



CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



HALL OF FAME

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Tuesday, November 21, 2023

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The Volleyball Hall of Fame seeks to honor those from Connecticut, who, in a superlative fashion, have contributed to the enhancement of women's volleyball through participation, service, support, or achievement. Perfection, Achievement, Effort, Dedication – these hallmarks of excellence reflect the lives and careers of our Hall of Famers. Excellence speaks with a voice of its own. In those elected to the Hall of Fame, we are privileged to hear that voice. The Connecticut Women's Volleyball Hall of Famers exemplify the finest achievements in the sport of volleyball.

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PAST INDUCTEES

<u>1998</u>		<u>2005</u>		<u>2012</u>	
CC	Debbie Chin	SP	Lisa M. Barbaro	OFF	Tony Aretakis
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SP	Doreen Paul			<u>2013</u>	
SP	Peg Scofield	<u>2006</u>		HON	Nancy E. Bond
OFF	Fran Vandermeer	SC	Fred Colosimo	SC	Steve Geryk
		HON	Betsy J. Gilmartin	SC	Joe Grippo
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OFF	Vincent Buehler	SC	Cindy Opalski	OFF	Jung Park
CP	Dr. Gale Brown	CP	Priscilla Wallis Schulz	CP	Joanna Weiss
CC	Floretta "Pinky" Crabtree	SP	Josie M. Weymann		
SC	Dr. Winnie Hamilton			<u>2014</u>	
SP	Bonnie Jean Kenny	<u>2007</u>		CP	Alesia Vaccari
		OFF	Julie Bradley	SP	Allison N. Baker
<u>2000</u>		CP	Katie Nicols Henry	SP	Kim Nichols Hanlon
OFF	Louise Albrecht	SP	Bethany Collins-Irwin	SC	Richard Langer
CC	Dr. Joan Barbarich	SC	Alan Malizia	OFF	William S. McAffrey
SC	Linda Hamm	HON	Pat Ryan	HON	Judy Sochin
HON	Joan Joyce	CP	Tamu Cooper Santos	SC	Paul Thees
SP	Christine Kenyon O'Connor				
CP	Lynn Spagnesi	<u>2008</u>		<u>2015</u>	
		SC	Joanne Conte	SC	Richard Heitz
<u>2001</u>		SP	April Hunt	OFF	Marie Lavin
OFF	Eleanor Lemaire	SP	Kris-Andra Houchins	SP	Marina Margaret Rose
SP	Nell-Ayn Aloï Lynch	SP	Ann Moscovics	SP	Tessa Smolinski
CP	Marsha McNeil	OFF	Candy Perez	SP	Kate Whalen
CC	Marilyn Mather	SP	Jill Tomasello		
HON	Brenda A. Reilly*			<u>2016</u>	
SC	Kathryn Symonds	<u>2009</u>		OFF	Shirley E. Breuer
		SP	Brittany Dickinson	SP	Lisa Drennan
<u>2002</u>		OFF	Val Dickinson	SP	Erica Webster Kearney
HON	Dr. Ann Fariss	SC	Gail Ericson	OFF	Jerry Mallory
SC	Barbara Giancarlo	SC	Mary Ellen Vaccari	HON	Clare Matasavage
SP	Krista Blomquist Hall	SP	Holly Ismail	SP	Madison McCaffery
CP	Kathleen Kimball	CP	Robin Salters	SC	Robert Tarigo
OFF	Jean Mee				
SP	Lisa Miller	<u>2010</u>		<u>2017</u>	
		OFF	Cindy DeCarlo	CC	Michael Brienza
<u>2003</u>		SC	George Green	HON	Catherine D'Apice
SC	Erika Beerbaum	SP	Susan Holcombe	SC	Cynthia Fixer
OFF	Bill Cobain	CC	Gale Lackey	SC	Duffy Lynch
SP	Eva Esposito	CP	Judith Schaefer Joslin	SP	Kyle Reed
SP	Patty Doolittle Giannattasio	SP	Heather Washburn	OFF	Cathy Vitelli
HON	F. Tyson Krause				
CP	Kate Sullivan	<u>2011</u>		<u>2018</u>	
		SC	Dave Jockle	SP	Sage Esposito
<u>2004</u>		SP	Mia Malafronte	CP	Lauren Holt
CP	Sheepa Carpenter	SP	Justine Metz	HON	Elena Lockett
SC	Cynthia Hitchcock	SP	Megan Miller	SP	Maitte Mendizabal
SP	Sally Maher	SP	Sandy Hastings Reichel	CC	Richard Myers
SP	Melissa Roy	SP	Becky Corb Thomas	SC	Deborah O'Brien
SC	Mark J. Sullivan	OFF	Barbara Startup		
OFF	Karen B. Zealor				

