

# RICE<sup>®</sup>

## VOLLEYBALL

### 2017 QUICK FACTS

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#### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location:	Houston, Texas
Founded:	1891
Enrollment:	6,623
Nickname:	Owls
Mascot:	Sammy the Owl
Colors:	Blue and Gray Pantone 281c and Pantone 428c
Conference:	Conference USA, since 2005
Facility:	Tudor Fieldhouse (5,750)
President:	David W. Leebron (Harvard, 1976)
Sr. Associate AD/SWA:	Stacy Mosely (Cal Poly, 1993)
Website:	RiceOwls.com

#### VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

2016 Record:	20-12
2016 C-USA Record/Place:	10-4, T-3rd
2016 Postseason:	N/A
Starters R/L:	5/2
Letterwinners R/L:	10/6
Newcomers:	4
Conference Affiliations:	Conference USA (2005-present) Western Athletic Conference (1996-2004) Southwest Conference (1982-1995)
All-Time Record:	670-603 (36 years)
All-Time C-USA Record:	118-77 (12 years)
All-Time C-USA Champ. Record:	10-9
C-USA Championships (1):	2009
All-Time WAC Record:	69-57 (1996-2004)
All-Time WAC Champ. Record:	3-6 (6 appearances)
All-Time SWC Record:	33-104 (14 years)
All-Time SWC Champ. Record:	0-4 (4 appearances)
NCAA Appearances (3):	2009 (0-1); 2008 (0-1); 2004 (0-1)

Head Coach:	Genny Volpe (14th season) Texas A&M, 1995 241-162 (13 seasons)
Alma Mater:	Same
Record at Rice:	(713) 348-8884
Overall Record:	Zheng Xiang (4th season) Indiana, 2000 (713) 348-4795
Office Phone:	Ariel Apolinario (2nd season) King, 2010 (713) 348-8883
Assistant Coach:	Daniela Arenas (2nd season) Rice, 2015
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## 2017 Rice Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown/Last School	Rice College
3	Madison McDaniel	S	6-0	Sr./2L	The Woodlands, Texas/Arizona St.	McMurtry
5	Lee Ann Cunningham	DS	5-7	So./1L	Louisville, Ky./Assumption HS	Duncan
7	Grace Morgan	MB	6-2	So./1L	Crowley, La./Notre Dame HS	Hanszen
8	Lauren Lee	L/DS	5-1	Fr./HS	Coppell, Texas/Coppell HS	Martel
9	Kassidy Muse	RS	6-0	Fr./HS	Oklahoma City, Okla./Edmond Santa Fe HS	Baker
10	Yonca Bartu	OH	5-11	So./1L	Geneva Switzerland/School of Geneva	Jones
11	Nicole Lennon	OH	6-2	Fr./HS	Katy, Texas/Cinco Ranch HS	Baker
13	Stephanie Mendivil	OH	6-3	RJr./2L	Tucson, Ariz./Cienga HS	Sid Richardson
15	McKay Kyle	MB	6-0	Jr./2L	San Antonio, Texas/Alamo Heights HS	Lovett
16	Julianna Dole	S/DS	5-6	Jr./2L	Santa Clara, Calif./Saugus HS	Lovett
18	Adria Martinez	S	5-11	So./1L	Spring, Texas/Concordia Lutheran HS	Duncan
21	Shelby Livingstone	OH	6-2	Sr./3L	Malibu, Calif./Oaks Christian HS	Will Rice
22	Portia Okafor	MB	6-2	Sr./3L	Lewisville, Texas/Lewisville HS	Brown
39	Seyvion Waggoner	OH	5-11	Fr./HS	Bountiful, Utah/Bountiful HS	Martel

