/13) .....	6 - UCLA (9/6)
Digs: .....	12 - Cassie Wait, Kansas (9/13).....	36 - Yale (9/13)
Solo Blocks: .....	1 - Tayler Soucie, Kansas (9/13) .....	1 - Kansas (9/13)
Block Assists:.....	4 - Chelsea Albers, Kansas (9/13) .....	8 - TCU (8/29)
Total Blocks: .....	4 - Chelsea Albers, Kansas (9/13) .....	6.0 - Kansas(9/13)

FOUR SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	9 - Sarah Katz, American (9/12).....	33 - American (9/12)
Attacks: .....	30 - Sarah Katz, American (9/12) .....	114 - American (9/12)
Attack Percentage*:	500 (1-0-2) Megan Rosburg, American (9/12).....	105 - American (9/12)
Assists:.....	26 - Monika Smidova, American (9/12).....	30 - American (9/12)
Aces:.....	1 - Monika Smidova, Allison Cappellino, Kelly McCaddin & Megan Rosburg, American .....	4 - American (9/12)
Digs: .....	13 - Allison Cappellino, American (9/12).....	46 - American (9/12)
Solo Blocks: .....	1 - Sarah Katz, American (9/12).....	1 - American (9/12)
Block Assists:.....	2 - Kelly McCaddin & Kristyna Lindovska, American (9/12).....	6 - American (9/12)
Total Blocks: .....	2 - Kelly McCaddin & Kristyna Lindovska, American (9/12).....	7 - American (9/12)

FIVE SETS .....	INDIVIDUAL .....	TEAM .....
Kills: .....	15 - Morgan Boukather, Stanford (9/5) .....	54 - Stanford (9/5)
Attacks: .....	35 - Jordan Burgess, Stanford (9/5).....	152 - Stanford (9/5)
Attack Percentage*:	385 (14-4-26) Inky Ajanaku, Stanford (9/5).....	237 (54-18-152) - Stanford (9/5)
Assists:.....	43 - Madi Bugg, Stanford (9/5).....	50 - Stanford (9/5)
Aces:.....	1 - Morgan Boukather and Megan McGehee, Stanford (9/5) .....	2 - Stanford (9/5)
Digs: .....	19 - Kyle Gilbert, Stanford (9/5) .....	62 - Stanford (9/5)
Solo Blocks: .....	N/A.....	N/A
Block Assists:.....	4 - M. Boukather, I. Ajanaku, Merete Lutz, Stanford (9/5).....	20 - Stanford (9/5)
Total Blocks: .....	4 - M. Boukather, I. Ajanaku, Merete Lutz, Stanford (9/5).....	20 - Stanford (9/5)



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## 2014 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SET SCORES	SITE	ATT.	RECORD	TIME
Aug. 29	TCU	W	3-0	25-10, 25-17, 25-17	University Park, Pa.	2,809	1-0	1:22
Aug. 30	Iona	W	3-0	25-13, 25-14, 25-11	University Park, Pa.	3,354	2-0	1:02
Aug. 30	William & Mary	W	3-0	25-13, 25-12, 25-9	University Park, Pa.	3,354	3-0	1:10
Sept. 5	Stanford	L	3-2	25-18, 23-25, 22-25, 25-16, 10-15	Palo Alto, Calif.	3,685	3-1	2:32
Sept. 6	UCLA	W	3-0	25-19, 27-25, 25-17	Palo Alto, Calif.	412	4-1	1:37
Sept. 12	American	W	3-1	24-26, 25-8, 25-14, 25-16	Villanova, Pa.	387	5-1	1:37
Sept. 12	Villanova	W	3-0	25-19, 25-12, 25-15	Villanova, Pa.	1,239	6-1	1:24
Sept. 13	Yale	W	3-0	25-14, 25-15, 25-15	Villanova, Pa.	673	7-1	1:14
Sept. 13	Kansas	W	3-0	25-10, 27-25, 25-23	Villanova, Pa.	933	8-1	1:27

## INDIVIDUAL PLAYER MATCH-BY-MATCH HIGHS

DATE	OPPONENT	KILLS	ATTACKS	ASSISTS	DIGS	TOTAL BLOCKS
Aug. 29	TCU	Frantti - 13	Frantti - 24	Hancock - 37	Frantti - 7 Hancock - 7 Gonzalez - 7	Frantti - 4
Aug. 30	Iona	Frantti - 11	Frantti - 20 Whitney - 20	Hancock - 30	Gonzalez - 11	Thelen - 3
Aug. 30	William & Mary	Lee - 10	Lee - 17	Hancock - 35	Courtney - 7	Courtney - 4 Frantti - 4
Sept. 5	Stanford	Frantti - 22	Courtney - 43	Hancock - 57	Gonzalez - 20	Courtney - 5
Sept. 6	UCLA	Frantti - 14	Frantti - 21	Hancock - 37	Gonzalez - 7	Grant - 7
Sept. 12	American	Frantti - 12	Frantti - 39	Hancock - 35	Gonzalez - 21	Grant - 5 Whitney - 5
Sept. 12	Villanova	Courtney - 14	Frantti - 26	Hancock - 47	Gonzalez - 10	Grant - 2
Sept. 13	Yale	Frantti - 11 Grant - 11	Courtney - 20	Hancock - 35	Gonzalez - 19	Grant - 2 Hancock - 2
Sept. 13	Kansas	Whitney - 13	Whitney - 21	Hancock - 34	Gonzalez - 12	Whitney - 6
<b>TOTALS (INCLUDING TIES)</b>		Frantti - 6 Lee - 1 Courtney - 1 Grant - 1 Whitney - 1	Frantti - 5 Lee - 1 Whitney - 1 Courtney - 2 Whitney - 1	Hancock - 9	Frantti - 1 Gonzalez - 8 Hancock - 1 Courtney - 1	Frantti - 2 Courtney - 2 Thelen - 1 Grant - 4 Whitney - 2 Hancock - 1

