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## Xceleration Congratulates the Class of 2022

### Embrace the Moment, Follow Your Dreams

#### Graduation (noun)

*gra-jə-'wā-shən*

- the successful completion of a program of study
- an academic exercise in which diplomas are conferred
- the third studio album by American rapper and producer Kanye West

Obviously, the word that we oftentimes hear at this time of the year - every year - means something different to everyone as defined on the left. Similarly, a child graduating from kindergarten, from middle school, and from high school also means something different to parents, and to each of the graduating kids.

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Xceleration has an Instagram presence where you can view our posts throughout the season.



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year, the number of "kids" that we enjoy watching grows tenfold with each volleyball season! We have loved seeing their athleticism and maturity on the courts and their growth off the courts. We have loved listening to them during travels and practices and cheering for them at tournaments. We love celebrating their athletic and educational milestones.

We are all emotional at the graduations because we know how much effort went into each one of the 2,200 days of high school. We realize that many of those days carried over into late nights, finishing projects or assignments. Some of those days involved multiple trips back and forth to the school for doctor, dentist, or orthodontic appointments. And many of those days are spent multiple hours shuttling them to practices and tournaments for volleyball and other sports, all to ensure that our kids could get the best education and athletic training possible. Graduation means a lot to us and *our kids*!

To all our kids, congratulations from your Xceleration family. This is the start of a new beginning from which you continue to flourish. We are here whenever you need us for guidance and care. Take time to embrace each moment and follow your dreams!

***Go Xcel!***

For the youngest of this group, graduation is a celebration of a successful beginning. It is an invitation to continue learning, making friends, and observing the world around them.

For the middle schooler, graduating signified the ending of elementary education and the beginning of high school education. They've mastered the art of navigating through hallways and locker rooms!

Lastly, graduation for the high school senior is unlike the others. It is momentous. It is a large milestone in a student's education. When any student receives their high school diploma, we all celebrate. The end of high school (usually) means the end of free education, free laundry, and free food. It is the end of living at home and sleeping-in all summer. The end of high school signifies the beginning of adulthood. It is the beginning of true independence. For a few, it is the beginning of finding a career, finding a place to live and for most, finding additional education to pursue. It also means working full-time in the summer and moving away for school in the fall.

With each of these graduations, we at Xceleration are both happy and emotional. Most of us have kids of our own and are happy watching them grow and learn. And each

***Thank you to Dee Richardson, Tomas Pineda, and all the parents for photos of "our" kids.***



# Emma Archer

University of Colorado Boulder

Emma is graduating from San Ramon Valley High School. She played varsity three years at SRVHS. As a senior, she was a captain and led her team to the CIF State Division 1 playoffs. Selected to the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) – Second Team All-League, earned SRVHS Athlete of the Month honors, and awarded Best Defensive Player. During her club career, Emma led her team to 5 Girls Junior Nationals bids at age 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18. When Emma gets to Boulder, she plans study Psychology and tryout for the club volleyball team.

**Emma,**  
***Congratulations on your incredible club volleyball career with Xceleration and NorCal.***

***Watching you play volleyball has brought us so much joy, and it has been much more than that. These past nine years have been long car rides with long talks, many flights traveling together to places we may never have gone, building lasting friendships and bonds with teammates, smiles and laughter with friends, tears of joy and frustration, and many, many, many hours of hard work and preparation. Through it all, we have been watching you become the confident, fearless, powerful and compassionate young woman you are. We are incredibly proud of you. All these years of volleyball, all these life lessons that have been secretly hidden behind the sport you loved, have prepared you for your next chapter in life. We could not be more excited to see what your future holds and know that you will be ready for anything life throws your way.***

***Thank you to the coaches at Xceleration and NorCal who provided Emma with the opportunity to play volleyball on your teams over the last nine years. We could not be more grateful and thankful for you all.***

***We love you, Emma! And...GO BUFFS!***

***Love, Mom and Dad***



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# Emma Archer





# Colbie Atlas

## University of Massachusetts Boston

Colbie plans on attending U Mass Boston in the Fall and is excited to be playing volleyball for the Beacons! She will be pursuing a degree in Anthropology. Over the next four years she plans to continue with her love for travel and sailing by studying abroad with Sea|Mester.

Colbie has been an enthusiastic volleyball player since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, thank you coach Laura! Colbie was on the varsity volleyball team for three of her four years at Campolindo High School.

