



PRESS RELEASE

Triangle recognizes accomplishments at 2019 End of Season Celebration

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On Wednesday, May 22nd Triangle Volleyball Club's student-athletes, families, and staff gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2019 club season at its annual End of Season celebration held at Triangle's new facility located in the Wake Competition Center.

In addition to individual awards and celebrating the many accomplishments of the season Triangle gave a fond farewell to one its founders. **Jason Curtis**, who helped establish Triangle Volleyball Club in 2002, will be moving back to northern California to serve as President of St. Francis High School.

Triangle's thirty-four teams, aged 11 & under through 18 & under, have achieved an average season win percentage of 55% after competing in over 1500 matches prior to national championships which begin the week of June 17th. Seventeen teams will compete in national championships in June/July; Triangle 13 Black and 17 Black having qualified to compete in Indianapolis, at the USAV Girls' Junior National Championship while thirteen (15) teams will compete in Orlando at the 46th annual AAU Girls' Junior National Championships.

Notable accomplishments of the 2019 season include:

- △ The 2019 season was Triangle's seventeenth season of 'educating the whole person through excellence in sport of volleyball.' The season kicked off at Triangle's Signing Day Celebration where members of the National Council of Youth Sports [NCYS] and corporate sponsor AIG presented Triangle with the 2018 S.T.R.I.V.E. award [Sports Teach Respect, Initiative, Values, and Excellence]. The award recognizes an outstanding youth sports organization that embraces a "kids first" approach, evidenced by their implementation of recognized best practices and policies that protect kids and promote safety within their organization. Criteria for selection includes demonstrating a heartfelt passion, commitment and contagious spirit for helping kids succeed in youth sports activities while maintaining a commitment to established safety procedures
- △ Triangle completed its new build-to-suit facility in the Wake Competition Center, moving in over the Christmas holiday. Triangle's new location boasts 8 state-of-the-art courts, 3 competition ready sand courts, spectator mezzanine, classroom, and full athletic performance training areas. The new facility is deemed amongst the very best in the nation and utilizes an orthopedic subfloor which provides superior protection from impact related injuries.
- △ Three teams qualified for the Open division at USAV's Girls' Junior National Championships including 13 Black, 17 Black, and 18 Black. 13 Black's Open qualification was the first in the history of club volleyball in both North and South Carolina. Triangle is the only club in the Carolinas to earn three Open level bids.
- △ Triangle teams earned two (2) Carolina Region Championships including Triangle 13 Black (overall 13s East/West) and Triangle 13 Blue (13s East Division 1).

- △ The 22 members of the Class of 2019 have a collective participation at Triangle of 100 years and their efforts on the court and in the classroom have garnered them over \$1.5 million in athletic and academic scholarships. In total, Triangle’s 281 alumnae have earned an excess of \$20 million in total scholarship awards. Graduating student-athletes will continue their volleyball careers at multiple [colleges and universities](#).
- △ Triangle achieved 58 top ten finishes at interregional events with 20 of these occurring in national qualifying events.
- △ Triangle had two coaches recognized by distinguished organization. Coach **Jenna Hinton** (12 Black) was named the **American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) 12s National Club Coach of the Year**. Coach **Logan Barber** (18 Blue) was selected as one of fifty finalists for the **Positive Coaching Alliance’s Double-Goal Coaches**.
- △ Triangle hosted its eleventh annual MAPL Raleigh and its fourth City of Oaks Challenge, both held at the Raleigh Convention Center. Both events bring many of the best teams/clubs from North Carolina and the eastern seaboard.
- △ Triangle expanded its service outreach in multiple areas.
 - Triangle sponsors, trains, and fully supports an all-veteran Sitting Volleyball team that competes annually in the “Get Set 4 All” tournament in Virginia.
 - Triangle is an on-going participant in Gigi’s Playhouse (Down’s Syndrome Achievement Center) Career Development Internship program which is designed to prepare adults with Down syndrome to gain meaningful employment or volunteer opportunities in their community. These programs promote an environment of inclusion and acceptance for individuals with Down syndrome.
 - Triangle hosted 4v4 MADness – a Make-A-Wish® benefit for Madelyn Wilson, a Triangle student-athlete who has experienced a relapse of Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. On Tuesday, May 21st Triangle presented Make-A-Wish® of Eastern North Carolina with a check for over \$19,000.
- △ Triangle presents one athlete on each team the **Triangle award**. The 2019 Triangle award recipients are:

