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Class of 2023: Conquering the Highest Peaks

There are More Summits to Climb... We're Confident That You Will Continue to be Exceptional

At about this time of the year, every year, thousands and thousands of high school students participate in the procession to accept their diplomas with great pride on graduation day. At Xceleration, the club also sees a commencement of sorts from its players who will begin a new chapter in their life's journey and will move on to colleges and universities near and far. The club is extremely proud of all its players and their families who have worked tirelessly over the years to fulfill their lifelong dreams on and off the court.

In this special collegiate issue of **XCELlent NEWS**, we feature players on the 18 Blue and 17 White who will soon be graduating from Xceleration. They have sacrificed plenty of time and resources to do what they love to do, and they have so much to be proud of for their accomplishments and achievements to date. We realize that these student-athletes have more work to do and have many more mountains to reach. The entire club – its member families, coaches, and staff - is highly confident that their accolades will continue to be exceptional.



















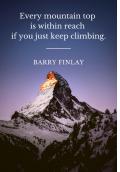




Volleyball Club

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Lauren Atis

Carondelet High School – Cal Poly Pomona (Pomona, CA)

Lauren was a three-year varsity player at Carondelet HS where she played mostly as a setter versus Libero/Defensive Specialist with her beloved Xceleration Volleyball Club. She claimed that her Junior year was the most fun and challenging year when her Cougar team reached the finals of the 2021 Division III California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Volleyball Championship game. The Carondelet Cougars came up short with the State Title, but so proud to claim the first-ever NORCAL Championship for the school. Another memorable moment during her varsity tenure was playing side by side with her older sister Angela (insert proud Daddy-bucket list checked) who currently plays for Chapman University and an Xceleration alumna herself.

Not just court savvy at the court, Lauren is also part of the Honor Roll and dubbed "Scholar Athlete" at her school. Lauren is currently an officer for the first-ever Volleyball Club that has members from both Carondelet HS and sister school De La Salle HS.

Lauren will attend Cal Pol Pomona to pursue a degree in Visual Arts.

Lauren,

Your dedication and hard work for this sport prove that you are growing to be your own unique person, and we could not be prouder of you. You have the skills and mindset to lead and be more successful in the future.

We can't wait to see you share your talents with the world in college. Always remember to have a heart that is humble, kind, and grateful.

We love you so much!

















Lauren Atis





























Annika Blas-Cedeno

Miramonte High School – Pace University (New York City, NY)

Annika has been a member of the Miramonte HS Matadors and Xceleration Volleyball for the past four years/seasons. With the Mats she was a three-year Varsity Player, two-year team Captain, four-year Scholar Athlete, member of the National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, and a two-year Ambassador for the Side-Out Foundation leading the Mats' efforts towards raising money for Metastatic Breast Cancer Treatments. In her Senior season she was nominated for the Mercury News Female Athlete of the Week and earned 1st Team All-League honors from the Diablo Athletic League. She is proud that she helped guide her team to the North Coast Section semifinal and quarterfinal matches in her Junior and Senior seasons, respectively.

With Xceleration, Annika is a four-year team Captain and ecstatic that her and her 18 Blue teammates have had four Top 5 tournament finishes, including two 3rd place finishes, and earned a bid to the 18's National Tournament. As soon as club season ends, Annika will turn her attention to offseason training as she prepares to spend her college years playing for Pace University in New York and studying Business.

Annika,

It's hard to believe that this chapter of your volleyball career is ending. It has been a long road but feels like it just started yesterday. We would have never guessed that when you decided at 12 years old to switch from tennis to volleyball that we would ever be at this point, ready to send you off to play collegiate level volleyball.

Your natural athleticism carried you early on as you learned this fun sport, but once you decided that playing in college was your desire and would require a switch from a successful Outside Hitter to Libero is where a new era for you began.

Your level of dedication to this sport and your development was something to behold and inspired us as we watched and cheered from the sideline. We know every second of thought, energy and emotion you gave to your development. We witnessed every drop of your blood, sweat and tears that you have given for yourself and your teams. We see all the bumps, bruises and scrapes that seem to have become a permanent part of your knees, hips and elbows. And you know what we say... real athlete's have scars and yours are awesome!

Your willingness to give everything you have can never be questioned and always earned rave reviews from other players, parents and coaches... our own personal human highlight film.