## TEAM MATCH-BY-MATCH STAT COMPARISON

DATE	OPPONENT	SETS	KILLS	HITTING %	ACES	DIGS	TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS	TOTAL PTS SCORED*
Aug. 29	TCU/PSU	3	29/48	.125/.429	0/2	27/35	4.0/8.0	33.0/58.0
Aug. 30	Iona/PSU	3	12/40	-.075/.329	1/4	22/35	3.0/5.5	16.0/49.5
Aug. 30	W&M/PSU	3	17/45	-.056/.576	0/4	13/30	3.0/8.5	20.0/57.5
Sept. 5	Stanford/PSU	5	54/71	.237/.243	2/4	62/73	10.0/8.0	66.0/83.0
Sept. 6	UCLA/PSU	3	42/43	.183/.442	6/5	33/34	1.0/10.0	49.0/58.0
Sept. 12	American/PSU	4	33/49	.105/.269	4/14	46/53	4.0/11.0	41.0/74.0
Sept. 12	Nova/PSU	3	27/54	.200/.416	0/7	30/38	1.0/4.0	28.0/65.0
Sept. 13	Yale/PSU	3	26/45	.108/.419	2/3	36/43	1.0/4.0	29.0/52.0
Sept. 13	Kansas/PSU	3	32/43	.134/.319	4/6	35/34	6.0/9.0	42.0/58.0

\* indicates total points scored by a team (kills, aces, blocks), not the cumulative total game scores, which also take into account opponent errors

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## LACEY FULLER

SENIOR | DS  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0
Iona	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	.000	1	1	2	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	1	0	10	0
UCLA	0	0	0	.000	1	0	5	0
American	0	0	0	.000	2	1	8	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0
Yale	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Kansas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	0

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has started all nine matches during the 2014 season ... Highlighted the Penn State Classic with four digs against TCU (8/29) and one ace against William & Mary (8/30) ... Posted her first double-digit dig performance of the season with 10 at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Posted at least two digs in every match at the Villanova Classic, highlighting the event with eight digs in a four-set victory against American (9/12).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in all 36 matches, seeing action in 118 sets ... Closed out the 2013 season ranked fifth on the team in digs with 141, averaging 1.19 per set ... Posted eight digs in back-to-back NCAA tournament matches against Utah (12/7) and Michigan State (12/13) ... Recorded a season-high nine digs in the NCAA regional final match against Stanford (12/14) .. Had one dig and one ace in the NCAA national semifinal match against third-seeded Washington (12/19) ... Totaled five digs in the NCAA national championship match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**PERSONAL »** Born Lacey Fuller on Aug. 26, 1992 in San Diego, Calif. ... parents are Donald and Mary Ann Fuller ... has one brother, Blake and two sisters, Loni and Kim.

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	1, 34x, last vs. Minnesota (12/8/12)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
1 vs. UCLA (9/6)	Assists	2, 2x, last vs. Texas (9/1/12)
1 vs. William & Mary (8/30)	Aces	2, 4x, last vs. Bowling Green (12/1/12)
10 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Digs	13 vs. Texas (9/9/11)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### FULLER'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	30-67	0	0	0	.000	4	6	56	0	0	0	0.00	0.06	0.10	0.88	0.00
2012	36-119	0	2	4	-.500	16	22	192	0	0	0	0.00	0.13	0.16	1.42	0.00
2013	36-118	0	0	0	.000	9	12	141	0	0	0	0.00	0.08	0.10	1.19	0.00
2014	9-30	0	0	0	.000	5	2	44	0	0	0	0.00	0.17	0.07	1.47	0.00
CAREER	111-334	0	2	4	-.500	33	40	413	0	0	0	0.00	0.10	0.12	1.24	0.00



## DOMINIQUE GONZALEZ

JUNIOR | DS  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	0	0	0	.000	3	0	7	0
Iona	0	0	0	.000	3	0	11	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	.000	2	0	3	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	4	1	20	0
UCLA	0	0	0	.000	1	1	7	0
American	0	0	0	.000	1	3	21	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	4	0	10	0
Yale	0	0	1	.000	2	0	19	0
Kansas	0	0	0	.000	1	0	12	0

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has started all nine matches during the 2014 season at libero ... Her 3.67 digs per set ranks first on the squad ... Highlighted the Penn State Classic with double-digit kills against Iona (8/30), posting a team-high 11 ... Leads the team with 2.33 digs per set on the year ... Notched her fourth career 20+ dig performance with a match-high 20 digs at No. 2 Stanford (9/6) ... Led the team with seven digs against UCLA (9/6) ... Posted double-digit digs in four consecutive matches at the Villanova Classic ... Recorded her second 20+ dig performance of the season with a season-high 21 digs against American (9/12), while also tallying a career-high three aces.

**2014 HONORS »** Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team (9/6)

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Started all 36 matches at libero ... Concluded the season ranked first on the team in digs (416), averaging a squad-best 3.28 per set ... Posted double-digit digs in 23-of-36 matches, including three matches with 20 or more digs ... Matched a career-high mark with two aces against Yale (9/22) ... Totaled a season-high 24 digs against Northwestern (11/22) ... Registered four consecutive double-digit dig matches during the 2013 NCAA tournament with 18 against Michigan State (12/13), 15 against Stanford (12/15), 13 against No. 3 Washington (12/19) and 20 in the national championship match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**2013 HONORS »** Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team (9/21)

**PERSONAL »** Born Dominique Shavawn Gonzalez on July 11, 1993 in San Antonio, Texas ... Parents are Roger and Debra Gonzalez ... Has two sisters, Jaci Gonzalez Barrientes and Nicki ... Sister, Jaci, played volleyball and softball at the University of Houston and sister, Nicki, played volleyball at UT Brownsville ... majoring in kinesiology