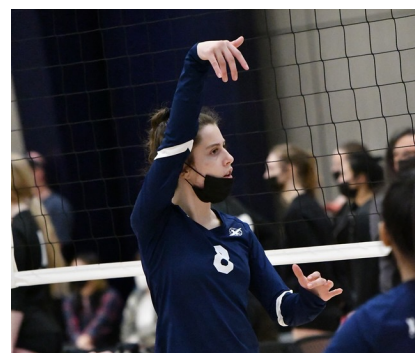
*Colbie,*

*We are so excited for this new chapter ahead. Stay tenacious, curious and adventurous. The world is your oyster you just need to rise up to meet it. You have so many adventures ahead.*

*Have an amazing summer summiting the mountain you have been dreaming about since Freshman year!*

*We all love you so!!*

*Mom, Dad, Justin, Brynn, Biscuit and Nala*





# Colbie Atlas

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# Laila Briscoe

## Grand Canyon University

Laila Briscoe will be attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. She was accepted to eight other colleges but found her home at GCU after visiting earlier this year. Laila plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics for Secondary Education and become a high school math teacher. Laila is excited at the thought of continuing her education and looking forward to the college experience, especially since several friends from her high school are also attending GCU.

Laila started playing volleyball at 11 years old and was initially placed as a middle because of her height. She transitioned into an outside then opposite hitter. She attends Dublin High School and was on varsity all four years. She is a scholar athlete with a GPA of 3.9. She has been on the honor roll every semester since middle school.

Her club volleyball career started with NorCal Volleyball Club until 2020 when she moved to Xceleration with the intention of challenging herself and her skill level. A serious injury sidelined her for over a year when in August 2020, during practice, she tore her ACL, MCL and meniscus and underwent surgery to repair her ACL in September 2020. She fought her way back and returned to the court in late August 2021. She plans to continue playing volleyball on GCU's club team as well continue coaching the rising volleyball stars.

**Laila,**

***You are my sparkle and this house will not be the same without you, but I am so excited for all that awaits you! To watch what you have gone through the last two years leaves me in awe of you. You are a fighter – even when you don't think you are. There are no words to tell you how proud I am of you.***

***With a very serious injury that left you unable to play, you still showed up for your team and cheered them on from the sidelines. Despite the lack of playing time these last two years, you were the biggest cheerleader and hype girl. That is just who you are, and it is what makes you so special.***

***The world is yours my girl. Go out and get it and know that I'll be here with open arms whenever you come home.***

***She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. - Proverbs 31:25***

***Love you with my whole heart,  
Mom***





# Laila Briscoe





# Rebekah (Bex) Christensen

## Cal State University Dominguez Hills

Rebekah will be attending Cal State University Dominguez Hills fall of 2022, majoring in Biology. She will also be playing volleyball for Cal State Dominguez Hills.

At Liberty High School, Rebekah played JV volleyball for her first two years and Varsity for her final two years. She was the starting Libero all four years. She was named best defensive player all 4 years and voted Bay Valley Athletic League 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-League.

Rebekah started playing volleyball 2016 at Excelsior Middle School for 3 years, followed by 4 years at Liberty High School. 2017 played 13s Club at BAVC, 2018/19/20 played for Rage Volleyball Club and 2021 plus 2022 seasons played at Xceleration Volleyball Club.

*Rebekah,*

*We are proud of all you have accomplished. You have worked hard from the start when you were playing Thirteens until now, your Eighteens year. Your goal was to be the starting Libero and to play in college. We have seen you work hard in every practice, honing your skills, putting up with adversity, and overcoming it to become the daughter and player you are today. Through the tears, laughter, bruises, frustrations, and oh so many fun times, you have reaped the rewards of all those practices, clinics, and coaching to accomplish your biggest goal – playing D2 at Dominguez Hills.*

*We have enjoyed taking you to practices, clinics, tryouts, and games that have been mostly far and some near. We have loved cheering you on from the sidelines and very much look forward to cheering you on as you begin your college journey.*

*Love you lots!!*

*Dad, Mom, Rachel and Evan*





# Rebekah (Bex) Christensen





# Isabella (Bella) Michelle de Leon

## Providence Christian College

Bella will be attending Providence Christian College in Pasadena, California the fall of 2022 where she will play volleyball in college on an athletic scholarship. Bella plans to major in political science with a focus on history and philosophy. Bella was accepted into 12 colleges.

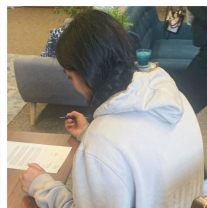
Bella began playing club volleyball when she was 13 years old as a middle with club solano volleyball. She then joined Xceleration volleyball 2 years later and transitioned to an outside hitter for the next 4 years. She was on the varsity team for volleyball since her freshman year at Benicia High School. Some of her accomplishments throughout high school: Diablo Valley Athletic League Champs 2018, 2019, and 2021. Honorable mention 2019, All League MVP 2021, Bay area student Athlete of the week 2021. Team captain 2021. Academic accomplishments: Principal's Honor Roll 2018-2022.