Pace University isn't just getting a great and ever-improving Libero, they are getting an all-around volleyball player, a great teammate, a relentless competitor, a great student athlete and a leader. Lucky them!











Annika Blas-Cedeno

Lucky us for being here with you every step of the way. It's easy for us to be proud of the volleyball player you have become and all you have achieved, but that was what you wanted. For us, our true pleasure has come in watching you become the wonderful young woman you are today. Your road, like many others, was littered with setbacks, rejections, letdowns, and losses, but you took them all in stride, embraced the emotions and used it to drive you to be better. And you did it all with an effervescent smile.

You have grown and matured as an athlete, but more importantly, you have grown into a truly special person. There's always more growth to be had as you experience more of "the real world", but we are confident that you have built a strong foundation and have the tools to navigate this world and all the challenges that come with it.

Every single second (and it has been A LOT) we have spent with you for practices, training, games, tournaments and events has all been worth it. Our passion from the sideline wasn't for volleyball, but it was a passion for you and all the wishes we have for you in this life.

We could not be prouder of you, who you are and what you have done, and we are so excited for you as you start this next journey. The most important thing you wanted from your coaches was faith in you and your ability; we have infinite faith in you Annika. Thank you for the happiness we have enjoyed for the first 18 years of your life and these last 6 years of volleyball.... what a ride!!!

We Love You with Our Whole Hearts,

-Your Family















Annika Blas-Cedeno

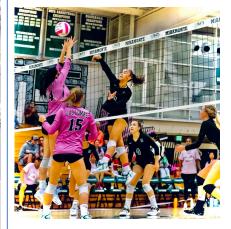


















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Olivia Cooper

Granada High School – College of San Mateo (San Mateo, CA)

Olivia was the Most Valuable Player in her Senior year at Granada HS and received East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) Honorable Mention honors.

Dear Olivia,

Coop! We are so extremely proud of you and all you have achieved. Your unwavering pursuit to become the best athlete possible while maintaining your high academic standing is nothing short of amazing. Seems like just yesterday you were learning to tumble around on mats as a little girl in mommy and me gymnastics and here we are now readying you to become a collegiate athlete. Who would have thought that after not making the 7th grade volleyball team that you would be performing at this level in the sport.

Your tenacity and work ethic are unmatched. The word "coachable" has been a constant theme when your coaches talk about you. You are a natural athlete and are never afraid of hard work. You always bring a focused competitive spirt to the game that both challenges and motivates your teammates to be better. You have played and excelled at nearly every position in the sport. To say you are a well-rounded person is an understatement. Kind, empathetic, resilient, team player, motivated, hard worker, adaptable are just a few of the words to describe you.

While it was so bittersweet watching your last club volleyball game at Nationals, we are so excited to see you shine in your next chapter. You are fierce and there is nothing you cannot accomplish when you set your mind to it. While you are taking a little piece of our hearts with you, we cannot wait to see you play in college.

Love, Mom, Dad & Hayden















Olivia Cooper



















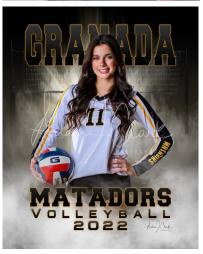


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Vanden High School – Solano Community College (Fairfield, CA)

Breanna played for the Vanden HS Varsity volleyball team as the Setter for the Vikings in her last two seasons, which culminated in numerous achievements, including recognition as the Vacaville Student Athlete of the Week, two-time Monticello Empire League Honorable Mention honors, the Vanden Varsity Quiet Hero Award, and the California Interscholastic Federation Sac-Joaquin Section Championships in 2022 and 2023.

Breanna has played travel volleyball since she was 8 years old; playing for VEX, Five Stars, and Xceleration. Breanna has thoroughly enjoyed ending her travel career with the Xceleration 18 Blue family under coaches Andy Schroeder, Jeremy Swann, and Taylor Dixon. This was by far one of the most enjoyable seasons she has ever had.

Breanna will be getting her Associates of Science degree at Solano and will then be going to a Radiology school to become a Radiology Technician.

Dear Bre,

What an amazing athlete you are! You have excelled in everything that you have ever set your mind to and are truly an athlete in every sense of the word. You are so smart, ambitious, athletic, talented, dedicated, caring, loyal, beautiful inside and out, and ALWAYS a team player; which is honestly what every parent AND coach hopes for.