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	1, 5x last vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
N/A	Attacks	2, 2x, last vs. DePaul (9/8/12)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
4 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Assists	7, 2x last vs. Texas (9/7/13)
1 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Aces	3 vs. American (9/12/14)
21 vs. American (9/12)	Digs	29 at Nebraska (10/29/12)
NA	Blocks	N/A

### GONZALEZ'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	29-84	0	0	4	.000	18	4	117	0	0	0	0.00	0.23	0.10	1.46	0.00
2012	36-125	5	1	14	.286	110	29	503	0	0	0	0.04	0.77	0.21	3.66	0.00
2013	34-129	1	2	8	-.125	93	18	422	0	0	0	0.01	0.73	0.13	3.19	0.00
2014	9-30	0	0	1	.000	21	5	110	0	0	0	0.00	0.70	0.17	3.67	0.00
CAREER	110-366	6	3	27	.111	227	57	1,106	0	0	0	0.02	0.62	0.16	3.02	0.00

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## NIA GRANT

SENIOR | MH  
WARREN, OHIO

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	7	0	13	.538	1	2	2	2
Iona	4	1	7	.429	0	0	1	0
William & Mary	4	2	6	.333	4	0	0	3
Stanford	9	3	19	.316	0	0	5	2
UCLA	9	2	15	.467	1	2	2	7
American	10	2	14	.571	0	1	5	5
Villanova	8	0	13	.615	0	0	1	2
Yale	11	0	13	.846	0	0	2	2
Kansas	10	3	15	.467	0	0	2	3

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in all three matches during a 3-0 opening weekend ... Totaled seven kills on 13 errorless swings, adding two aces, two digs and two blocks in her senior season debut against TCU (8/29) ... Finished second on the team with nine kills on .467 hitting against UCLA (9/6), tallying a match-high seven blocks and a squad-best two aces ... Posted double-digit kills in three-of-four matches at the Villanova Classic, setting a career-high mark with an .846 hitting clip against Yale (9/13) ... Her .513 hitting percentage ranks fourth nationally and leads the Big Ten.

**2014 HONORS »** Preseason All-Big Ten ... Big Ten Player of the Week (9/15) ... Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Selected to the AVCA All-Northeast Region team and earned AVCA All-America honorable mention honors ... Played in 35 games this season, starting 33 matches ... Finished fifth on the team with 208 kills, averaging 1.76 per set ... Her .350 hitting percentage ranked second on the team and fifth in the Big Ten ... Also tallied 23 aces in 2013, which closed out the season ranked second on the team ... Served up a season-high three aces at Texas (9/7) ... Recorded back-to-back double-digit kill matches at Illinois (10) and Northwestern (11) ... Logged a team-high six blocks against No. 24 Ohio State (10/23), adding four digs, three kills and an ace ... Matched a career-high mark with 11 kills against Northwestern (11/22) ... Had six kills, one ace, two digs and four blocks in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 3 Washington (12/19) ... Posted four kills, one dig and four blocks in the national title match against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**2013 HONORS »** AVCA All-America Honorable Mention ... AVCA All-Northeast Region team honoree.

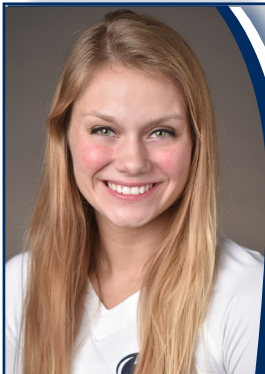
**PERSONAL »** Born Nia Nicole Grant on May 8, 1993 in Warren, Ohio ... parents are African and Stacey Grant ... Has one brother, A.J. Grant (18), and one sister, Faith (15) ... Father, African, played football for the Miami Dolphins ... majoring in communications.

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
11 vs. Yale (9/13)	Kills	11, 4x last vs Northwestern (11/22/13)
19 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Attacks	20 vs. Iowa (9/22/12)
.846 (11-0-13) vs. Yale (9/13)	Hitting Percentage	.846 (11-0-13) vs. Yale (9/13/14)
1 vs. TCU (8/29)	Assists	2 2x, last vs. Nebraska (11/30/13)
2 vs. UCLA (9/6)	Aces	3 vs. Texas (9/7/13)
5 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Digs	7 vs. Illinois (11/23/13)
7 vs. UCLA (9/6)	Blocks	9 at Minnesota (11/4/11)

### GRANT'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	32-108	151	44	309	.346	7	13	45	11	91	102	1.29	0.06	0.11	0.37	0.91
2012	36-139	205	52	407	.376	5	0	15	9	124	133	1.65	0.04	0.00	0.10	0.97
2013	35-121	208	64	411	.350	10	23	69	12	85	97	1.76	0.08	0.19	0.58	0.82
2014	9-28	72	13	115	.513	2	5	20	3	23	26	2.57	0.07	0.18	0.71	0.93
CAREER	112-387	636	173	1,242	.373	24	41	144	37	313	350	1.64	0.06	0.11	0.37	0.90





## MICHA HANCOCK

SENIOR | S  
EDMOND, OKLA.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	2	0	5	.400	37	0	7	2
Iona	2	1	5	.200	30	1	8	1
William & Mary	5	0	7	.714	35	2	5	0
Stanford	4	3	13	.077	57	1	13	0
UCLA	4	1	9	.333	37	2	5	4
American	5	1	9	.444	35	8	4	2
Villanova	3	1	6	.333	47	6	6	1
Yale	3	0	5	.600	35	1	5	2
Kansas	4	2	9	.222	34	6	1	2

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Enters the week ranked first nationally in aces per set, averaging 0.90 per set ... Averaging 11.57 assists per set, she's paced the team to a .361 team hitting clip, which ranks second in the nation ... Directed the Penn State offense to a .436 hitting clip in a 3-0 opening weekend, including a .576 hitting percentage against William & Mary (8/30) ... Recorded her first double-double of the season at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) with 57 assists and 13 digs ... Totaled 21 aces in the Villanova Classic, highlighting the event with a season-high eight against American (9/12).