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2019

CC Erin Appleman
HON James Borbas Jr.
SC Curt Burns
SP Janice Ehorn
OFF Donna Rackie
CP Caitlin Stapleton

2021

SC Sue Bavone
SC Timothy Guernsey
HON Dr. Robert Lehr
OFF Paula McNerney
SP Devon Michaelis
CP Brianna Root
SP Sarah Veilux

2022

CP Ann Marie Bahantka
HON Jeanne Cooper
SC Cathy Federowicz
OFF Tyrone Furties
SP Lisa Cirimo Peterson
SP Despina Soennichsen

CC Collegiate Coach SC Scholastic Coach CP Collegiate Player SP Scholastic Player
OFF Official HON Honorary Inductee

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Jean Hunt *	Cathy-Beth Vitelli

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The CWVBHF was founded in 1997 to recognize and honor the achievements of those who have contributed to the enhancement of women's volleyball in Connecticut. The CWVBHF would like to invite you to become a member.

Your membership will continue to assist in acknowledging outstanding persons who have helped promote volleyball in Connecticut through their achievement on and off the court.

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Membership Fees:

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Connecticut Women's Volleyball Hall of Fame Application

Name: _____

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CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME

The CWVBHF is seeking qualified nominees for next year's induction into the Hall of Fame. According to the constitution, 6 categories are being considered for induction.

They are as follows:

1. SCHOLASTIC PLAYER:

- Must be a graduate of a Connecticut High School
- Must be out of high school a minimum of three years.

2. SCHOLASTIC COACH:

- Must have coached in Connecticut at the high school level for a minimum of four years.

3. COLLEGIATE PLAYER:

- Must be from Connecticut and a college or university graduate.

4. COLLEGIATE COACH:

- Must be a Connecticut college volleyball coach or have coached in Connecticut high schools and college.

5. OFFICIAL:

- Must have officiated in Connecticut scholastic or collegiate volleyball.
- Must have officiated in Connecticut scholastic or collegiate volleyball state tournaments.

6. HONORARY NOMINEE:

- Must have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to and support of women's scholastic and collegiate volleyball.

NOMINATING BALLOT NOMINATION CATEGORIES

In order to nominate, please complete the following, submit additional information in case we have difficulty contacting the nominees: Email to rosemarieventura@sbcglobal.net

Scholastic Player

Name: _____

email: _____

School: _____

Scholastic Coach

Name: _____

email: _____

School: _____

Collegiate Player

Name: _____

email: _____

School: _____

Collegiate Coach

Name: _____

email: _____

School: _____

Official

Name: _____

email: _____

Honorary

Name: _____

email: _____

Please submit your name, email address and phone number

Name: _____

email: _____

phone: _____

Attach additional paper if needed.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS FEBRUARY 26, 2024

2023 HALL OF FAME PROGRAM

Welcome: Duffy Lynch

Procession of past inductees: Heather Kursman

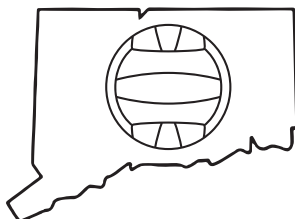
Introduction of inductees: Heather Kursman

Invocation: Duffy Lynch

Dinner

Presentation of awards

<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Nekane Mendizabal	Dave Jockle
Stacy Rivoira	Aliana Rivoira
Jennifer Brigham Myshrall	Melissa Reynolds
Ed Adajian	Heather Kursman
Sandy Doski	Marie Lavin
Coral Richardson	Holly Willette & Dawn Garvey





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Congratulations
class of 2023 inductees

A well deserved honor for all!



