



PRESS RELEASE

Triangle recognizes accomplishments at 2017 End of Season Celebration

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On Friday, June 9th Triangle Volleyball Club's student-athletes, families, and staff gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2017 club season at its annual End of Season celebration held at the Raleigh Convention Center ballroom.

Triangle's thirty-two teams, aged 11 & under through 18 & under, have achieved an average season win percentage of 60% after competing in over 1500 matches prior to national championships which begin the week of June 12th. Seventeen teams will compete in national championships in June/July; Triangle 15 Black, 16 Black, 16 Blue and 17 Black having qualified to compete in Minneapolis, at the USAV Girls' Junior National Championship while thirteen (13) teams will compete in Orlando at the 44th annual AAU Girls' Junior National Championships.

Notable accomplishments of the 2017 season include:

- △ The 2017 season was Triangle's fifteenth season of 'educating the whole person through excellence in sport of volleyball.' Since its founding in 2002 Triangle has grown from a club of three competitive teams to one with 30 junior girls' teams and 2 junior boys' teams.
- △ With the Open level qualification of 15 Black, 16 Black, and 17 Black to USAV's Girls' Junior National Championships, Triangle is among only 15 clubs in the country to achieve this level of Open qualification performance.
- △ Triangle teams earned three (3) Carolina Region East division Championships.
- △ The 32 members of the Class of 2017 have a collective participation at Triangle of 120 years and their efforts on the court and in the classroom have garnered them over \$2.5 million in athletic and academic scholarships. In total, Triangle's 221 alumnae have earned an excess of \$16 million in total scholarship awards. Graduating student-athletes will continue their volleyball careers at multiple [colleges and universities](#).
- △ Triangle achieved 60 top ten finishes at interregional events with 24 of these occurring in national qualifying events. At national qualifiers 13 different teams achieved a top 10 finish with all ages levels, 12-18, represented in those top finishes.
- △ Triangle hosted its ninth annual MAPL Raleigh and its second City of Oaks Challenge, both held on 25 courts 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 with the establishment of the **Triangle Cup**, a team-based service challenge. Through Triangle Cup activities teams donated over 731 pairs of shoes to numerous charities and performed other acts of service in the greater community. **Triangle 18 Blue** earned the most points and was awarded the inaugural Triangle Cup.

△ Triangle presents one athlete on each team the **Triangle award**. The 2017 Triangle award recipients are:

Triangle 11 Black	Brooke Poppe	Triangle 15 Black	Lauren Della
Triangle 11 Blue.....	Caroline Raymer	Triangle 15 Blue	Maya Mrus
Triangle 12 Black	Kate Gross	Triangle 15 White.....	Cameron Joyce
Triangle 12 Blue.....	Collier Thomas	Triangle 15 Silver.....	Christa Burns
Triangle 12 White	Alden Roberts	Triangle 15 Steel	Ellie Bucci
Triangle 12 Silver	Lexie Davila	Triangle 16 Black	Cera Powell
Triangle 13 Black	Lydia Wood	Triangle 16 Blue	Hailey Long
Triangle 13 Blue.....	Alexis Sumpter	Triangle 16 White.....	Grace Channell
Triangle 13 White.....	Leah Hunter	Triangle 16 Silver.....	Sonna Ogan
Triangle 13 Silver	Maddie Andrea	Triangle 17 Black	Mackenzi Thornburg
Triangle 14 Black	Riley Buckley	Triangle 17 Blue	Alyssa Hansen
Triangle 14 Blue.....	Vivian Chapman	Triangle 17 White.....	Erin Boone
Triangle 14 White	Mackenzie Stafford	Triangle 18 Black	Caroline Kuhn
Triangle 14 Silver	Charlotte Fullbright	Triangle 18 Blue	Faith Murray
Triangle 14 Steel.....	Hailey Ondejko	Triangle 18 White.....	Caroline Hall
14U Boys	Henning Schroeder	Triangle 18U Boys	August Jelert

Several special individual awards are given annually:

- △ 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 2017 Iron Triangle award recipient is **Holli Smith, Triangle 17 Blue**.
- △ The **Mary Elizabeth Finegan Award for Service** is presented to a parent and student-athlete(s) who best demonstrates service to initiatives of Triangle Volleyball Club and the greater community. The 2017 recipients are **Shannon Smith** [parent of Kinsey Smith, Triangle 18 Black] and **Jackie Broz, Triangle 17 Blue** and **Sarah Montross, Triangle 17 Black**.
- △ 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 2017 Board Award recipients are **Caroline Hall, Triangle 18 White** and **Lauren Tharrington, Triangle 18 White**.
- △ 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 Caroline Cobb, Triangle 12 Black**, was selected as the 2017 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], and the American Volleyball Coaches Association [AVCA]. For more information visit www.trianglevolleyball.org; www.carolinaregionvb.org; www.usavolleyball.org; www.jvaonline.org; www.avca.org.