**2014 HONORS »** Preseason All-Big Ten ... Penn State Classic All-Tournament Team ... Big Ten Setter of the Week (9/15) ... Villanova Classic MVP

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Ranked second nationally and first in the Big Ten in aces per set, averaging 0.65 per frame ... With 254 career aces she is currently the all-time career leader in the category ... Paced the team to a .305 hitting percentage, ranked fifth in the nation and first in the conference ... Recorded seven double-doubles, while also tallying eight matches with more than 10 digs ... Set a season-high mark with eight aces against Louisville (8/31) and Iowa (10/26) ... Posted five kills on .625 hitting in the NCAA national semifinal match against No. 3 Washington (12/19) ... Set the Nittany Lions to a national championship title with 16 digs, 48 assists & three aces in the national finals against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21).

**2013 HONORS »** 2013 NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player ... Two-time AVCA First Team All-America (2012-13) ... 2013 AVCA All-Northeast Region ... 2013 Volleyball Magazine Second Team All-America ... Lexington Regional All-Tournament ... Two-time Big Ten Setter of the Year (2012-13) ... 2013 All-Big Ten ... Five-time Big Ten Setter of the Week in 2013 (10/7, 10/14, 11/4, 11/25, 12/2) ... Penn State Invitational MVP (8/31) ... FGCU Tournament All-Tournament Team (9/14).

**PERSONAL »** Born Mich Hancock on Nov. 10, 1992 in McAlester, Okla. ... Parents are Michael and Kelly ... Has one sister, Kelsey ... Sister, Kelsey, played volleyball at Tulsa ... Mother, Kelly, played basketball at Oklahoma State ... Father, Michael, was a professional boxer.

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
5, 2x last vs. American (9/12)	Kills	9 vs. MSU (9/27/13)
13 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Attacks	15 vs. Illinois (10/8/11)
.714 (5-0-7) vs. William & Mary (8/30)	Hitting Percentage	.875 (7-0-8) vs. USC (8/27/11)
57 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Assists	67 vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
8 vs. American (9/12)	Aces	10 vs. Binghamton (11/30/12)
13 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Digs	23 vs. Stanford (8/31/12)
4 vs. UCLA (9/6)	Blocks	8 at Nebraska (10/28/12)

### HANCOCK'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	33-121	110	28	226	.309	1,275	91	279	5	54	59	0.91	10.54	0.75	2.31	0.49
2012	36-125	125	34	293	.358	1,403	81	298	8	68	76	1.00	11.22	0.65	2.38	0.61
2013	36-127	129	36	283	.331	1,425	82	289	5	69	74	0.99	11.15	0.63	2.23	0.60
2014	9-30	32	5	68	.338	347	27	54	2	12	14	1.07	11.57	0.90	1.80	0.47
CAREER	114-403	396	111	855	.333	4,450	281	920	20	203	223	0.98	11.04	0.70	2.28	0.55

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## AIYANA WHITNEY

REDSHIRT JUNIOR | OH  
NORWOOD, N.J.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	8	2	14	.429	0	0	1	3
Iona	8	6	20	.100	0	0	2	1
William & Mary	9	0	9	1.00	0	0	1	2
Stanford	7	4	23	.130	0	0	1	4
UCLA	7	0	12	.583	0	0	1	2
American	8	3	20	.250	0	0	0	5
Villanova	10	2	14	.571	0	0	1	1
Yale	5	2	15	.200	0	0	0	1
Kansas	13	1	21	.571	0	0	0	6

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has played in all nine matches this season, having started eight ... Played in all three matches during a 3-0 opening weekend, starting against TCU (8/29) and William & Mary (8/30) ... Put down eight kills and three blocks in her 2014 debut against the Horned Frogs ... Ranked second on the team with nine kills on nine perfect swings against the Tribe, adding one dig and two blocks ... Had seven kills on .583 hitting without any attack errors against UCLA (9/6) ... Put down double-digit kills in two matches at the Villanova Classic, highlighting the event with a season-high 13 kills and a career-high six blocks against Kansas (9/13).

**2014 HONORS »** Villanova Classic All-Tournament Team

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 21 matches during the season, recording three starts ... Tied for second on the team with six kills against Syracuse (8/31), on .455 hitting, recording three digs and two blocks ... Put down a season-high seven kills on .667 hitting against Albany (9/20), while also matching a career-high mark with four blocks ... Posted five kills on .444 efficiency against Iowa (10/26) ... Tallied two kills and one block in the NCAA tournament first round match against LIU Brooklyn (12/6) ... Notched two kills in the NCAA regional final match against Stanford (12/14).

**PERSONAL »** Born Aiyana Tremayne Abukusumo-Whitney on April 6, 1993 in New York, N.Y. ... Parents are Alvin and Vanessa Whitney ... has one brother, Khalil and one sister Anissa ... Uncle Ubusuku Abukusumo played soccer for the Columbus Crew from 1997-2000, competed on the USA U-20 Youth National Team/Olympic Pool Team in 1998-99 and the CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying Team in 1996 ... Uncle Mochtar Abukusumo played soccer earning All-America honors in 1992 and was part of the California Jaguars A League National ... Majoring in broadcast journalism.