NEKANE MENDIZABAL
Scholastic Player

Nekane's passion for the sport of volleyball was evident at Bunnell High School in Stratford, Connecticut. She was part of well documented achievements of the Bulldogs during her 2001-2004 career. As a sophomore starter in 2002, the team compiled a record of 20-4, followed up by an undefeated 25-0 season in 2003 and 21-4 season in 2004 respectively. The 2003 team has the distinction of winning every match 3-0, never allowing a team to reach more than 20 points. Throughout her career, the Bulldogs would record victories quickly winning 3-0. An unfortunate ankle injury her senior year, would keep Nekane sidelined for 10 matches. Nevertheless, she was able to amass an impressive 724 kills, 94 blocks and 100 aces at Bunnell.

Where Nekane's story is really told is during the 2004 post season. She was absolutely unstoppable in both the Southwest Conference and Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference State Tournaments. The Bulldogs won the tough SWC Championship as Nekane was awarded the Most Valuable Player. Bunnell would defeat Cheshire in Class LL State Championship match 3-2 where Nekane would record a staggering 47 kills on 68 swings, 12 digs and 5 aces. Those in attendance would recall it as one of the most dominant performances in state championship history. In spite of a significant ankle injury, Nekane would finish her senior season with accolades that include, Class LL State Championship MVP, Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year, Hartford Courant, Connecticut Post and the New Haven Register Player of the Year, 1st Team Southwest Conference and selected 1st Team All-State. During Nekane's career at Bunnell, the Bulldogs were coached by Dave Jockle, a future Connecticut Women's Volleyball Hall of Fame member Class of 2011. Bunnell finished the 2004 season ranked as the #1 team in Connecticut.

This Connecticut grown talent would next find herself playing volleyball for Southern Connecticut State University from 2006-2010. She was selected to the All-Conference team in 2006, second in the Northeast-10 in blocks per game in 2007, while leading the team in kills, aces, digs, and blocks per game again in 2007. At the conclusion of her career in 2010, Nekane was tied for first in all-time at kills with 812 and first in blocks with 351. She currently sits tied for fifth in kills and second in blocks. The team qualified for the NE10 Tournament and won a match in 2009 for the first time in program history. As team Captain, Nekane led the Owls to win fifty matches in her final two seasons, the highest two-year stretch for the program in thirty years.

Nekane's passion for volleyball remains steadfast as she is currently coaching both high school and club in Miami, Florida. In 2023, her USAV Junior Nationals 14U team finished #1 in the Florida Region. The Southwest Miami Senior High School girls' and boys' volleyball teams have produced numerous District Champions, as well as two Boys' State Championship Runner up appearances in 2019 and 2021. Currently, Nekane spends her time coaching volleyball, teaching high school weight training courses, and spending as much time with her family as possible.



STACY RIVOIRA
Scholastic Coach

A Bristol, Connecticut native and 1988 Bristol Eastern High School graduate, Stacy Rivoira was a four-year participant in the volleyball, basketball, and tennis programs. She was a three-year starter and senior captain in all three sports. While at Bristol Eastern, Stacy was a member of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference State Championship teams in basketball her Junior year and in volleyball her senior year. Upon graduating, Stacy went on to play volleyball at Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts. A four-year starter for the Skyhawks she was named captain her senior year, as well as being selected to the Northeast All Conference team.

Stacy would continue her athletic career as a volleyball coach at her alma mater Bristol Eastern, coaching for twenty-three seasons, the last thirteen as a varsity head coach. She was an assistant coach to Gail Ericson a future Connecticut Women's Volleyball Hall of Fame member Class of 2009, winning the 2005 CIAC Class L State Championship. In 2006, her first year as the head varsity coach, the Lancers went 25-0 and won the CIAC Class L State Championship. In those thirteen seasons, her teams made it to the CIAC State Tournament quarterfinals or better eleven times, won twelve Central Connecticut Conference South Championships, four Central Connecticut Conference Championships, and two CIAC Class L Championships, in 2006 and 2012.

During her career at Bristol Eastern, Stacy coached over forty-six All-Conference players, sixteen CIAC All State players, and one Hartford Courant Player of the Year. She compiled an overall record of 248-56, posting a 143-5 record in the CCC South matches. She went undefeated in the CCC South her final eight seasons, winning her last ninety matches. Stacy was inducted into the Bristol Sports Hall of Fame in 2021.