*Isabella,  
Our beautiful baby girl!! Words truly can't express the honor and privilege it has been watching you grow up to be the person you are today. We can only imagine the mark you will continue to make in this world and those around you. I remember when you told us you wanted to play volleyball and you stopped dancing Tahitian. I really wanted you to do both because you were always so passionate in whatever you chose to do.*

*Watching you grow as an athlete, player, and person in general and finding your own path by learning to adapt and change within your environment wasn't always easy for you BUT you proved to us that you will be fine on your own and you never make decisions lightly.*

*Our family time always consisted of volleyball and chasing you around the country, but we wouldn't have it any other way!! We loved watching you enjoy what you do and are so excited to be able to watch you play another 4 years.*

*The memories, friendships and bonds you've created with your teammates and coaches over these past few years on and off the court is proof of the beautiful person you are. Our family and friends are so proud of all your accomplishments thus far so continue to work towards your goals in life and know whatever you chose to do we are all here cheering you on!*





# Isabella (Bella) Michelle de Leon





# Alyssa Dudley

## University of California, Merced

When Alyssa began playing volleyball at nine years old, it sparked an interest in her that blossomed into an intense passion and dedication to the sport. She played in CYO Athletics during grade school, then went on to play for her middle school team and made her foray into club volleyball, which she continued through high school. She previously played for Golden Bear and Marin Juniors' volleyball clubs and culminated her club experience playing for the Xceleration 17-Blue team her senior year.

Alyssa played for Albany High School's JV volleyball team for two years, and during her sophomore year as co-captain and newly minted outside hitter helped lead the team to an undefeated season. Alyssa then transferred to Pinole Valley High School for her last two years, and as varsity co-captain and starting six-rotation outside hitter her standout performance earned her First-Team TCAL Rock Division All-League selection, Pinole Valley Girls' Volleyball Player of the Year, 2x Athlete of the Week, and several Player of the Game recognitions. Alyssa also achieved a new school record for the most kills in a game (33).

Alyssa is a versatile, all-around player whose court awareness, sharp reflexes and coordination skills allow her to fluidly maneuver between offensive and defensive play. She started out as a setter when she was younger, then transitioned to DS/libero, and eventually became a six-rotation outside hitter and alternate right-side hitter, and sometimes even played middle blocker when extra coverage was needed. Not bad for being all of 5'8"!

Alyssa's resilient, determined nature has enabled her to meet adversity head on and rise above challenges she has encountered. Her deepest aspirations to continue her volleyball pursuits at a four-year university have come to fruition, and she will be attending UC Merced in the fall, where she will be majoring in Engineering and playing for their women's volleyball team.

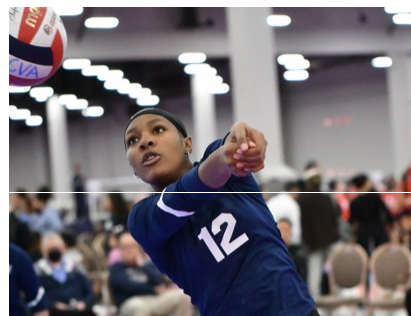
Our family is eternally grateful to Coach Leslie and the Xceleration organization for supporting Alyssa's athletic and personal development, and instilling the confidence for her to believe in herself and stay the course to achieve her goal to become a collegiate student-athlete.

### To my Dearest Alyssa,

***YOU did it! Words cannot express how proud I am to witness you successfully complete high school and embark on the next phase of your life's journey attending college as a student-athlete. You found the strength to overcome earlier obstacles, and your determined and indomitable spirit will serve you well as you take on young adulthood. Rest assured that I will have your back every step of the way.***

***Congratulations on all you have accomplished and being the awesome young lady you are. Continue to bet on yourself and live life as you approach volleyball: always stay aware and be prepared to take on the next opportunity or challenge coming your way. When you stay ready, you don't have to get ready!***

***Signed with love from your #1 fan,  
Mom***





# Alyssa Dudley





# Taylor Hubbard

## University of Oregon

Taylor will head north to Eugene and enter the University of Oregon to get her degree in Human Physiology. Taylor is considering trying out for the highly competitive University of Oregon Club volleyball team.

Taylor has played 5 years of club volleyball, starting as a setter at East Bay Volleyball Academy, switched to opposite at Red Rock Volleyball Club, then found her home at Xceleration, playing opposite for 3 years. She also played opposite on the Freshman team at Monte Vista High School.

Taylor is an active member of the California Scholarship Federation all 4 years of high school and achieved Honor Roll all semesters of high school.

