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Volleyball Inks Three Athletes on National Signing Day

Lucky Fasavalu, Dani Lewis and Marlee Steiner Comprise Tigers' 2026 Signing Day Class

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Mizzou volleyball has signed **Lucky Fasavalu** (Long Beach, Calif./Sierra Canyon HS), **Dani Lewis** (Charlotte, N.C./Lake Norman Charter HS) and **Marlee Steiner** (St. Louis, Mo./Lindbergh HS), head coach **Dawn Sullivann** announced on Wednesday, November 11.

Lucky Fasavalu // 5' 8" // S/OH // Long Beach, Calif. // Sierra Canyon HS

Fasavalu joins the Tigers after a decorated high school career at Sierra Canyon High School in California. She was named the CIF Southern Section Player of the Year in 2025 and was honored as the Daily News and LA Times Player of the Year.

A MaxPreps First Team All-American in 2025, Fasavalu was also a finalist for the MaxPreps National Player of the Year award and earned honors as a member of the Durango All-Tournament First Team.

In 2026 she was listed on the Preseason All-American and National Player of the Year watchlists and was named a top 10 setter in the country, per MaxPreps.

She played club volleyball at SC Rockstar and was named the 2024 Mizuno Rockstar Player of the Year and was a two-time Under Armour Most Valuable Player. Fasavalu represented American Samoa as a member of its 2026 National Team.

"Lucky is an exceptional setter who brings experience and volleyball IQ to the court," Sullivan said.

"She has the ability to run a fast, dynamic offense, keep opposing defenses off balance, and create opportunities for the players around her. Her experience competing at a high level gives her a great understanding of the game and the ability to make those around her better. She is also feisty, competitive, and scrappy, with a defensive mindset that makes her a complete player. Lucky brings an energy and competitive edge that can elevate an entire team, and we can't wait to see what she brings to Mizzou."

Lucky was born to parents Alo and J.R. Her mother played volleyball at Kansas State and her father played football at New Mexico State.

Dani Lewis // 5' 5" // DS/L // Charlotte, N.C. // Lake Norman Charter HS

Hailing from North Carolina, Lewis heads to Missouri after a high school career where she won the NCHSAA 4A state championship in each of the last two seasons. During the most recent run, she was honored as the Most Valuable Player in the NCHSAA at the 4A level.

Tabbed as the Charlotte-area Player of the Year by the Charlotte Observer, she was also named an MVP by Under Armour Next and was a member of the JVA All-National Team.

Lewis was named by the AVCA to their Phenom Watch List in 2023, 2024 and 2025 and was on the outlet's All-American Watch List in 2026. She played club volleyball with the Carolina Union.

"Dani is an outstanding libero who combines exceptional speed, relentless defensive effort, and a great feel for the game," said Sullivan.

"She has the range and court awareness to cover a tremendous amount of ground while consistently making plays and controlling the ball. Her ability in serve receive will be equally important, helping keep us in system and allowing us to run an effective offense. Dani brings an outstanding combination of athleticism, toughness and volleyball IQ to our backcourt. She is a competitor who makes an impact on every rally, and we are thrilled to have her joining our program."

Dani was born to mother Adrianna and father Robert, who played basketball at Air Force. She has three siblings: David, Derrick and Davonte.

Marlee Steiner // 6' 5" // MB // St. Louis, Mo. // Lindbergh HS

Steiner comes to Mizzou after being a two-sport athlete at Lindbergh High School in St. Louis. The Missouri product was named First Team All-State in 2025 and was also selected to the All-Conference and All-District teams in each of her last three seasons.

The second-ranked recruit from the state per Prep Dig, Steiner was also selected as the Lutheran St. Charles Tournament MVP in 2026 and was a member of the JVA All-National team in each of the last two years.

Additionally, she earned First Team All-State honors in softball and was honored as a scholar athlete three times.

She played club volleyball with STL High Performance and was selected to the U19 National Team roster.

“We are especially excited to bring top talent from right here in St. Louis, Missouri, to Mizzou,” Sullivan said.

“Marlee is an outstanding presence at the net who has the ability to impact a match with her blocking and offensive versatility. She is athletic and has a great ability to read the game. What makes her even more exciting is her ability to transition quickly from defense to offense. She is a dynamic player who can impact the game in multiple ways, and we are excited about everything she will bring to our program.”

Marlee was born to mother Laura and father Jesse. She has one brother, Luke.

“We are incredibly excited to welcome Dani, Marlee, and Lucky to our program,” Coach Sullivan said.

“This is an outstanding group of talent that impacts our team immediately. What I love most about this group is their competitiveness, work ethic, and passion for the game. Each of them has the ability to make the players around them better, and together they will bring so much to our gym and our culture. We couldn't be more excited to have all three joining our program.”

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