

## College Teammates Mariah Christensen and Kayla Coleman Combined to Form 14Blue

(Martinez, CA) - Former college teammates at Oakland's Holy Names University (HNU) and Xceleration coaching veterans Mariah Christensen and Kayla Coleman will form the 14Blue team this upcoming season.

Co-owner Jim Ross said, "Mariah and Kayla both started their club coaching careers at Xceleration from Day One and are extremely familiar with the Xceleration system. There's great chemistry between these two young talented team."

Christensen returns for her 7th season as a coach in the program and her 2<sup>nd</sup> as the head coach for the 14Blue. She previously assisted with the 14White, 15Blue, 16White, and 16Blue programs before becoming the Head Coach at 17Blue two seasons ago.



L to R: Mariah Christensen and Kayla Coleman.

After being the setter on the 2009 Xceleration 18Blue team that qualified for Junior Nationals in Miami, Mariah was recruited to play at Holy Names University. She was their starting setter for all four seasons and was an All-League selection in the PacWest conference her junior and senior seasons. Mariah is the all-time career leader in assists at Holy Names. Mariah attended Rodriguez HS in Fairfield, CA where she was an All-League selection and led her team to the San Joaquin Section playoffs in each season at the Varsity level.

Mariah's favorite inspirational quote is, "Don't give up what you want most for what you want now."

Kayla returns for her 8th season with Xceleration, having assisted with the 15Blue, 17White, and 13White teams during the past seven seasons. Kayla graduated from HNU where she was the starting libero for the volleyball team for three seasons. During her career at HNU, Kayla made the All-Conference team twice and was selected Libero of the Year in her senior season. The Turlock native was her league MVP for two years in high school. Kayla received her professional doctorate degree in pharmacy and is a registered pharmacist for Coram Healthcare.

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