*Taylor,*

*We couldn't be more proud of the person, student and athlete you are and the incredible young lady you have become! You are determined and focused when striving to achieve a goal. You are dedicated to the things that are important to you. You have a fun and playful sense of humor and your smile lights up a room! We wish you a lifetime of happiness and continued success! We can't wait to see what the next 4 years hold for you as a DUCK!!! We love you so much!!!!!!*

*Love, Mom, Dad, Morgan, James and Cooper*





# Taylor Hubbard





# Madelyn Huth

## California State University, Chico

Madelyn will attend The Chico State College of Business with a major in Marketing. She's joined the Suefferlin Sales Program, and the student group Green Campus, Sustainable Chico.

Madelyn was first introduced to volleyball in the 4th grade when she and a friend went to the open gym at Pacific Rim Volleyball Club. Most of her childhood she took dance lessons, played softball through Pleasant Hill Baseball Association, and was a cheerleader with the Pleasant Hill Lamorinda Youth Football and Cheer. She also was an 8th grade cheerleader for Pleasant Hill Middle School. Volleyball was never on her list and we thought she would continue on the cheer & dance path and become a high-school cheerleader. However, when they taught the Volleyball segment in 8th grade PE, she rediscovered the game of and loved it! It was then that she decided not to tryout for cheerleading, she wanted to attend the summer volleyball camp and tryouts at the high school. Madelyn started on the Freshman Team at College Park High School in the Middle position. She loved it so much that she then went on to play her first Club Season in the U15's League, back at PacRim where she had started open gyms when she was 9 years old.

She continued to play school and club Volleyball all through high school. We discovered Xceleration in late October of her junior year during the height of pandemic, when school and Fall sports were cancelled. Xceleration was open, and it was a blessing. She had the opportunity at Xcel under the wing of great qualified coaches, to work with her potential and to develop as an Opposite hitter as a Lefty. We only wish we had more time and found Xcel sooner, as we feel like she is just getting started! Madelyn hopes to continue her love of volleyball in college with the intramural sports program or through the Chico State Women's Volleyball Club.

Outside of volleyball, she's passionate about sustainability and the environment. Madelyn is a 13-year member of Girl Scouts. She has attended Girl Scouts Diablo Day Camp in Lafayette since kindergarten. Over the past 6 summers she has volunteered as a camp counselor at day camp. She has earned the top three Girl Scout community service awards, the Bronze award as a Brownie, the Silver Award as a Junior and she completed her Gold Award, during the pandemic. The highest award in Girl Scouts. Her service project was to educate local businesses on the harmful effects single use plastics have on the environment and to encourage them to make a change to more eco-friendly and compostable products. Madelyn also volunteered for the non-profit Girls on the Run Program at her Alma mater, Strandwood Elementary School as a junior coach.

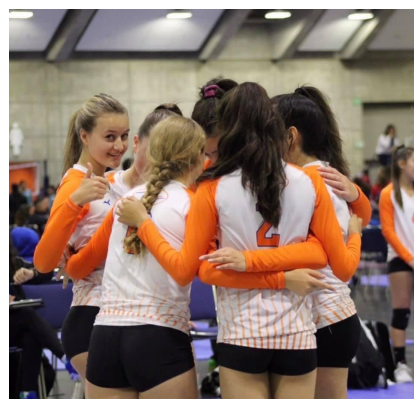
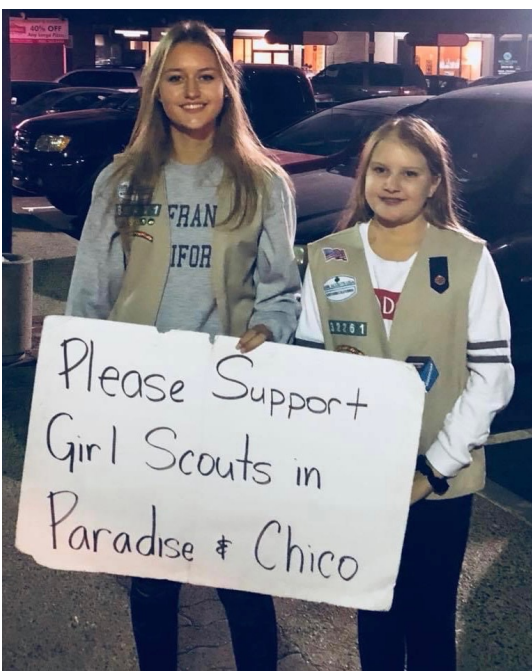
At College Park Madelyn is a 4-year member of ASB Leadership. She has served on the class of 2022 Executive Board as the Freshman Treasurer, Sophomore VP, Junior Secretary and Treasurer, and Senior Class Treasurer. Madelyn is a member of the College Park Interact Club through Pleasant Hill Rotary and the California Scholarship Federation. She is a two-time North Coast Section Scholar Athlete and served as a co team volleyball captain her junior year.