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
13 vs. Kansas (9/13)	Kills	15 vs. Texas 9/10/11)
23 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Attacks	30 vs. Texas (9/10/11)
1.000 vs. William & Mary (8/30)	Hitting Percentage	1.000 (9-0-9) vs. William & Mary (8/30/14)
N/A	Assists	1 vs. Albany (9/20)
N/A	Aces	N/A
7 vs. TCU (8/29)	Digs	7 at TCU (8/29/14)
6 vs. Kansas (9/13)	Blocks	6 vs. Kansas (9/13)

### WHITNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2011	24-65	113	44	257	.194	0	0	11	3	22	24	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.38
2012	Redshirt season.															
2013	21-32	42	12	95	.316	1	0	8	0	12	12	1.29	0.03	0.00	0.26	0.39
2014	9-30	75	20	148	.372	0	0	7	1	24	25	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.83
CAREER	54-127	230	83	563	.261	1	0	29	4	58	37	1.81	0.01	0.00	0.23	0.49



## MEGAN COURTNEY

JUNIOR | OH  
DAYTON, OHIO

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	12	2	18	.556	1	0	5	2
Iona	8	2	15	.400	1	0	8	1
William & Mary	8	1	13	.538	2	0	7	4
Stanford	18	6	43	.279	4	1	9	5
UCLA	1	1	11	.000	1	0	5	3
American	7	2	23	.217	4	0	11	4
Villanova	14	1	22	.591	1	0	8	0
Yale	8	2	20	.300	2	0	2	0
Kansas	4	2	13	.154	1	0	7	5

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Her 2.67 kills per set ranks second on the team while her .343 hitting percentage ranks second on the squad and 16th in the Big Ten ... Opened the season with double-digit (12) kills on .556 hitting against TCU (8/29), adding five digs and two blocks ... Notched at least eight kills against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30) on .400 or better hitting ... Set a season-high mark with 18 kills at No. 2 Stanford (9/5), adding nine digs and five blocks ... Led the team with 14 kills at Villanova (9/12).

**2014 HONORS »** Penn State Classic All Tournament Team.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 35 matches, starting 34 contests at outside hitter ... Posted seven double-doubles, while also tallying double-digit kills in 13 matches ... Led the team in kills in eight contests ... Notched double figure digs in 12 matches, while leading the squad in the category five times ... Registered four consecutive double-digit kill performances against Yale (11), Michigan State (15), Michigan (11) and Indiana (15) from 9/21-10/3 ... Led the team with a double-double at No. 14 Wisconsin (11/15), posting 14 kills and 11 digs ... Led the team with a career-high 10 kills on .474 (10-1-19) hitting against Northwestern (11/22) ... Led the team with 17 kills in the NCAA tournament second round match against Utah (12/7) ... Notched a double-double (10 kills, 14 digs) in the NCAA regional semifinals against Michigan State (12/13) ... Highlighted the NCAA national title match with five kills and a team-high five blocks against No. 12 Wisconsin (12/21), while also tying for team-best with 20 digs.

**2013 HONORS »** Hilton Garden Inn Homewood Suites All-Tournament team ... 2013 Preseason All-Big Ten.

**PERSONAL »** Born Megan Eileen Courtney on Oct. 27, 1993 in Kettering, Ohio ... Parents are Rob and Sharon Courtney ... Has one brother, Robbie (24), who played volleyball at Quincy University ... Plans to major in kinesiology.

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
18 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Kills	21 vs. Northwestern (11/22/13)
43 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Attacks	47 at Michigan (10/20/12)
.538 (8-1-13) vs. William & Mary (8/30)	Hitting Percentage	.750 (15-0-20) vs. Indiana (10/3/13)
4 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Assists	4 vs. Stanford (9/5/14)
N/A	Acies	2, 3x, last at Purdue (11/17/12)
9 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Digs	22 vs. Minnesota (10/9/13)
5 vs. Stanford (9/5)	Blocks	8 at Michigan (10/20/12)

### COURTNEY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2012	36-120	240	88	632	.241	34	13	237	32	69	101	2.00	0.28	0.11	1.98	0.84
2013	35-120	297	96	740	.272	32	1	301	28	59	87	2.48	0.27	0.01	2.51	0.73
2014	9-30	80	19	178	.343	17	3	59	1	24	25	2.67	0.57	0.10	1.97	0.83
Career	80-270	617	203	1,550	.267	82	17	597	61	152	213	2.29	0.30	0.06	2.21	0.79

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## LARA CARAWAY

JUNIOR | DS  
EVANS CITY, Pa.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Iona	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
American	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
Yale	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in all three matches during a 3-0 week, matching a career high mark with two digs against Iona (8/30) ... Tallied one ace against American (9/12) ... Matched a season-high mark with two digs against Yale (9/13).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 21 matches during the 2013 season ... Totaled seven digs during the season, including two at Florida Gulf Coast University (9/14) and against Yale (9/21) ... Played in both of the NCAA tournament first and second round matches against LIU Brooklyn (12/5) and Utah (12/7) ... Also saw action in the NCAA regional semifinal match against Michigan State (12/13), as well as the NCAA national final match against No. 3 Washington (12/19).

**PERSONAL »** Born Lara Elizabeth Caraway on Feb. 22, 1994 in Lincoln, Neb. ... Parents are Jimmy and Tami Caraway ... Has one brother, John ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Plans to pursue a career as a coach or athletic performance trainer.

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	1 vs. Marquette (9/13)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	2, 2x last at FGCU (9/14/13)
1, vs. American (9/12)	Aces	1, 5x, last vs. American (9/12/14)
2 vs. Iona (8/30)	Digs	2, 3x last vs. Albany (9/20/13)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### CARAWAY'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2012	16-24	0	0	0	.000	1	3	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.04	0.13	0.21	0.00
2013	21-24	0	0	1	.000	1	1	6	0	0	0	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.32	0.00
2014	5-5	0	0	0	.000	0	1	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.20	1.00	0.00
CAREER	42-53	0	0	1	.000	2	5	16	0	0	0	0.00	0.04	0.09	0.30	0.00





## KENDALL PIERCE

JUNIOR | DS  
EDEN, N.Y.

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
Iona	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Stanford	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0
UCLA	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
American	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Yale	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0
Kansas	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in all three matches in a 3-0 opening weekend, highlighting the weekend with two digs against William & Mary (8/30) ... Matched a season-high mark with two digs against UCLA (9/6) ... Set a new season-high mark with three digs against Yale (9/13).

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 35 matches during the 2013 season, recording seven aces and 21 digs ... Registered seven aces and 21 digs on the year ... Posted a season-high three digs against Yale (9/21) ... Matched the mark again during the regular season with three digs against Ohio State (11/27) ... Totaled three digs in the NCAA tournament first round match against LIU Brooklyn (12/6) ... Saw action in four more NCAA tournament matches including the NCAA regional final match against Stanford (12/14) and the national title match against Wisconsin (12/21).