Triangle 11 Black	Hayden Sadler	14U Boys Developmental.....	Tushar Abraham
Triangle 11 Blue.....	Ella Ritter	Triangle 15 Black	Kylie Cackovic
Triangle 12 Black	Addie Canady	Triangle 15 Blue	Sydney Beyer
Triangle 12 Blue.....	Elise Gurley	Triangle 15 White.....	MacKenzie Telfaire
Triangle 12 White	Reagan Twomey	Triangle 15 Silver.....	Abby Morse
Triangle 12 Silver	Sophie Curtis	Triangle 16 Black	Emily Chrysogelos
Triangle 13 Black	Avery Booker	Triangle 16 Blue	Emily Edge
Triangle 13 Blue.....	Sophie Hrehor	Triangle 16 White.....	Tory Schafer
Triangle 13 White.....	Caroline Raymer	Triangle 16 Silver.....	Kate Carswell
Triangle 13 Silver	Macy Leyda	Triangle 16U Boys	Chris Olson
Triangle 13 Steel.....	Susan Migdal	Triangle 17 Black	Jade Demps
Triangle 14 Black	Brynn Covell	Triangle 17 Blue	Autumn Hines
Triangle 14 Blue.....	Katherine Davis	Triangle 17 White.....	Taylor Gwynne
Triangle 14 White	Sophia Mehok	Triangle 18 Black	Kayla Spells
Triangle 14 Silver	Allie Hasick	Triangle 18 Blue	Hailey Long
Triangle 14 Steel.....	Sophie Baggett	Triangle 18U Boys	Grant Kaestner
14U Boys Competitive	James McDonald		

Several special individual awards are given annually:

- △ The ***Iron Triangle Award*** is given to student-athletes who demonstrates commitment to and enthusiasm for overall physical fitness and the PACT [Power, Agility, Core Training] program. The 2019 Iron Triangle award recipients are ***Maya Mrus*** (17 Blue), ***Logan Mosley*** (18 Black) and ***Grant Kaestner*** (18U Boys).
- △ The ***Mary Elizabeth Finegan Award for Service*** is presented to individuals who best demonstrate service to initiatives of Triangle Volleyball Club and the greater community. The 2019 recipients are ***Victoria Mosley*** [parent of Christian (18U Boys) and Logan Mosley (18 Black)] and ***Charlotte Fullbright*** (16 Silver) and ***Erin McIndoe*** (former student-athlete and current coach).
- △ The ***Ashley Brooke Board '04 Award*** [The Board Award] is presented to the Triangle student-athlete(s) who has exhibited extraordinary dedication to and impact on her sport, club and team, and has embodied the core values central to the mission of Triangle Volleyball Club. The 2019 Board Award recipient is ***Skylar Buckley*** (18 Black).
- △ The ***Triangle Excellence in Coaching*** award, established in 2011 by departing Executive Director Casey Caram, is presented to the coach who best demonstrates exemplary dedication and commitment to the mission and goals of Triangle Volleyball Club. ***Coach Colby Rosser*** (15 Black), was selected as the 2019 recipient of the Excellence in Coaching award.

Triangle Volleyball Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 2002 and is dedicated to “educating the whole person 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, the Junior Volleyball Association [JVA], the American Volleyball Coaches Association [AVCA] and the National Council of Youth Sports [NCYS]. For more information visit trianglevolleyball.org; carolinaregionvb.org; usavolleyball.org; jvaonline.org; avca.org; [National Council of Youth Sports \[NCYS\]](http://National Council of Youth Sports [NCYS]).