# Madelyn Huth

We will always be forever grateful to the Xceleration family for welcoming her and providing a positive, encouraging environment for her to develop her volleyball skills and enjoy this game. We have no doubt that volleyball and her experiences with this club has helped shape her confidence, leadership and work ethic that will carry her into her future.





# Sruti Jonnalagadda

## New York University

Sruti is currently enrolled in liberal studies core, but hopes to major in Business, with a minor in Chemistry at New York University in Manhattan.

Sruti was a three-year varsity middle blocker for the Foothill high school team and was co-captain of 2022 Volleyball team. She co-led her team to win the East Bay Athletic League volleyball championship for 2022. She was named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-league for the East Bay Volleyball League.

Sruti is a motivated student, earning good grades and always trying to do her best in school. Her favorite subject in school is chemistry

Sruti is hoping to get selected for the NYU women's volleyball team during team tryouts in August 2022.

*Dear Sruti,*

*It has been a pleasure to watch you grow and play volleyball - the game that you so passionately love, over the past 8 years both for club and school. I still remember the 2008 Olympics when you used to be glued to the TV, waiting impatiently for volleyball highlights to be shown, and your first recreational volleyball camp you attended when you are just 7 or 8 years old and could barely hit the ball.*

*You have come a long way since then, not only playing the game, but also coaching volleyball to young and middle school kids. We are so glad you had a great club experience, culminating with playing in Nationals during your 18s' season. You should keep training and striving to get better and better in all that you do, and wish you the very best to get selected to the volleyball team at NYU.*

*Good luck for college, with hard work and patience, we are sure you will reach your goals.*

*Love,  
Amma, Nana,  
and Aparna*



# NYU





# Sruti Jonnalagadda





# Amaya Knox

## Wellesley College

Amaya Knox will be attending Wellesley College in Massachusetts this Fall.

Amaya is a Better Chance Scholar and attended high school at the Branson School in Ross. She excelled in academics, taking both honors high school classes and coursework through the local community college. Her extra-curricular activities included karate, volleyball and theatre. Amaya also participated in several clubs, most recently leading the Black Student Union.

Volleyball has been a true passion for Amaya, and playing has taught her valuable lessons, both on and off the court. Her intro to volleyball came a little later than most (thanks for offering her a spot in 7th grade, Coach Shapona!) She learned the benefit of hard work, communication, teamwork, dedication - and made some pretty awesome friends along the way! She has also collected a huge pile of jerseys in an array of colors. We were grateful to connect with Xcel for 17's and 18's, where the club worked so hard to overcome the obstacles of a covid season.

It's not surprising that Amaya is electing to attend a rigorous school (far from home!) with study abroad options. We are so excited to see what the future has in store for her!





# Natalie Kurtz

## Drexel University

Natalie will be attending Drexel University to pursue a degree in Biological Sciences. She was Diablo Athletic League (DAL) 1st Team and Varsity Team Captain at Miramonte High School. Natalie's academic accomplishments include being a 4-year Scholar Athlete. She intends to play Club volleyball at Drexel.

### Natalie-

*When you started playing club volleyball at age 12, the idea of you playing 18s seemed so far away, but here we are! Watching you grow into the athlete you are today has been a fun and exciting journey. You have grown from a player who barely made her first club team to a key contributor on both your high school and club teams. There have been ups and downs but your passion for the game has always remained. Congratulations on your amazing high school career at Miramonte. You were a three-year varsity starter and senior year team captain. Such great accomplishments and what a final season that was! Your leadership on the court combined with great coaching and a talented team resulted in such a memorable season. Congratulations on making DAL 1st Team! Club has been a wild ride from Vibe to Diablo and finally Xcel. Thankfully, you had Casey Roy along for the ride all 6 years!*

*As we close the chapter on your volleyball career, your story is just beginning and we are so excited to see what is coming next. We will miss you when you head to Philadelphia!! Go Drexel Dragons!*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*



**GO MATS!**





# Jayna Marie Lorenzo

## CUNY Queens College

Jayna Marie will attend CUNY Queens College in New York to major in International Business. She was a 4-year varsity starter at Salesian College Preparatory. As a freshman, she was the starting middle on a team that won TCAL league and ranked 1st in NCS. As a sophomore she led the team in blocks and as a senior led the team in kills.

At Salesian, Jayna will graduate with a 4.50 GPA, as well as attaining National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, Top 10% of class, ASB President, AAPI Vice President, Campus Ministry Leadership Team, Yearbook and sports photographer.