### Coaching Staff

Genny Volpe (14th season, Texas A&M '95) - Head Coach

Zheng Xiang (4th season, Indiana, '00) - Assistant Coach

Ariel Apolinario (2nd season, King, '10) - Assistant Coach

Daniela Arenas (2nd season, Rice, '15) - Volunteer Assistant Coach

# 2016 SEASON STATS

Overall record: 20-12 Conf: 10-4 Home: 12-3 Away: 5-6 Neutral: 3-3

#	Player	sp	Attack					Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					points		
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s		be	bhe
8	Harris, Chelsey	121	432	3.57	140	938	.311	5	0.04	1	0	0.01	0	57	0.47	4	76	80	0.66	10	0	475.0
4	Mikesky, Leah	118	368	3.12	138	1142	.201	32	0.27	5	13	0.04	25	318	2.69	8	35	43	0.36	1	4	398.5
22	Okafor, Portia	106	219	2.07	52	530	.315	10	0.09	1	3	0.01	3	33	0.31	38	98	136	1.28	20	0	307.0
15	Kyle, McKay	72	154	2.14	45	307	.355	5	0.07	0	0	0.00	0	20	0.28	6	42	48	0.67	3	0	181.0
21	Livingstone, Shelby	121	148	1.22	71	511	.151	21	0.17	15	20	0.12	28	266	2.20	4	22	26	0.21	2	0	178.0
7	Morgan, Grace	76	87	1.14	16	226	.314	6	0.08	0	0	0.00	0	26	0.34	13	72	85	1.12	7	0	136.0
3	McDaniel, Madison	121	85	0.70	21	212	.302	1291	10.67	10	14	0.08	0	391	3.23	8	59	67	0.55	3	11	132.5
13	Mendivil, Stephanie	51	65	1.27	31	207	.164	1	0.02	0	1	0.00	0	19	0.37	11	17	28	0.55	0	0	84.5
14	Bawcum, Andi	43	76	1.77	31	276	.163	1	0.02	0	0	0.00	5	20	0.47	3	7	10	0.23	2	0	82.5
5	Cunningham, Lee Ann	121	6	0.05	1	12	.417	131	1.08	23	18	0.19	18	511	4.22	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	29.0
16	Dole, Julianna	121	0	0.00	1	6	-.167	26	0.21	29	37	0.24	8	221	1.83	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	29.0
6	Holman, Maddi	44	1	0.02	1	2	.000	1	0.02	7	6	0.16	0	18	0.41	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0
18	Martinez, Adria	53	0	0.00	0	1	.000	2	0.04	6	6	0.11	0	27	0.51	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
2	Patterson, Meghan	36	0	0.00	0	0	.000	3	0.08	5	9	0.14	0	11	0.31	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
12	Rogers, Miranda	2	1	0.50	0	2	.500	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	0.50	0	0	1.5
RICE		121	1642	13.57	548	4372	.250	1535	12.69	102	127	0.84	96	1938	16.02	95	429	309.5	2.56	48	17	2053.5
Opponents		121	1666	13.77	719	4684	.202	1554	12.84	96	175	0.79	102	1912	15.80	53	300	203.0	1.68	66	44	1965.0