**PERSONAL »** Born Kendall Adair Pierce on March 21, 1994 in Glarus, Switzerland ... Parents are Robert and Kiernan Pierce ... Has one sister, Lainy and one brother, Declan ... Father, Robert, played volleyball at Penn State from 1985-89 ... Mother, Kiernan, was a member of the PSU track & field team from 1984-89 ... Sister, Lainy is a freshman for the Nittany Lions ... Majoring in health policy and administration with a minor in communication and sciences.

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	1, 2x, last vs. Binghamton (11/30/12)
N/A	Aces	1, 6x last vs. Minnesota (10/9)
2 vs. UCLA (9/6)	Digs	3 vs. Yale (9/21/13)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### PIERCE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2012	18-29	0	0	0	.000	2	9	7	0	0	0	0.00	0.07	0.31	0.24	0.00
2013	34-83	0	0	0	.000	1	7	21	0	0	0	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.24	0.00
2014	9-17	0	0	0	.000	0	0	8	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.00
CAREER	61-129	0	0	0	.000	3	16	36	0	0	0	0.00	0.02	0.12	0.28	0.00

# 2014 PENN STATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



## LAURA BROERMAN

SOPHOMORE | DS  
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Saw action in five matches during the 2013 season ... Made her collegiate debut for the Nittany Lions against Syracuse (8/31), tallying one dig ... Saw action at FGCU (9/14) ... Totaled one dig against Albany (9/20) ... Played against Iowa (10/26) ... Recorded her first collegiate ace against Indiana (11/9).

**PERSONAL »** Born Laura Lynn Broerman on January 18, 1995 ... Parents are Chuck and Vickie Broerman ... Has two sisters ... Sister, Sarah, played volleyball at UCCS from 2005-09 and Rachel was a member of volleyball team at University of Dayton from 2007-11 ... Plans to major in Biology and become a physician's assistant.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Saw action on the court against TCU (8/29), Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), posting one dig against the Horned Frogs ... Played in three matches at the Villanova Classic, recording one dig against Yale (9/13).

2013 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
N/A	Aces	1 vs. Indiana (11/9/13)
1, 2x last vs. Yale (9/13)	Digs	1, 2x last vs. Yale (9/13/14)
N/A	Blocks	N/A

### BROERMAN'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	5-5	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.40	0.00
2014	6-6	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00
CAREER	11-11	0	0	0	.000	0	1	4	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.36	0.00



## TAYLOR KRAUSE

SOPHOMORE | DS  
ALLENTOWN, Pa.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in 10 matches during her rookie season ... Made her collegiate debut for Penn State against Syracuse (8/31), notching one dig ... Made her NCAA Tournament debut against LIU Brooklyn (12/6).

**PERSONAL »** Born Taylor Krause on Aug. 21, 1995 in Allentown, Pa. ... Parents are Michael and Jill Krause ... Has one sister, Kristin (14) ... Mother, Jill, attended Penn State ... Plans to major in elementary education and become a kindergarten teacher.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Saw action against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), recording one dig against the Gaels ... Had one dig against UCLA (9/6) ... Played in all four matches at the Villanova Classic, highlighting the weekend with two digs against Villanova (9/12).

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
1, vs. American (9/12)	Kills	1, vs. American (9/12)
1, vs. American (9/12)	Attacks	1, vs. American (9/12)
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
N/A	Aces	N/A
2 vs. Villanova (9/12)	Digs	2, 2x last vs. Villanova (9/12/14)

### KRAUSE'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	10-10	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00
2014	7-8	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	6	0	0	0	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00
CAREER	17-18	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	11	0	0	0	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.61	0.00



## CARLEY MULLER

SOPHOMORE | DS  
MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Played in seven matches during her rookie campaign ... Made her collegiate debut on the court against Syracuse (8/31) ... Also saw action in three Big Ten conference matches against No. 11 Minnesota (10/9), Iowa (10/26) and Indiana (11/9).

**PERSONAL »** Born Carley Muller on April 7, 1995 ... Parents are Mike and Kristin Muller ... Has one sister, Ashley and one brother, Jay ... Plans to major in communications and work in television production after graduation.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Saw action against Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30) ... Played against American (9/12) and Yale (9/13).

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
N/A	Kills	N/A
N/A	Attacks	N/A
N/A	Hitting Percentage	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
N/A	Aces	N/A
N/A	Digs	N/A

### MULLER'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	7-7	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014	4-4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAREER	11-11	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



## KELLY ROBERTSON

SOPHOMORE | MH  
ALLENTOWN, Pa.

**2013 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made three appearances on the court during her rookie season ... Made her collegiate debut for Penn State against Albany (9/20) notching three kills and two blocks ... Matched a career-high mark with three kills against Iowa (10/26) ... Equaled her personal best mark with two blocks against Indiana (11/9).

**PERSONAL »** Born Kelly Marie Robertson on Jan. 8, 1995 in Allentown, Pa. ... Parents are William and Robin Robertson ... Has one sister, Brooke (17) ... Plans to major in elementary education.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Saw action on the court against Iona (8/29) and William & Mary (8/30), registering one kill and two blocks against the Gaels ... Played against Villanova (9/12) and Yale (9/13).

2014 SEASON HIGHS	CATEGORY	CAREER HIGH
1 vs. Iona (8/30)	Kills	3 2x, last vs. Iowa (10/26/13)
1 vs. Iona (8/30)	Attacks	5 vs. Albany (9/20/13)
1.00 (1-0-1) vs. Iona (8/30)	Hitting Percentage	1.00 (3-0-3) vs. Iowa (10/26/13)
N/A	Assists	N/A
N/A	Aces	N/A
N/A	Digs	N/A
2 vs. Iona (8/30)	Blocks	2, 3x last vs. Iona (8/30/14)

### ROBERTSON'S CAREER STATS

SEASON	MP-SP	K	E	TA	PCT.	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BS	BA	TB	KPS	APS	SAPS	DPS	BPS
2013	3-3	6	1	9	.556	0	0	0	0	4	4	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33
2014	4-4	1	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50
CAREER	7-7	7	1	10	.600	0	0	0	0	6	6	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.86



## SKYLAR DYKSTRA

FRESHMAN | DS  
REDONDO BEACH, CALIF. (UCLA)

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has not played in any matches this season.