Jayna has accepted a DIV II scholarship as a setter to play volleyball for CUNY Queens College.

*Dear Jayna,*

*As your high school journey ends a new one begins. You've always been an athlete from the time you were in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, running track, then playing basketball, and then finally focusing primarily on volleyball. We are truly amazed how much you have grown as a player from playing CYO, to playing club, and being 4-year varsity player in high school. Your hard work, training, and dedication to work on your craft has put you in a position to move on to the next level. We are very proud of you and we will miss watching you play up close and personal.*

*As you move on to your next journey, continue to strive academically as well as athletically. We know that whatever you do, you will always give your 100%. These next upcoming years enjoy the adventure and independence. Create memories, explore, and continue to grow. You are a wonderful young woman and we will miss seeing you every day. We will continue to watch our baby girl play and compete from afar. Keep up that competitive spirit... but most of all, just have fun!*





# Rochelle Mosley

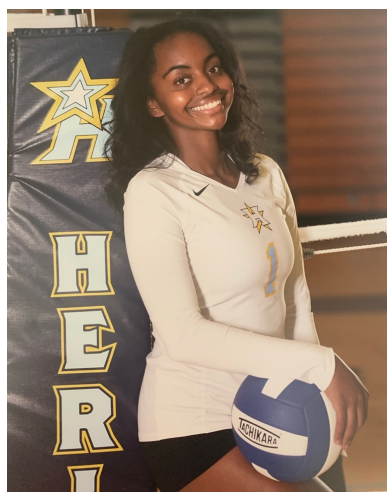
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Rochelle will enter Bruin territory at UCLA to earn a degree in Neuroscience. Before heading south, Rochelle was a two-time Bay Valley Athletic League (BVAL) MVP (junior and senior years) and was Associated Student Body President at Heritage High School in Brentwood.

*Rochelle, There are an abundance amount of terms that can describe your kindness, perseverance, dedication, and brilliance. All of the expressions we can use to encompass your breadth, depth, skill set, and simply beautiful spirit, we proudly call you an "ECLECTIC UNIQUE EXQUISITE SOUL!"*

*Chell Chell, all of your hard work is absolutely coming into fruition. So very excited to be a part of your "WONDERFUL" journey while seeing you shine. Can't begin to express our overwhelming gratitude for you being born into our family!*

*We believe in you and your amazing journey through life (past, present and future). We are beyond proud of the person you consciously choose to be for yourself. We love you and completely adore you so very much ~ KIU!*





# Francesca Patent

## Santa Barbara City College

Francesca will begin her Business and Entrepreneurship studies at Santa Barbara City College in the fall.

At Albany High School, her volleyball team finished 2nd in their division, after a huge upset over St. Mary's in the semifinals. Her proudest academic accomplishment was getting straight As during the year that was entirely remote (2020-21). Francesca currently has no plans to play collegiate volleyball except for club or intramural.

*Francesca,*

*We are so proud of everything you have given to volleyball over the past five years. How could we ever forget those early days, practicing your serves next to the tennis courts, when, after a few misses in a row, you'd lower your head and say, "I'm never gonna be able to do this!" We'd take a break, and give you a little pep talk, and you'd be right back at it.*

*We've loved watching the joy and focus you bring when you're out on the court. We love how you cheer on your teammates. We love how you've always been first and foremost about your team. You've understood that you have a role to play for the greater good. That is such an important lesson for life! This year in particular, you've shown your willingness to adapt in order to help the team, switching to libero for the Albany High team, and then to DS for Xceleration. At first you weren't happy, but you quickly shifted your mindset to one of opportunity. Another big life lesson.*

*Congratulations on reaching this milestone! We can't wait to see how the next chapters of your life unfold.*





# Francesca Patent





# Reagan Richardson

## University of Arkansas

Reagan Richardson will be attending the College of Engineering at the University of Arkansas in the fall. *Go Hogs!*

Reagan was a 3-Year Varsity Starter on the Northgate High School Women's Volleyball Team & Senior Captain, an Academic Scholar Athlete, in AP and Honors classes, and on the Principal's List. Reagan began playing volleyball in elementary school and joined power league in 7th grade.

Thanks to the coaches who were most influential in Reagan's volleyball career.

Joe Peacock (PacRim), you believed in her even when she didn't believe in herself. Thank you for pushing her beyond her comfort zone and building her self-confidence. Your knowledge of the game is fascinating and extremely fun to watch court-side.

Jo-Ann Q (PacRim), thank you for your patience with Reagan and her mom as they navigated through their first power league season.

Ruth Lawanson, your guidance and tough love is much appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Deo B and Lindsey R, thank you for always supporting Reagan.