Team Statistics	RICE	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.	
<b>ATTACK</b>								
Kills	1642	1666	08/26/16	vs Cal Poly	L 1-3	21-25,25-21,22-25,17-25	82	
Errors	548	719	08/27/16	at #13 BYU	L 2-3	20-25,25-23,26-24,18-25,8-15	384	
Total Attacks	4372	4684	08/27/16	at Utah Valley	w 3-0	25-18,25-22,25-17	77	
Attack Pct	.250	.202	08/30/16	HOUSTON BAPTIST	w 3-0	25-17,25-12,25-21	399	
Kills/Set	13.6	13.8	09/02/16	vs UTAH	L 0-3	21-25,17-25,18-25	53	
SET			09/03/16	vs Illinois State	w 3-2	25-17,17-25,25-21,21-25,15-13	67	
Assists	1535	1554	09/03/16	at MIZZOU	L 1-3	15-25,25-20,21-25,20-25	3142	
Attempts	4365	4657	09/09/16	OAKLAND	w 3-0	25-16,25-21,25-20	360	
Assist Pct	.352	.334	09/10/16	SAM HOUSTON STATE	L 2-3	22-25,25-20,25-23,14-25,12-15	172	
Assists/Set	12.7	12.8	09/10/16	#24 USC	L 1-3	18-25,25-21,12-25,23-25	576	
SERVE			09/14/16	TEXAS TECH	L 2-3	20-25,25-17,15-25,25-23,16-18	446	
Aces	102	96	09/16/16	YALE	w 3-0	25-8,25-15,25-20	268	
Errors	127	175	09/17/16	A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI	w 3-1	21-25,25-22,25-15,29-27	625	
Attempts	2700	2502	09/17/16	HOUSTON	w 3-0	25-18,25-21,25-21	547	
Serve Pct	.953	.930	*09/23/16	UTEP	w 3-2	25-15,22-25,22-25,25-11,15-11	244	
Aces/Set	0.8	0.8	*09/25/16	LA TECH	w 3-0	25-18,25-14,25-12	480	
SERVE RECEPTIONS			*09/30/16	at Middle Tennessee	w 3-0	25-14,25-19,25-14	183	
Errors	96	102	10/01/16	at Tennessee State	w 3-1	25-18,18-25,25-17,25-22	217	
Errors/Set	0.8	0.8	*10/09/16	at FIU	w 3-0	25-22,25-23,26-24	360	
Attempts	2325	2568	*10/11/16	at FAU	L 2-3	25-14,24-26,25-18,18-25,10-15	151	
Reception Pct	.959	.960	*10/14/16	MARSHALL	w 3-0	25-18,25-23,25-18	466	
DEFENSE			*10/16/16	UAB	w 3-0	25-17,25-20,25-21	429	
Digs	1938	1912	*10/21/16	at UTSA	L 0-3	19-25,27-29,21-25	885	
Digs/Set	16.0	15.8	**10/23/16	at UTEP	w 3-1	22-25,25-13,25-14,25-18	438	
BLOCKING			*10/28/16	NORTH TEXAS	w 3-1	25-16,25-21,24-26,25-15	787	
Block Solo	95	53	*10/30/16	CHARLOTTE	w 3-0	25-14,25-15,25-21	467	
Block Assist	429	300	*11/04/16	at #21 WKU	L 0-3	12-25,20-25,18-25	903	
Total Blocks	309.5	203.0	*11/06/16	at Southern Miss	L 2-3	25-22,25-15,30-32,21-24,13-15	297	
Blocks/Set	2.6	1.7	*11/12/16	UTSA	w 3-0	25-17,25-23,28-26	819	
Block Errors	48	66	11/18/16	vs Marshall	w 3-0	26-24,25-23,25-20	623	
Ball handling errors	17	44	11/19/16	vs Southern Miss	w 3-2	25-19,25-17,26-28,23-25,15-5	424	
ATTENDANCE			11/20/16	vs WKU	L 2-3	22-25,20-25,25-19,25-17,15	801	
Total	7085	7037	Record in 3-set matches:13-3 • Record in 4-set matches:4-3 • Record in 5-set matches:3-6					
Dates/Avg Per Date	15/472	11/640						
Neutral site #/Avg	6/342							
Current win streak	0	-						
Home win streak	10	-						



# GENNY VOLPE

Head Coach

14th season at Rice

14th season overall

Record at Rice: 241-162

Overall Record: 241-162

Entering 2017, her 14th season at Rice, Genny Volpe has established the Owl volleyball program as a power in the Southwest. The Owls, with Volpe as head coach, have now been to three NCAA championships (2004, 2008, and 2009), the only three appearances in Rice's history.

Volpe, the sixth head coach in Rice history, has the highest winning percentage (.598) in school history and has compiled a 241-162 record.

In addition, Volpe serves as the Conference USA representative on the AVCA Division I Head Coaches Committee.

Volpe, the 2008 Conference USA Coach of the Year, coached teams that earned at-large berths to the NCAA Tournament in 2004 and 2008, and a team that won an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament by winning the 2009 C-USA Tournament Championship. Under Volpe, the Owls have finished in the top four of their conference six times, including three second-place finishes (2004, 2011 and 2012).

While at the helm for the Owls, Volpe has coached 10 All-Americans, and 43 all-conference selections. Under Volpe, Rice players have received a C-USA Player of the Week award 64 times since joining the league in 2005.

The Owls advanced all the way to the C-USA Championship match of the C-USA Tournament in 2016 following Volpe's sixth 20-win season.

In 2015, the Owls defeated two Top-25 programs in No. 23 Colorado and No. 22 WKU en route to a 21-10 record, which marked the fifth 20-win season under Volpe.