Being a dual-sport athlete throughout your entire middle school and high school years, while playing travel volleyball and soccer at the same time was such a full-time commitment for all of us; but we would not have wanted it any other way than to celebrate you at each and every turn. Sharing the car rides, the airplane trips, the hotel stays, and everything else in between was valued time together and memories that we will never forget.

While there was always a winner and a loser by the scoreboard, all we ever asked was that you try your hardest, and that you enjoy the game; and to that we were NEVER let down! You never had to be prodded to go to practice, or to do your work, or to get up early, or pack your gear; you just always did it. You have already established amazing life skills that will serve you well in your future.

Enjoy this next two years, and the opportunity to play for Coach Darla and some of your previous teammates at Solano Community College as you pursue your Associate's degree on your way to a











Breanna Davis

Radiology Program. If you haven't already noticed, time flies, so enjoy these next new experiences.

Breanna Nicole, you are going to do great things in life. You are our rock star, and we are your biggest fans and can't wait to continue to be your life-long cheerleaders!

Love you to Papa!

Love Mom, Dad, your entire family and extended family. XOXO























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Kennedy Fabian

Carondelet High School





























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Kate Giang

Redwood High School – Wellesley College (Wellesley, MA)

Kate played on the Junior Varsity team at Redwood High School her freshman and sophomore years and was the recipient of the Giant Award. In 2021, while playing on Varsity, her team went on to win the North Coast Section (NCS) and the Division II State Championship. In 2022, Kate was named Prep of the Week from the Marin Independent Journal, All-League Honorable Mention, and the Mayson HART Award (Honorable And Reliable Teammate). She spent six years at Absolute Volleyball Club and a highlight included winning the Pacific Northwest Qualifier in 2022 that secured a bid to Nationals. Kate took a leap and joined Xceleration for her final club season and has had a fantastic experience! Academically, Kate is an intrinsically motivated straight A student and a four-year member of the National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation. In 2022, she applied and was accepted to COSMOS (California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science) and spent a month at UC Irvine studying skin organoids. Since the 2nd grade, Kate has had a passion for volunteerism for the Nepal Orphans Home and Kanti Children's Hospital and has spent countless hours fundraising. Kate will be attending Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts and is super excited to continue playing competitive volleyball as a Blue! Her focus of study will be in the biological sciences.

Kate,

What a journey this has been! We are so lucky to have had the pleasure of watching you morph into a spectacular young adult and athlete. We are in awe of your perseverance, motivation, and ability to keep going even when it's difficult. Your determination, drive, and work ethic on and off the court is outstanding! But what we admire most about you is your personal integrity. You are kind, respectful, encouraging of others, always looking for the good in everyone, and a real team player. You see the bigger picture and we hope you always keep that in sight. As a child, you were shy and definitely not a risk taker. Volleyball inspired you to find your voice, pushed you to take chances and helped you to become a leader. Looking back, memories of exciting wins, intense matches, and spectacular plays you had with your teammates might fade but you will always remember the special relationships you developed, the obstacles you overcame, and the personal growth to become the person you are today.

You light up our lives in too many ways to count and it's hard to imagine how palpable your absence will feel. We cannot wait for your next adventure and are beyond excited for what your future holds! Thank you for being the daughter we always dreamed of!!

With love, Mom & Dad











Kate Giang









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Marley Harrison

Laguna Creek High School – University of California, Irvine (Irvine, CA)

Marley has been on the Varsity volleyball team at Laguna Creek HS for the last four years, serving as Captain in both her Junior and Senior years. Her biggest accomplishment was leading her team to the Metro League Championship in the most recent season. This was the first in school history for the Women's Volleyball program. She has earned athletic scholar awards for her academic accomplishments in each of the four years she has played.

Marley has always prioritized her academics and has maintained a minimum 4.0 GPA throughout high school. She was class Governor her Freshman and Junior years and played a significant role in ASB and Leadership, amongst other campus clubs. Marley is passionate about making campus life the best it can be for the entire student body. Her leadership ability is evident both on and off the court.

Marley will pursue a degree in Public Health at UC Irvine.