**HIGH SCHOOL »** A four-year starter at Redondo Union High School ... Earned First Team All-CIF honors during her senior season ... Named Player of the Year by the Daily Breeze and Volleyball Now ... Honored as the California Gatorade Player of the Year and a High School First Team All-American ... Helped the Sea Hawks to a 1-AA CIF Runner-Up finish and a third-place showing at State in 2012 ... A two-time team captain for RUHS ... Also named All-CIF her other three seasons ... A Prep Volleyball Senior Ace.

**PERSONAL »** Born Skylar Jade Dykstra on Nov. 27, 1994 in Santa Monica, Calif. ... Parents are Lisa and Jerry Joe ... Father played basketball at Western Illinois and holds the NCAA consecutive free throws record, also drafted by the Phoenix Suns ... Has three older sisters, Jenna, who volleyball at Davidson, Devon, who played one season at both Colorado and UCLA, and Lara, who has played at Nebraska and is currently at Pepperdine ... Older brother, Joey, played at USC and is currently a professional beach player ... Plans to major in communications.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "What I like about Skylar was that when I followed her in club she was a well skilled, strong player who played hard all the time. I thought she was loud in her court presence and she was involved in the welfare of her team, not just playing the game."



## ALI FRANTTI

FRESHMAN | OH  
SPRING GROVE, ILL.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made her collegiate debut against TCU (8/29) with a team-high 13 kills on .500 hitting, while also leading the team in blocks (4) ... Posted her second consecutive double-digit kill performance against Iona (8/30) ... Recorded her first collegiate double-double at No. 2 Stanford with a match-high 22 kills and 11 digs ... Led the team for the fourth time with 14 kills on .619 hitting against UCLA (9/6) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classi cwith 12 kills against American (9/12) ... Recorded 11 kills on a season-high .647 hitting clip vs. Yale (9/13).

**2014 HONORS »** Big Ten Freshman of the Week (9/1, 9/8) ... Penn State Classic Most Outstanding Player ... Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge All-Tournament Team

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Led her high school team, Richmond Burton, to a state title in 2013 ... Garnered First Team All-State honors and Chicago Sun-Times All Area honors in 2012 ... A three-time team MVP and two-year captain ... With her club team, Club Fusion, she helped guide the squad to back-to-back AAU titles, collecting MVP honors in 2012 and all-tournament honors in

2013 ... Also earned 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-America honors.

**PERSONAL »** Born Alexandra Annelise Frantti on March 3, 1996 in Highland Park, Ill. ... Parents are Kelly and Dan Frantti ... Has three brothers, Connor (19), Peyton (16) and Chase (13).

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "I think Ali has the potential to be an All-America college volleyball player. She has a good arm, great range, and she hits from a high contact point. She is also refreshingly focused on being a good volleyball player. She also sent me a letter in seventh grade saying she wanted to be a Penn State volleyball player."

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	13	1	24	.500	0	0	7	3
Iona	11	2	20	.450	1	2	2	2
William & Mary	7	1	12	.500	1	1	4	4
Stanford	22	5	42	.405	2	0	11	2
UCLA	14	1	21	.619	0	0	5	0
American	12	8	39	.103	0	0	3	2
Villanova	10	6	26	.154	0	1	4	1
Yale	11	0	17	.647	1	1	5	0
Kansas	7	3	18	.222	0	0	3	1





## SIMONE LEE

FRESHMAN | OH  
MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made her collegiate debut against TCU (8/29) with six kills ... Led the team with double digit kills (10) on .412 hitting against William & Mary (8/30), adding four digs and a solo stuff ... Finished third on the team with double digit kills (11) at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with nine kills against the Wildcats (9/12).

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Four-year letter winner and two-year captain at Menomonee ... Helped guide the Indians to a WIAA State Championship title in 2013 ... Picked up All-State honors following her sophomore and junior year ... With her club team, Club Fusion, she earned four AAU all-tournament team honors ... A member of the 2012 and 2013 USA Girls' Youth National Team ... Helped the U18 squad to a first place finish in the NORCECA Continental Championships in 2012 and a second place finish at the FIVB U18 World Championships in 2013 ... A 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American.

**PERSONAL »** Born Simone Alexandra Lee on Oct. 7, 1996 in Milwaukee, Wis. ... Parents are Karen and Arthur Lee ... Mother and father were both student-athletes at Drake ... Has one sister, who plays volleyball at

Eastern Illinois ... Plans to major in psychology.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Simone is physically strong and she's a terrific natural blocker. I think that both her and Ali have loads of experience as primary passers and attackers, and I know it takes a special talent and skill set to have the potential to be able to do that."

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
TCU	6	4	17	.118	0	0	0	0
William & Mary	10	3	17	.412	0	0	4	1
Stanford	11	8	33	.091	0	0	3	1
UCLA	8	0	18	.444	0	0	1	3
American	5	1	10	.400	0	0	0	2
Villanova	9	2	20	.350	0	0	1	1
Yale	1	2	11	.091	0	0	1	0
Kansas	5	2	18	.167	0	0	3	1



## LAINY PIERCE

FRESHMAN | DS  
EDEN, N.Y.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has seen action in all five matches this season .. Payed against TCU (8/29),Iona (8/30) and William & Mary (8/30), recording one ace against the Gaels and two digs against the Tribe ... Posted her first collegiate ace at No. 2 Stanford (9/5) ... Saw action on the court in two matches at the Villanova Classic, playing against American (9/12) and Yale (9/13).

