



PRESS RELEASE

Triangle Volleyball Club celebrates 2010 season

Student-athletes honored at annual End of Season Celebration

Morrisville, NC, June 13, 2010: Triangle Volleyball Club celebrated the accomplishments of its teams and student-athletes at its annual End of Season Celebration. This was another record breaking season for Triangle who competes both regionally and nationally in club volleyball.

Triangle's nineteen teams, 12 & under through 18 & under had an overall season winning percentage of 60% in just over 1,000 total matches played. Along the way they captured three regional championships, giving Triangle 22 championships in eight seasons. Eight teams earned highly sought after bids to USA Junior Girls' National Championships (JNC) to be held June 24-July 4 in Reno, Nevada. Three teams will compete for a national championship at the AAU Junior National Championships in Orlando, Florida.

The 2010 season included the following notable accomplishments:

- ▲ Triangle 18 Black earned an open bid to USA JNC by finishing second at the Mizuno® Hoosier Mideast Qualifier in Indianapolis, then bettered themselves by following up by capturing the open crown at the Lone Star Classic in Dallas. This was only the second time in Carolina Region history that a team won a national qualifier. The first and only other win was Triangle 18's in 2006 at the Big South National Qualifier in Atlanta. Triangle 18 Black, currently ranked 16th in the country will vie for the prestigious open national championship crown in Reno later this month.
- ▲ The 13 members of Triangle's Class of 2010 will receive just shy of \$1 million in athletic and academic collegiate aid. In just eight years, Triangle's 68 alumni have been awarded a total scholarship amount in excess of \$4 million dollars. 2010 graduating athletes will continue their volleyball careers at many colleges and universities including Appalachian State, Clemson, Furman, Georgia, LSU, Meredith, Penn State, Rollins, Shippensburg, Western Carolina, and Wingate.
- ▲ In every age group 14's through 18's Triangle teams competed in both the elite open division and the club division at national qualifying events. Out of 23 national qualifier appearances, Triangle teams saw 9 top 10 finishes, with six of these at the open level.

- ▲ Earning eight bids to JNC's in Reno ties the record previously achieved by Triangle in 2008. Triangle is one of 306 clubs sending teams to this prestigious event in the 13-18 age level. Triangle is one of only 12 teams in the country sending eight or more teams to JNC's.
- ▲ Triangle hosted its second convention center-based tournament at the Raleigh Convention Center. MAPL Raleigh saw 20 courts host 116 teams under one roof. The two-day tournament was kicked off by breaking the Guinness world record for most consecutive volleyball passes.
- ▲ Madison Bugg '12 was selected to both the 2010 USA Girls' Youth National Team and the 2010 US Girls' Youth Olympic Team. Madison led Team USA to a championship at the NORCECA championships in Guatemala in April receiving best setter accolades. She will compete in Singapore this August in the inaugural Youth Olympic Games.

Triangle honors one athlete on each of its team with the Triangle award. The 2010 recipients of this award are:

<i>12 Black</i>	<i>Ellie Lupton</i>	<i>15 Black</i>	<i>Megan Blunden</i>
<i>12 Blue</i>	<i>Lauren Tharrington</i>	<i>15 Blue</i>	<i>Elizabeth Carlton</i>
<i>12 White</i>	<i>Katherine Carlton</i>	<i>15 White</i>	<i>Daniella Ochoa</i>
<i>13 Black</i>	<i>Kylie Grandy</i>	<i>16 Black</i>	<i>Carolyn Albright</i>
<i>13 Blue</i>	<i>Mary Neil Hodl</i>	<i>16 Blue</i>	<i>Erin Harwood</i>
<i>13 White</i>	<i>Mary Beth Zirker</i>	<i>17 Black</i>	<i>Lorin Thomas</i>
<i>14 Black</i>	<i>Erin Quinn</i>	<i>17 Blue</i>	<i>Elizabeth James</i>
<i>14 Blue</i>	<i>Tara Dotzauer</i>	<i>18 Black</i>	<i>Brittany Northcutt</i>
<i>14 White</i>	<i>Gwen Howell</i>	<i>18 Blue</i>	<i>Elise Watson</i>
<i>14 Silver</i>	<i>Kristen Clay</i>		

Triangle gives two club-wide awards each year:

- **The IRON Triangle Award** is given to the student-athlete who demonstrates commitment to and enthusiasm for overall physical fitness and the PACT [Power, Agility, Core Training] program. The 2010 Iron Triangle award was presented to Victoria Phillips, Triangle 17 Black.
- **The Ashley Brooke Board '04 Award** (The Board Award) is presented to the Triangle student-athlete who has exhibited time and again demonstrable love for Triangle and is a shining example of core values and commitment to the sport of volleyball. The 2010 Board Award recipient is Jasmine Aguinaldo, Triangle 16 Blue.

Triangle Volleyball Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 2002 and is dedicated to the education of student-athletes through excellence in the sport of volleyball. *Triangle* is equally committed to growing volleyball in North Carolina and has expanded its programs and offerings, leading the way for NC junior volleyball. *Triangle Volleyball Club* is a member of the Carolina Region of USA Volleyball, the national volleyball organization of the U.S. Olympic program. For more information visit www.trianglevolleyball.org; www.carolinaregionvb.org; www.usavolleyball.org.