



PRESS RELEASE

Triangle Volleyball Club celebrates 2011 season

Student-athletes honored at annual End of Season Celebration

Morrisville, NC, June 5, 2011: On Sunday, June 5th Triangle Volleyball Club's student-athletes, families, and staff gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2011 season at its annual End of Season celebration.

Triangle's twenty-one teams, 12 & under through 18 & under, have achieved a season winning percentage of 63% after competing in over 1000 matches prior to national championships. Twelve teams will compete in national championships in June, seven (7) teams earned bids to the prestigious USAV Girls' Junior National Championships. Five (5) teams will compete in the AAU Girls' Junior National Championships.

Notable accomplishments of the 2011 season include:

- △ Triangle teams earned six Regional Championships bringing the nine year total to 28.
- △ Seven (7) bids earned to USAV Girls' Junior National Championships including one Open qualification for 18 Black earned at the Big South National Qualifier in Atlanta, Georgia. Over its nine-year history Triangle has earned a total of 43 bids to USAV nationals [4 of these at the Open level]; the best for any club in the history of North Carolina volleyball.
- △ The sixteen members of the 2011 graduating class will receive over \$1.2 million in athletic and academic aid. In total, Triangle's 84 alumnae have earned total scholarship dollars in excess of \$5.3 million. Graduating student-athletes will continue their volleyball careers at multiple schools including Barton College, Bowdoin, Campbell, Connecticut, Elon, Emory, Liberty, Maryland, NC State, North Greenville, Philadelphia, and Western Carolina.
- △ Eleven national level teams competed in national qualifying events. In 23 qualifier appearances Triangle teams earned seven Top 10 finishes. Four of these were at the elite Open level.

- △ Triangle hosted its third annual MAPL Raleigh, an elite level tournament held at the Raleigh Convention Center. The two-day tournament also included the launch of a very successful ‘Green Theme’ which promoted awareness of the impact of sports drink bottles on the environment.

Triangle honors one athlete on each team with the Triangle award. The athlete chosen is one that best exhibits one or more of the core values of Triangle. The 2011 award recipients are:

<i>12 Black</i>	<i>Anne Hudson</i>	<i>14 Silver</i>	<i>Kylie Nelson</i>
<i>12 Blue</i>	<i>Kayla Resco</i>	<i>15 Black</i>	<i>Daria Robinson</i>
<i>12 White</i>	<i>Holli Smith</i>	<i>15 Blue</i>	<i>Britni Johnson</i>
<i>12 Silver</i>	<i>Sarah Gasper</i>	<i>15 White</i>	<i>Fiona Cunningham</i>
<i>13 Black</i>	<i>Gala Taylor</i>	<i>16 Black</i>	<i>Haleigh Nelson</i>
<i>13 Blue</i>	<i>Mia Fradenburg</i>	<i>16 Blue</i>	<i>Maggie Evans</i>
<i>13 White</i>	<i>Phoenix Spivey</i>	<i>17 Black</i>	<i>Victoria Phillips</i>
<i>13 Silver</i>	<i>Martha Van Alford</i>	<i>17 Blue</i>	<i>Eleanor Derouin</i>
<i>14 Black</i>	<i>Katie McCullough</i>	<i>18 Black</i>	<i>Ashleigh Crutcher</i>
<i>14 Blue</i>	<i>Erin Kelly</i>	<i>18 Blue</i>	<i>Mandie Kramer</i>
<i>14 White</i>	<i>Carli Astorino</i>		

Two club-wide Triangle awards are given 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 2011 Iron Triangle award was presented to ***Hannah Blackburn, Triangle 16 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 2011 Board Award recipient is ***Elizabeth (EJ) James, Triangle 18 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, Junior Volleyball Association [JVA], and the American Volleyball Coaches Association [AVCA]. For more information visit www.trianglevolleyball.org; www.carolinaregionvb.org; www.usavolleyball.org, <http://www.avca.org/jva/>.