

Coaching Trio Sticks Like Glue: Leslie Ray, Lindsey Ray and Jade Sanford to Lead 17Blue

(Martinez, CA) - Sisters Leslie and Lindsey Ray will join efforts with Jade Sanford to lead Xceleration's 17Blue for the 3rd consecutive season and 4th together overall.

“The work ethic of this outstanding coaching core is second to none, and it translates into stretching their players to new heights,” said co-owner Jim Ross. “Leslie, Lindsey and Jade expect their players to communicate and play at the highest levels day in and day out.”



L to R: Jade Sanford, Leslie Ray and Lindsey Ray.

Leslie returns to Xceleration for her 5th season with the Club. Leslie is also in her 5th season as an assistant coach at Cal State East Bay (CSUEB).

Leslie was a starting libero at CSUEB for two seasons before graduating with a degree in Child Development. Prior to CSUEB, she attended Golden West JC and prepped at Long Beach Poly HS, where she was a high school All-American. Leslie played six seasons of club volleyball with the prestigious Mizuno Long Beach VBC. A fierce competitor on the court, Leslie brings a love of the game to her coaching. She is an excellent student of the game and is able to convey both the skill and passion to her players.

Lindsey is back for her 5th season. Lindsey is currently playing for the CSUEB volleyball team after completing a celebrated high school career in Southern California at powerhouse Long Beach Poly. She capped her prep career in 2012 by being named “Long Beach Century Club Player of the Year” and “Long Beach Press Telegram All-Area Player of the Year” for leading Poly into the 3rd Round of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Championships. An exceptional talent, she is looking forward to teaching volleyball and working with Xceleration's players in a sport she loves and is passionate about.

Jade joins Xceleration for her 4th season with the club – all four seasons coaching with Leslie and Lindsey. Jade prepped at Skyline HS in Dallas, TX, where she was recruited by and attended South Carolina State University (SCSU). She earned Radford Conference All-Tournament honors in her first season at SCSU. Jade transferred to Cal State East Bay for her sophomore season, where she finished her career. She was a team captain and starting middle blocker her senior season. Jade is currently finishing her Masters degree in Sports Management from Texas A&M-College Station's distance program.

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