Marley,

You are one of the best humans we know. Your kindness and care for others will serve you well in life. It it an absolute honor to have watched you grow into the person you are today. We couldn't be prouder of the person you have turned out to be. Even more, we are so excited to see where the next leg of your journey takes you. No matter what, you're going to slay it!

Thank you for being the best daughter, granddaughter and niece we could have ever hoped for. We love you beyond words.

















Marley Harrison











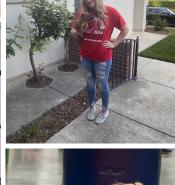




















Camryn Hirst

Miramonte High School – Linfield University (McMinnville, OR)

Always an athlete, Camryn was involved with basketball, water polo, swim team, gymnastics, and soccer when she was younger. She fell in love with volleyball in the 6th grade, playing with Lafayette Moraga Youth Association (LMYA) and her dad coaching the team. Since then, Camryn played one season at Diablo VBC and three seasons at Red Rock East Bay VBC before moving to Xceleration to play under Leslie Ray, who is also her high school coach.

Camryn and the Miramonte Matadors took 1st Place in the Stockton Classic Tournament - Bear Creek Site in her Junior season. During her Junior and Senior seasons, Camryn's team competed in the North Coast Section (NCS) semifinal and quarterfinal matches.

Camryn has been honored with the NCS, California Interscholastic Federation Scholar Athlete Award in all four years at Miramonte HS, and she is a California Scholarship Federation Life Member.

In addition to school and club volleyball, Camryn has been working with LMYA Volleyball for the last two years as an Assistant Coach and Trainer for the 5th grade team. She has also organized training clinics for coaches, led by former St. Mary's College head beach volleyball coach Rob Browning, and organized and coached their beach volleyball program for 6th-8th graders.

Camryn will compete for the Linfield Wildcats women's volleyball team, while pursuing degrees in Exercise Science and Environmental Science, planning for a career in athletic training or sports physical therapy.













Dearest Camryn,

Where to begin? You are so special and so loved! We could not be prouder of your accomplishments on and off the court. You have a capacity for generosity and kindness that is unparalleled. You instinctively know how to support your family, friends, and teammates. Watching you grow as a player from 6th grade until now has been a joy. Seeing how much you love the game and the smile on your face when you make a huge hit is amazing.

Your generosity shows in your commitment to younger players mentoring, coaching, and supporting them. Your kindness will take you far in this world - as a college student athlete and beyond.

A memory we will never forget that truly encompasses you as a player, person, and future professional was during a tournament when an opposing player got injured. You did not hesitate to go to her and help. Your training in sports medicine was useful in assessing her injury and knowing how to assist. We saw in that moment a glimpse of your future.

We love you so much! Ho'omaika'i! Congratulations on the completion of your club career and high school graduation! We cannot wait to watch you grow as a player and person at Linfield! Go 'Cats!

Me ka aloha pau'ole, Your Ohana (Mom, Dad, and Dylan)













Acalanes High School – Cal Poly Pomona (Pomona, CA)

Ryann started playing volleyball in Las Vegas when she was 12 years old. After taking five months of skills clinics, she decided to try out for her first club team. The coach for the 14s team picked her because of how coachable she was, even though she was not an experienced player. Fast forward to 2021 when she moved to Lafayette, CA during Covid. Volleyball was the one thing she looked forward to. It helped her through a difficult time period. She played for Dig This, Pac Rim, Vibe, and finally Xceleration.

In high school, she played volleyball all four years. In Las Vegas, she went to a school with over 3,000 students. Volleyball was very competitive. She was one of four freshmen to make JV. This was a big deal. Moving to Acalanes HS, she played JV for the weird short Covid year, then Varsity for her Junior and Senior years. Over the years, she has played Middle, all-around as an Outside Hitter, and Right-Side hitter. Her coaches over the years have always commented on her being coachable, dedicated, and very athletic. They knew she could be placed in any position, and she would do well. Ryann hopes to play club at Cal Poly Pomona.























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Ryann Jones

Dear Ryann,

I often think back to the summer before your Freshman year of high school. You got up early during your summer to go to volleyball conditioning and practice in the miserable Las Vegas heat. The last practice of the summer was their last man standing – one hour running with sprint at every whistle. Running in that heat, not giving up and being one of the four that didn't stop running out of the hundred plus doing it and the only Freshman. Amazing. I knew you then you had grit, and you would be capable to do hard things. This is an amazing quality to have because life is hard, and you will have to do hard things to get what you want in life.