Stacy is currently in her twenty-fourth year of teaching. The past sixteen of those years have been in kindergarten. For her, teaching kindergarten and coaching high school athletes was a balancing act that never got old. Each of them made her appreciate the other in the most unexpected ways. Trading hats each year between being a mother to three of her own children, a teacher to a class of five-year olds, and a coach to a team of teenagers would prove to be her passion.

Stacy credits her father, Dave Mills, on being a clear role model and influential coaching figure in her life. Her dad, a football coach at Bristol Eastern High School for twenty-six years, consistently demonstrated strong moral character, maintained high expectations, a tireless work ethic, and an undeniable desire to make a difference in every life he touched. He demanded accountability and worked hard to be a knowledgeable and educated coach who passionately displayed his love of coaching whenever he stepped on the field.



JENNIFER BRIGHAM MYSHRALL
Collegiate Player

Jennifer Brigham Myshrall attended Coventry High School beginning in 1992 where she was a three-sport athlete playing volleyball, basketball, and softball all four years. She originally liked basketball the most and won many awards, including the Robert E. Lee Outstanding Freshman Athlete Award, Scholar Athlete Award, Most Improved Award and the Most Valuable Player Award. Jennifer was also selected to play in numerous Connecticut High School All Star Games. During the four-years she was in high school, the Coventry Girls' Basketball team made it to at least the state quarter finals every year. She also played Junior Nationals Basketball. Despite all these basketball accomplishments, volleyball quickly became the sport she had the most passion for.

Jennifer received her first formal volleyball instruction as a freshman at Coventry High School playing for Pete Maneggia. He was an excellent coach and his knowledge and love for the game was quickly passed on. He was also the assistant coach to Deb Adams for the three-years Jennifer played on varsity and continued to encourage her to push harder and become a better volleyball player. For three-years, under the late, great Sandy Hoffman at Bentley Volleyball Camp, Jennifer further added skill, knowledge, and increased her love of the game. By her Junior year in high school, Jennifer was a team leader in blocks and kills and was selected to play with the Eastern Connecticut State University team vs. the #2 National Pro Men's Volleyball team. As a senior she was selected to the State All Star Team and after graduating high school competed in the Nutmeg State Games the Summer before college.

Pace University awarded Jennifer a volleyball scholarship where she went on to lead the Pace Setters to the best four-year stretch in Pace University volleyball history. Arguably the program's best defensive player ever, she currently sits atop the record book in every blocking category. In fact, her total block mark of 708 sits 194 above second place. Of that total, 396 were solo blocks, also the most in school history.

Not only stellar on defense, Jennifer posted a .285 career hitting percentage, the third highest ever, while also ranking in the top-four in career kills, digs, and matches played. In addition to the individual numbers, Pace went a remarkable 130-39 in Jennifer's four-years on the team. The Setters made the NCAA Tournament in all four of the seasons, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen in 1996 and 1997, as well as making a run to the Elite Eight in 1998.

As a freshman, Jennifer helped the Blue and Gold to a New York Collegiate Athletic Conference Playoff title, the first championship in a decorated four-year span. The Setters went on to win the NE10 Playoff Championships in 1997 and 1999, as well as winning the NE10 Regular-Season title in 1998. As a sophomore, Jennifer recorded 124 solo blocks, a new program record. The following season, Jennifer was named to the NCAA Northeast Regional All-Tournament First Team, as well as the AVCA All-Region, and All-NE 10 Second Team.



ED ADAJIAN
Official

Growing up in West Hartford, Connecticut Ed attended both Conard High School and Hall High School. His interest in volleyball began in the Summer of 1969 at Sound View Beach in Old Lyme, Connecticut. “There was a net set up on the sand between two wooden poles. I found myself drawn to the game, even though it was (right back at you) volleyball.” Upon graduating from the University of Hartford in 1979, Ed joined the West Hartford Continuing Education Adult Volleyball program. This proved more organized and in two years he began instructing sessions.