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Four-year letterwinner at Eden Junior-Senior ... Helped her high school squad to its fifth state championship as the team captain, picking up MVP honors in 2013 ... 2012 New York Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year finalist ... Earned First-Team All ECIC and WYN honors in 2012 and 2013 ... Also helped guide her club team, Niagara Frontier, to WEVA Regional Championships from 2008- 2013.

**PERSONAL »** Born Lainy Teal Pierce on Oct. 30, 1995 in Buffalo, N.Y. ... Parents are Robert and Kiernan Pierce ... Has one sister, Kendall, and one brother, Declan ... Father, Robert, played volleyball at Penn State from 1985-89 ... Mother, Kiernan, was a member of the PSU track & field team from 1984-89 ... Sister, Kendall is a junior on the team ... Plans to major in human development and family studies.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "What I like about Lainy is that she led her high school to a state championship from the setting position, but I've also seen her play club ball at the libero position and I know that she's also previously played at outside hitter. She has a full array of various skills and an understanding of the different positions so hopefully we can find the spot where she can give us the best chance for success."



## NIA REED

FRESHMAN | OH  
FORT LEE, N.J.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has not played in any matches this season.

**HIGH SCHOOL »** A four-year starter at Immaculate Heart Academy ... Led her team to four consecutive non-public state championship titles, picking up Bergen Record Player of the Year honors in 2012 and 2013 and Star Ledger Player of the Year honors in 2011, 2012 and 2013 ... Also picked up Big North Conference All-State honors from 2010-2013 ... In addition to playing with her club team, "Digs," she also played on the USAV Girls' Youth A2 Team in 2012, serving as an alternate on the national team in 2013 ... Selected as a 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American ... Earned New Jersey Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year honors in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

**PERSONAL »** Born Nia Kai Reed on June 27, 1996 in Cleveland, Ohio ... Parents are JoMoree and William ... Has one older brother and five younger sisters ... Undecided on a major.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Nia is athletically off the charts in some areas. She touches close to 11 feet and she is naturally strong and so much of her ability to perform at this level will be based on how she transitions to playing with better players, the speed of the college game and higher expectations."



## HEIDI THELEN

FRESHMAN | MB  
EDGEWOOD, KY.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made her collegiate debut against Iona (8/30), tallying six kills on .364 hitting, adding three blocks ... Notched two kills and two blocks against William & Mary (8/30) ... Highlighted the Villanova Classic with one kill against American (9/12).

**HIGH SCHOOL »** A four-year letter winner at Notre Dame Academy ... A two-time Best Offensive Player selection ... Earned Class AAA All-State accolades in 2013, while also picking up All-State honors by the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association in 2013 ... Earned all-tournament team honors at AAU Nationals in 2012 and 2013 with her club team, Tri-State Elite, garnering AAU All-America honors in 2011 ... Selected as a 2013-14 Under Armour Honorable Mention All-American.

**PERSONAL »** Born Heidi Ellen Thelen on Sept. 5, 1996 ... Parents are Ashley and Jon ... Has two brothers, Jake (21) and Nick (13) and two sisters, Hannah (18) and Grace (15) ... Undecided on a major.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Heidi is a player who we have had in camp for a number of years. She's played most of her game as a middle. I think her strength is her blocking and I know she plays hard and has a very even keel emotionally on the floor."

### 2014 MATCH-BY-MATCH

OPP.	K	E	TA	PCT.	A	SA	D	TB
Iona	6	2	11	.364	0	0	5	2
William & Mary	2	0	2	1.00	0	0	0	2
American	1	0	3	.333	0	0	0	0
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0



## HALEIGH WASHINGTON

FRESHMAN | MB  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Made her collegiate debut against Yale (9/12), posting six kills on .545 hitting with zero attack errors.

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Holds a Colorado state record after putting down 48 kills in a match with her high school team, Doherty ... Earned 2012 Colorado Volleyball Player of the Year honors as well as team MVP accolades in 2012 and 2013 as the Rockets' team captain for two consecutive seasons ... Also guided Doherty to a state championship title in 2012 ... Two-time Colorado Gatorade Player of the Year from 2012-13 ... Earned Class 5A First Team All-Conference and First Team All-State honors from 2010-13 ... Also earned Class 5A MVP honors ... A 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American ... 2013 Mizuno First Team All-American ... 2013 Volleyball Magazine Player of the Year.

**PERSONAL »** Born Haleigh Meridian Washington on Sept. 22, 1995 in Denver, Colo. ... Parents are Danielle and Aleks ... Has one brother, Kaden (15) and one sister, Leilani (13) ... Plans to major in communications.

**QUOTING COACH ROSE »** "Haleigh has a great vibrant personality and she will be able to hit some great balls as a freshman and also learn how good college blocking is. She will be able to help us in a number of ways and laughing will be one of them."



## BRYANNA WEISKIRCHER

FRESHMAN | S  
LOVES PARK, ILL.

**2014 HIGHLIGHTS »** Has not played in any matches this season.

**HIGH SCHOOL »** Three-year captain and three-time team MVP at Boylan Catholic ... Earned All-State honorable mention honors in both her sophomore and junior seasons, achieving NIC 10 All-Conference MVP honors in her sophomore, junior and senior seasons ... Helped guide her club team, Club Fusion, to two AAU championships as the squad's setter ... 2013-14 Under Armour First Team All-American ... 2013 Mizuno Honorable Mention All-American.

**PERSONAL »** Born Bryanna Mailao'kalani Weiskircher on May 25, 1996 in Rockford, Ill. ... Parents are Renita and Philip ... Has two brothers, Torey (24) and Trevor (19) and one sister, Natalie (27) ... Plans to major in forensic science.

**QUOTING ROSE ROSE »** "Bryanna is a confident, trained setter who does some things really well. I know she will have a bright career at Penn State, she has great hands good control of the ball and she's been setting for a long time."