It has been so much fun (and so much anxiety!!) over the year watching you play volleyball. When you are playing, you are in your zone. You love it and your passion shows when you play. I will miss this! I hope that you continue to find and do things that will bring out this passion in you. I am excited for your future and to see where your grit and passion will take you. I am so proud of you and love you!

Love, Mom





















Castro Valley High School - College of San Mateo (San Mateo, CA)

CLUB

- 2023: 3rd place finishes at USAV Girls 18's Spring Junior National Championship (Freedom Division) – Columbus, OH; SCVA National Qualifier – Las Vegas, NV; and Sierra National Qualifier – Sacramento, CA
- 2021: 5th place, USA Division, USAV Girls Junior National Championship Las Vegas, NV; 3rd place, USA bid, Pacific Northwest National Qualifier
- 2020: Region bid. Trained on grass in cohorts when possible and maintained team 2/week skill practices via Zoom for months until both season and Dallas GJNC canceled due to Covid-19.
- 2019: 5th place, National Division, USAV Girls Junior National Championship -Indianapolis, IN; 1st place, National bid, NCVA Region

2019 PERSONAL AWARDS

- Participated as a A-3 select player, USAV High Performance National Team Training Program in Franklin, TN
- Most Valuable Player award recipient, NorCal Volleyball Club Silver bid
- P1440 Girls Beach Junior National Championship 3rd place
- P1440 Northern CA Beach Qualifier 2nd place, Monterey BVNE Junior Beach Open

CASTRO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

- Four-year Varsity Girls Volleyball student athlete
- Three North Coast Section, Division 1, First Round Championship appearances
- Three North Coast Section, CIF, Distinguished Scholastic Team Academic award recipient
- Castro Valley Forum Coach's Nominee and Featured Athlete of the Week

Madison is in Year 2 for Hospitality and Culinary Arts, Food handling certificate. She plans to major in Kinesiology or Hospitality Management after finishing at CSM.



















Madison Low

Dear Maddie,

Thinking about you, as a future College of San Mateo Bulldog, it's quite wonderful and ironic to know your ultimate pet love, an iconic dog breed, happens to be CSM's mascot. The Bulldog is the quintessential doggo to demonstrate bold resolve, gregariousness, kindness but courageousness, fierce loyalty, strength and tenacity, like you. Also, just as a puppy grows into its paws, we've admired your one-of-a-kind, unique footprint, watching it grow and mature over the last seventeen years. There's no doubt you're that gritty dog ready to take on the next level of indoor and beach volleyball.

From birth, we knew you were going to break "normal", surprising us with an early arrival and an identical twin sister. Having two, very tiny premature babies born perfectly developed and healthy was the ultimate gift for us. I can still remember the nurse placing you in my arms and how instantly unfamiliar it was to feel just a blanket because you were a four-pound featherweight. No one could have anticipated the enormous growth about to happen. By Kindergarten, the naive parents that we were, tried to wrap our heads around the fact we had the two youngest but tallest kids in class!

Naturally, most of your sport intros began as little sister tagalongs. While some coaches expressed intrique with basketball potential, the connection wasn't there. Eventually volleyball started to stand out and it wasn't long before you were smitten. Dad and I were quickly inspired with your devotion, physical strength and presence, technical skill recall, court awareness and strategic game IQ. It's an uncanny absorption and life motivator. Sport specific vocabulary, concepts and skill breakdown have unselfishly been shared to inspire and teach new players about this sport you love and throughout the years, also been shared with competitive teammates, sometimes at unforeseeable great personal cost. Despite unintended deficits, so much of your identity and character have been forged through the last seven years playing volleyball. We have absolutely loved watching you play! We've laughed with joy at hard work and success, hugged and cried over hard-fought battles, frustration and sadness, and learned that peace comes from prayer and faith in God encompassing it all, especially the deepest unknown moments. Your heart unabashedly leads with passion, purpose and people first which admirably takes a deep well of inner capacity and fortitude to stand in that space, sometimes alone.