A standout setter at Texas A&M, Volpe has seen three of her setters at Rice lead the league in assists per set, and has had helped two of her players earn C-USA Setter of the Year honors, Meredith Schamun in 2009 and Megan Murphy in 2012.

Success for Volpe's athletes is not limited to the volleyball floor, as 13 Owls have been tabbed as C-USA All-Academic Team selections, since the start of that honor in 2006. In addition, Leah Mikesky was named a CoSIDA Academic First-Team All-American in 2016.

In 2014 Volpe led the Owls to 23 wins, the fifth-most in school history. Rice advanced to the C-USA Championship game and along the way collected 16 shutouts while earning five C-USA All-Conference selections.

Rice went 19-12 in 2012, and were led by four All-C-USA selections, including Rice's first three-time All-American, Nancy Cole, and C-USA Setter of the Year, Megan Murphy. Rice posted a 12-4 Conference USA mark in 2012, including a 7-1 record at home.

The 2012 season also marked the first time that Volpe faced off against one of her former assistants, with Trent Herman visiting Tudor Fieldhouse as head coach of Houston Baptist, after spending 2004-07 as an assistant to Volpe at Rice.

The 2011 edition saw Rice with an 18-13 overall mark and a 13-7 second-place record in Conference USA. The Owls also produced AVCA

All-America Honorable Mentions Cole and redshirt-sophomore Murphy. Cole was a first-team All-C-USA honoree, while Murphy was a second-team pick. Freshman Jillian Humphrey was selected to the All-C-USA Freshman squad.

During 2009, the Owls won their first-ever conference championship when they defeated Tulsa 3-2, to earn Conference USA's NCAA automatic bid. Rice also sported a final RPI ranking of 37, its highest ever, out of 330 institutions, to lead C-USA. In 2009, Rice produced the C-USA Setter of the Year in Meredith Schamun and the C-USA Libero of the Year in Tracey Lam. Those two along with Ashleigh McCord and Natalie Bogan were All-C-USA First Team selections as well as AVCA All-America Honorable Mentions. Volpe also collected match victory number 100 with a 3-1 win at UAB on Sept. 28, 2009.

In 2008, Rice posted a 23-7 overall record, while winning a school-record 12 of 16 matches in C-USA play that placed them third in the standings, their highest finish to date. The Owls also cleaned up several C-USA awards. Tracey Lam was named as the league's Libero of the Year, while Karyn Morgan, Meredith Schamun, and Natalie Bogan were selected to the C-USA First Team. Lam and Jessica Holderness were named to the C-USA Second Team, while Ashleigh McCord made the C-USA All-Freshman Team. In 2004, her first season at Rice, Volpe led the Owls to a 25-5 overall record and the team's first ever NCAA tournament appearance. Volpe's squad finished the season with marks in the top 30 nationally in assists per game, blocks per game, kills per game, and hitting percentage. The Owls were ranked 15th in the nation in assists and kills, recording 15.54 assists per game and 16.9 kills per game. Even more impressive is the fact that the Owls were competitive with the very best teams in the nation, taking then third-ranked Hawaii to four games on the Wahine's home court and forcing a fifth game against then top-ranked Minnesota.

In her tenure at Rice, Volpe has coached the Rice career leaders in kills (Rebeca Pazo, 1969), assists (Meredith Schamun, 5190), digs (Tracey Lam, 2399), and blocks (Tessa Kuykendall, 546).

Volpe spent the three seasons prior to her arrival at Rice as an assistant coach at Texas A&M, where the Aggies tallied a 70-26 overall record and appeared in the NCAA tournament each season. Texas A&M went 23-10 in 2003 and advanced to the NCAA regional semifinal where the Aggies lost to eventual national champion USC. The Aggies finished the 2003 season ranked 16th in the final American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) poll, and tied for third in the Big 12 with a 13-7 conference record.

The Aggies' 2001 season, Volpe's first as an A&M assistant, was special for the San Antonio native not only because she was returning to her alma mater or because A&M continued its succession of NCAA appearances that began her senior year, but also because one of her protégés, setter Jenna Moscovic, became only the second Aggie in A&M volleyball history to earn first-team all-America honors from the AVCA. In addition, A&M ended the season ranked second in the nation in both assists and kills per game.