Born out of this experience, in 1986 Ed took over the Hall High School girls’ volleyball program. In 1990, Ed began his officiating career, while still coaching. Barbara Startup a future Connecticut Women’s Volleyball Hall of Fame Founder and inductee Class of 2011, would prove to be a key mentor with her vast knowledge of the sport. While attending numerous coaching and officiating clinics over the years, Ed credits numerous people for having influenced his career. They include Rick Rowey, Boo Brennan, Joel Dearing, the late Bill McCaffrey, as well as Fran Vandermeer, to name only a few.

Some highlights of Ed’s officiating career include doing lines at the United States Nationals in 1995 located at the Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, Massachusetts, as well as being a lines-person for a match between a semblance of the United States Men’s National Volleyball Team vs. the Ukrainian Men’s National Team. Ed reflects “I remember that if I so much as blinked, I missed the play. That’s how fast paced the play was. After that experience, doing lines was a walk in the park!” Moving on to the collegiate level, Ed was a member of the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials also referred as the P.A.V.O.

Being selected to officiate the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference State Tournament Finals is considered to be one our states highest achievements. Ed was selected to officiate the CIAC State Tournament Finals for both girls’ and boys’. Over the years, Ed found himself officiating numerous Juniors Club and AAU Tournaments throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. A member of the Connecticut Board of Volleyball Officials since 1990, Ed has participated in the training of new officials and currently enjoys attending both high school and college matches as a spectator and student of the sport. “A good official never stops learning” is Ed’s philosophy. Today, volleyball remains one of Ed’s true passions!



SANDY DOSKI
Honorary

A career spanning four decades, Sandy Doski credits volleyball for providing a great community to raise her children Abbey and Jeremy in. Her passion for volleyball created lifelong friends and it was during a grass volleyball tournament that she would meet her husband Gary of thirty-four years. Fall of her freshman year at New Milford High School, Sandy tried out for the girls' volleyball team in part because it did not require a lot of running! Head coach Bill Kraft selected Sandy to the team and together embraced their pursuit of knowledge and passion for the sport of volleyball.

While attending Total #1 Volleyball Camp run by future Connecticut Women's Volleyball Hall of Fame member, Debbie Chin ('98), Sandy would share her experiences with her high school team – a true coach in the making! In 1980, Sandy's senior year, Northeastern University began recruiting and would eventually offer her a scholarship to play volleyball. The opportunity at Northeastern University would have a lasting impression upon Sandy. Over the years, she committed herself to giving back to the volleyball community that changed her life for better. In 1987, while working in her hometown New Milford, Sandy was offered the JV coaching position at New Milford High School, back on the sidelines with former high school coach Bill Kraft. A few years later, John Mac-Millan persuaded her to join him in coaching JV at New Fairfield High School.

In 1994, the lure of grass volleyball tournaments proved too strong to resist. Sandy and husband Gary took over running the tournaments where they had originally met. With an infant and a toddler in tow, she continued to coach at New Fairfield High School. Sandy remarks fondly, "my kids are the true definition of gym rats". After thirteen years coaching at New Fairfield High School, Sandy began coaching at Newtown High School where her daughter Abbey attended. Coaching JV and being an assistant varsity coach to Tom Czaplinski, Sandy coached her daughter Abbey for four years all the way to a CIAC Class LL State Championship in 2012. To support her son Jeremy, Sandy would retire from coaching and become a volleyball referee in 2012. Eleven years later, she is still climbing stands with a whistle with her red and yellow cards in her back pocket.

Next, in 2015, this volleyball enthusiast would create the boys' volleyball program at Newtown High School. The first season saw the Night Hawks go 3-13, but that would soon change. The next few years under Sandy's coaching, the team would win two Southwest Conference Championships. Sandy would again team up with her son, running outdoor grass tournaments and coaching at the local club. Partnering with the outdoor grass program, she joined her son in raising money for the Nectar Fund, an organization that awards volleyball scholarships.

With gratitude Sandy remarks, *"volleyball has been the source of many great things in my life, and I could not have done it without the support of so many people over the years. Staying involved in the sport as I got older was a way for me to stay connected to the world that gave me so much joy. I love volleyball and feel blessed to be able to pay it forward"*.