Leslie Ray, beginning the first day Reagan attended summer clinics at Xcel in 2019 you have been a bright light filled with kindness, encouragement and love. Whether Reagan was wearing an Xcel jersey or wearing a Northgate jersey and playing for the opposing high school team, you always found a way to make her feel special. Thank you for having Reagan on 17B. That was an epic year!

Tomas and Normie, you two make the world a better place everyday.

And finally, Grandpa Haraguchi, thank you for being the #1 fan of so many of Paris's former teammates and friends throughout the years.





# Casey Roy

## California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo

Casey will be attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in the fall. She plans to study Political Science and is excited to begin her college experience, including playing Club Volleyball, and getting to shape her own surfboard for 2 credits!

Casey began playing volleyball in 7th grade with Vibe, where she learned to play as an Outside Hitter. In High School, she played first for Diablo and then XCEL as a team captain all four years. As much as she loved club season though, her favorite volleyball memories were playing all four years on Varsity at Miramonte High School, three of those with Leslie & Lindsey Ray as head coach. Playing with some of her closest friends her senior year, Casey and her team at Miramonte went 17-5, and finished 2nd in their League, North Coast Section and CA Division 3.

*Casey,*

*We couldn't be more proud of you. It has been a joy for us to watch you play and grow each season - and pick up some mad v-ball skills along the way. For someone who never was all that interested in sports as a young kid (and still hates working out!), your dedication and passion around volleyball is simply inspiring - not just to us, but to everyone who knows you.*

*You have excelled both on and off the court, and you've always done it with a smile on your face. We have no doubt that you'll succeed at anything you do because of your determination and positive attitude. Have a great time at Cal Poly and know that we're behind you 100%. Who knows, maybe we'll even find our way to a few club volleyball games next year!*

*Love, Mom and Dad*





# Gianna Szyrko

Loyola Marymount University – LMU

Gianna will pursue a Film and TV Production career through LMU starting this fall, with a 4.33 cumulative GPA, honor roll all 4 years of HS, and an academic scholarship earned for LMU.

In HS, the Monte Vista volleyball team at NCS this past 2021-2022 year (her Senior Year) Gianna played every game in the playoffs. This was also Gianna's first year as coach – assistant coach for 12s team. She would love to play in college and is still in talks with the coaches...possibly as a walk on.

*Gianna,*

*It's pretty incredible to believe you are finishing high school and your club years at Xcel. We have seen through the years how passionate you have become with the sport of volleyball: early on as a 12-year-old playing on a 14-4's team and all the way through your senior year varsity team winning NCS, and your 18B team earning a bid to nationals.*

*What a ride it has been. The days off school for traveling...long car rides to distant venues (thanks NCVA)...BBQ in Kansas City...Snowball fights in Nashville...missing a snowstorm in Denver by a day...rock climbing in Reno with teammates...thunderstorms over the event center in Orlando...Top Golf after the rain...tons of new friendships...the list goes on and on; so many great memories that were well worth every minute of it! What a fun ride it has been!*

*But now it's time for the next chapter: College, becoming an adult, new adventures, new friendships, new responsibilities. We wish you all the best and a ton of fun as you move on to and through this next phase in your life. We love you so much! -Mom, Dad, and Ella*





# Gianna Szyrko





# Dyllan Soriano

## Loyola Marymount University

Dyllan will enter LMU as a Biology major and play club volleyball for the Lions.

## San Ramon Valley High School:

Nov 2018, Sept 2019, Nov 2021: Volleyball Athlete of the Month

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021: Scholar Athlete Award

2018 Volleyball Team Co-Captain (Freshman), MVP (Freshman)

2019 Volleyball Team Captain (JV), MVP (JV)

2020 Awarded Best Server (Varsity)

2021 Volleyball Team Co-Captain (Varsity), Awarded Best Server (Varsity)

Completed her High School Varsity Season – 1<sup>st</sup> in assists, 2<sup>nd</sup> in service aces (she had less service errors than service aces) , 94.6 serve percentage, 2<sup>nd</sup> in digs, .423 Hitting Percentage (only 1 error)

## Club Volleyball

Xceleration 18-Blue Team Captain, 2nd place 18s USA Division Sierra National Qualifier, Qualified for 18s USA Division GJNC

NorCal 17-1: Team Co-Captain, 4<sup>th</sup> Place 17s USA Division Red Rock Rave National Qualifier

NorCal 16-1: Team Co-Captain

NorCal 15-1: Floor Captain, 5<sup>th</sup> Place 15s USA Division Far Westerns

Qualified for 15s American Division GJNC

NorCal 14-1: Team Co-Captain, Qualified for 14s American Division, GJNC

NorCal 13-1: Team Co-Captain, Qualified for 13s American Division

NorCal 12-1: 2016 All NorCal VBC Award Recipient, Qualified for 12s National Division