It felt like the sky was the limit after the High-Performance week in TN, but then life was forever altered with Covid-19. Thankfully, we had our family and a volleyball family at NorCal Volleyball Club. Your coaches dialed into the sanctuary of keeping up a schedule whether it was permissible grass volleyball in cohorts, Zoomed skill practices or driving hours or state lines away to comply with local health guidelines and push the boundaries of training while fully masked. Watching you spend these numerous hours exercising, sweating and toiling with the difficulty of breathing in a mask made a positive imprint despite other unmeasurable loss and sacrifice. Recouping your following season, to make a run at Nationals and compete against regions who didn't have to train under some of the strictest Covid-19 restrictions of CA, finishing two points shy of a podium stand, will forever hold a special place in our hearts. The rocky road continued into 2021-2022 as we learned, within a few months of each











other, the head school coach, beach and indoor coaches all unexpectedly relocated, leaving you with a lot of questions and doubt. This was supposed to be the most critical Junior season. Then added to that devastating news, you experienced your first serious volleyball injury followed by another less than six months later which almost wiped out your entire Senior school season. Your identity, your dreams and your goals reached a crossroads and all we can say is that there were so many roads which could have been taken. You chose to apply yourself to the heavy work, patiently waiting months on the return to volleyball, committing yourself to physical therapy and creating joy to this day, by dedicating yourself to elite strength training on non volleyball days.

It truly takes a village to raise a child through all the ups, downs and plateaus of life. We are incredibly thankful for all the coaches who have given you opportunity, stellar training and experiences of a lifetime. What a privilege to be supported by Xcel and NorCal VBC. We are also so blessed to meet super knowledgeable, encouraging trainers who have built you back stronger and better than ever. Above all, Madison, we are incredibly blessed and very thankful to be on this journey with you, to watch you spread your wings and fly on your own.

Love you to the moon and back! Mom and Dad



















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Salesian College Preparatory High School – Berkeley City College (Berkeley, CA)

Monique is graduating from Salesian College Preparatory (SCP) HS; she played varsity for two years at SCP. As a Senior, she was Captain on the team as a starting hitter that won the 2022 women's volleyball title in the Tri-County Athletic League (TCAL) Stone Division. Monique will attend Berkeley City College and transfer thereafter to a school in L.A. Monique will be pursuing a career in Nursing and plans to focus completely on her education for now. Monique plans to continue playing recreational volleyball or competitively through club.



When you first started playing volleyball, we had no clue what we were getting involved in... LOL.

You have taken us on an amazing, unforgettable, fun filled journey. You are now about to begin your new journey and we are so excited for you. It has always been a joy watching you play since 6th grade. We have traveled to so many places that we probably would have never gone.

You have built lasting friendships with your teammates, and you have worked so hard. You are an honest, amazing daughter and it has been so awesome to watch you grow into a beautiful young woman. Remember we are here to support you in everything you do.

Love always, Your biggest fans – Dad, Mom and Brother













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Monique Plummer















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Makenzie Ravera

Granada High School – California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton, CA)

Makenzie played volleyball all four years at Granada HS, two years on the Varsity team where she found her position as Middle Blocker. A highlight was when her Granada Matadors team made the North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs her Junior year and they defeated the West Alameda County league champs, Bishop O'Dowd, in the first round of the playoffs. Makenzie was the recipient of the GHS Matador Award this past season that's given to the player for their strong work ethic and leadership on and off the court.

Makenzie played her first season of recreational volleyball in 6th grade after many years on the soccer field and realized how much she enjoyed the sport. The following year, she started playing for East Bay VBC, then moved on to Core VBC, and ended this past year with Xceleration – her favorite club by far. She has sincerely enjoyed all the time, opportunity, hard work, coaching, and experiences she has had throughout both her high school and club volleyball seasons and will forever cherish all her time on the court, team camaraderie, and friendships she has made over the years. Some of her closest friends are those she's made in volleyball. She couldn't have asked for a more amazing ending to her volleyball career playing for Xcel 18 Blue team this year. With a bid to Junior Nationals, they battled their way against top talent and placed 3rd within their division. Great coaching, great team, and great talent! So proud, we could not have asked for a more exciting finish to her volleyball career.

Makenzie completed six years of National Charity League (NCL), Livermore Chapter, contributing over 120 hours of local community service.

Makenzie will be going to Cal State Fullerton to focus on a Biological Sciences degree.