CORAL RICHARDSON
Honorary

Coral Richardson began playing volleyball in 1974, her senior year at Bristol Eastern High School. In 1975, she went on to play volleyball at Southern Connecticut State College for four-years. The Owls won the 1977 New England Volleyball Championships. Coral also played basketball for four-years and softball for one year at SCSC. Upon graduation, she continued to compete in numerous tournaments traveling throughout the Northeast with the New England Yankee Volleyball Association.

In 1990, Coral began to compete in National USA Volleyball tournaments. She played in over fifteen tournaments located throughout the United States and was fortunate enough to bring back medals for over half of those tournaments. For the past twelve-years, Coral has competed in the Huntsman's World Senior Games in Utah and has been awarded six Gold medals, two Silver medals and two Bronze medals. A highlight in Coral's senior career was to qualify for the Senior USA team that traveled to New Zealand to compete in the World Master's games. Coral continues to perform at a high level achieving numerous victories in the beach and grass volleyball circuit.

During the 1980's, Coral began coaching volleyball at Bristol Central High School, as well as AAU and USA Juniors Club in Connecticut. A coaching career that spanned over two decades, Coral loved growing the sport of volleyball, until she resigned in 2001. Coaching Track and Field at the high school level for thirteen-years has solidified Coral's commitment to scholastic athletes. Over the past twenty-years, Coral has been officiating high school, AAU, USA Club and NCAA volleyball matches.

For the past five-years, Pickle Ball has been a passion for Coral. She has played in several tournaments and won a Gold medal, two Silver medals and two Bronze medals respectively.

Coral is quoted as saying,

"All the sports and teams that I have had the luxury to play on specifically the sport of volleyball helped me grow as a person and athlete and provided me with positive influences in my life. When you love something, it is hard not to strive to do your very best."

CONGRATULATIONS

Stacy Rivoira
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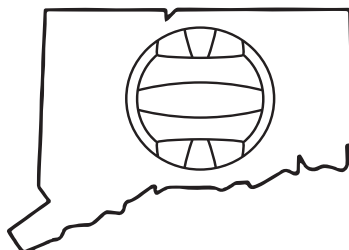
Thanks for all you have done for our great sport
over the years and for all of your success!

Fondly,
Farmington High School Girls Volleyball Program



Nekane, Stacy, Jennifer, Ed,
Sandy & Coral
Congratulations and best wishes!

- LISA CIRMO PETERSON -
2022 INDUCTEE





**Congratulations to Southern Connecticut
State University Volleyball Alumni
Nekane Mendizabal & Coral Richardson!
Thank you for everything you have done
for our program and the great sport of
volleyball. Your leadership, skill, and work
has had a positive impact on the future
generations within our sport.**

We are very Owl Proud !



- LISA BARBARO -

CONGRATULATIONS CORAL



WE ARE SO PROUD

THE BRISTOL RETIREE BREAKFAST CLUB
CANDY, CATHY, HOPE, LAURA, LINDA, MARILYN,
MAUREEN, MARY-ALICE & SHIRLEY

Congratulations

CORAL

Outstanding Player, Coach, Official, Friend



Your Southern Roomates !

-CANDY PEREZ -



CONGRATULATIONS STACY

Thank you for seasons of great competition,
years of wonderful memories and
for a friendship that is endless.

I am so proud of you and so happy for you.

Blessings always,
Laura



**** Congratulations ****

Sandy Doski

2023 HONORARY INDUCTEE

Connecticut Volleyball Hall of Fame



Congratulations Nekane on a well
deserved recognition! I'm so proud of you.

- LOVE BAKES -

Congratulations Nekane. So proud of you!

- COACH JOCKLE -

Congratulations class of 2023!

- ALAN MALIZIA -

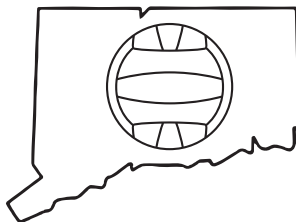


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on their induction and thanks them
for their decades of commitment to
the sport of volleyball.

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2016 Shirley Breuer

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2013 Jung Park

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2006 Fred Colosimo (inducted as coach)

2004 Cynthia Hitchcock (inducted as coach)

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HALL OF FAME

PERFECTION
ACHIEVEMENT
EFFORT
DEDICATION

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Class of 2023

25th Annual Induction Ceremony

The Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, Connecticut





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