## Beach Volleyball

2019 NCVA Beach Championships – Open Division, U-15 Silver Medal

2018 Monterey Beach Open, Bronze Medal

2017 NCVA Beach Championships – Open Division, U-14 Silver Medal

2016 NCVA Beach Championships – Open Division, U-13 Gold Medal

2016 NCVA Pacific Coast Qualifier, U-13 Gold Medal

## LMU

Early Action Award Scholarship

LMU Achievement Award Scholarship

## Academic Honors and Recognition

SRVHS Academic Block Letter and Honor Cord Recipient

National Honor Society

CSF (California Scholarship Federation)

SRVHS Renaissance Academic Award (Leadership Honor Roll)

Student of the Month

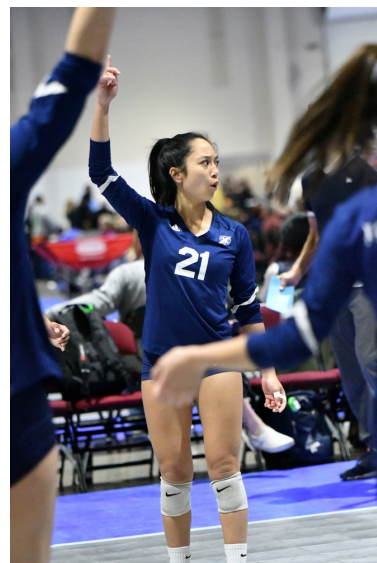
## Leadership

SRVHS Associated Student Body (ASB) President - 12th

SRVHS Class Treasurer - 9th, 10th, 11th

SRVHS Link Crew Leader

Vice President, Citizens for Senior Citizens





# Dyllan Soriano

## Community Service

Crayon Initiative Volunteer

Town of Danville, Santa's Mailbox

Monument Crisis Center Food Bank Volunteer

Kids Against Hunger Volunteer

Peres Elementary Costume and School Toy Drives

*Dear Dyllan,*

*We are so very proud of the hard work, drive, and joy you put into everything you set your mind to. When deciding what to write to you, all Mom could think of was this poem that a friend of hers shared with her during a pivotal point in his life. We hope you will find this poem inspiring you as you move onto the next chapter in your life.*

*We continue to be your biggest fans and we cannot wait to see you soar!*

*Love you so very much,  
Dad, Mom, and Matthew*





# Dyllan Soriano

## Dream Big

If there were any a time to dare, to make a difference, to embark on something worth doing, it is now. Not for any grand cause, necessarily – but for something that tugs at your heart, something that's your aspiration. Something that's your dream. You owe it to yourself to make your days here count. Have fun. Dig Deep. Stretch.

## Dream Big.

Know though, that things worth doing seldom come easy. There will be good days. And there will be bad days. There will be times when you want to turn around, pack it up, and call it quits.

Those times tell you that you are pushing yourself, that you are not afraid to learn by trying.

## Persist.

Because with an idea, determination, and the right tools, you can do great things. Let your instincts, your intellect, and your heart guide you.

## Trust.

Believe in the incredible power of the human mind. Of doing something that makes a difference. Of working hard. Of laughing and hoping. Of lazy afternoons, of lasting friends.

Of all the things that will cross your path this year.

The start of something new brings the hope of something great.

Anything is possible.

There is only one you.

And you will pass this way only once.

Do it right.

Dream Big.

**Author: Katie McCarthy**





# Lauren Whyte

*Lauren, Wow, time has gone by so fast, I remember when you first started playing volleyball in the city league already seeing your potential but always hoping you would realize it too. I am very proud of all you have accomplished as a student and as an athlete. All the blood, sweat, tears, and injuries have prepared you to succeed at the next level, and I know you have not even reached your full potential yet. I so am excited to see what the future has in store for you!*

*Love Dad*

*Lauren, I am so proud of everything you have accomplished in life. I know you are going to do great things in college and go very far in life. I can't wait to see all the new things you accomplish, and I am excited to play against you in college for the next 2 years! I Love you!*

*Taylor*

*Lauren, Words can't even begin to express how proud I am of the young lady that you have grown into. Just think, when we started down the volleyball path, you used to sit on the sidelines of your sister's matches and play games. Now, you are a beast on the court! I am so happy that you will continue your journey down at CSU Dominguez Hills, but I am sad that you will be away from home. I will always be one of your biggest supporters and I know that you will go on to do amazing things! Just remember that you can do anything that you set your mind to and never settle for less than you deserve!*

*Love, Mom*





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Girls 18s JR Nationals Championship 2022

Phoenix, AZ



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*Congratulations!*