Makenzie Ravera

Dear Makenzie,

We are so proud of the young adult you are becoming! It is so hard to think this chapter of volleyball is coming to an end, but that just means a new chapter is about to begin. This is not the last, but the beginning of some new firsts for you and we are more than excited to see where you go from here. The world is at your fingertips, we know you will do amazing things and touch the lives of so many along the way with your amazing drive, work ethic and with the ease at which organization, intention, and dedication comes to you.

In the years of team sports beginning back at 5 years old, there was never one day that you mentioned you did not want to go to a practice or to a game or sporting function. You were always there, present, and ready to take on whatever was thrown your way, no matter what time of day it was, how much sleep you had, or didn't have, or how well you were feeling. You were always up and ready to go to ensure you were on-time and did not want to let anyone down. From playing volleyball, to working multiple jobs starting at 16 years old, while continuing to maintain a 4.0 GPA throughout high school, you demonstrate that you have what it takes to succeed in life. You have great tenacity, dedication and mindset that if there is a will, there is a way. This will take you far in life, and we cannot wait to see where your next chapter takes you. Go Titans!! The sky's the limit, Kenz. We are here for you for whatever you need. We are so proud of you, love you to the moon and back, and will always be just a phone call away when you need us!

Love you always, Mom, Dad & Bro















Makenzie Ravera

















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Aunyka Uresti

Berean Christian High School - Messiah University (Mechanicsburg, PA)

- 2023 Xceleration VBC 3rd place finishes at SCVA National Qualifier, NCVA Sierra National Qualifier, and USAV 18s Nationals Freedom Division
- 2022 California Interscholastic Federation Div. V State Champion
 - 2022 Diablo Athletic League (DAL) MVP
 - 2022 Team Captain
 - 2022 Berean Christian HS (BCHS) Team Co-MVP
 - 2022 Xceleration Volleyball Team USAV Nationals Qualifier
 - 2022 Max Preps Stat Leader Ranked 22nd in Assists for the State of CA
- 2021 DAL First Team All-League
 - 2021 Team Captain
 - 2021 BCHS MVP
 - 2021 Varsity Girls Soccer
- 2019 Bentley HS Volleyball Tournament; All-Tournament Team
- 2019-2022 4-year Varsity Volleyball Starting Setter

Aunyka will be in the Pre-Veterinary program at Messiah University.

Aunyka,

Your journey in volleyball began when you were just seven years old, and now, ten years later, you are still thriving. It has been a delightful experience to witness your transformation from a little girl with big aspirations to a confident and powerful young woman who is successfully achieving her goals.

We are immensely proud of the progress you have made as both a player and a person. Through volleyball, you have learned the significance of teamwork, the importance of relying on others for support, and the art of leading a group through challenging times. Your composure and control during the State Championship run were truly awe-inspiring. You never once wavered in your conviction that you and your team could accomplish greatness, and now, you are State Champions.

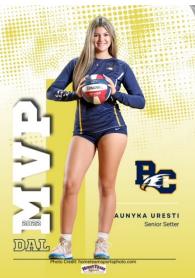
We are thrilled that you have chosen to attend and play volleyball at Messiah. Your unwavering determination throughout the college selection process was a true testament to your character, and it made us extremely proud. It is heartening to see you take flight with a great team of people around you.

You have invested tremendous effort, persevered through hardships, and emerged even stronger.

Congratulations on concluding your high school career on such a high note! From winning the State Championship to making a Nationals run, you and your teams have competed with unrelenting passion. What a thrilling ride it has been!

We love you tons!
Mom & Dad









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Aunyka Uresti

































Olivia Wiseman

Campolindo High School – Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)

Olivia is a four-year Varsity player at Campolindo HS and Team Captain in her Senior year. Olivia will attend Rhodes College to major in Business.

Olivia,

We are beyond proud of you. Your dedication and devotion to your dream of playing at the highest levels and to continue playing in college have been our absolute joy to have a front row seat for.

We can't wait to watch your next journey at Rhodes.

We love you so much and are literally your biggest fans!!

Mom, Dad & Delilah





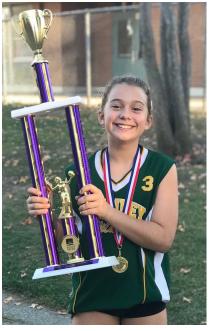
















Olivia Wiseman























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