

ANGELA HUBBARD

- First Season as Head Women's Volleyball Coach
- Youngest head women's volleyball coach in the NCAA Division I ranks
- Coached at Nicholls State, University of Tennessee at Martin and University of West Georgia
- Helped Nicholls State improve by eight victories during the 2006 season
- Ranked in the top-10 in the West Georgia record books for career digs



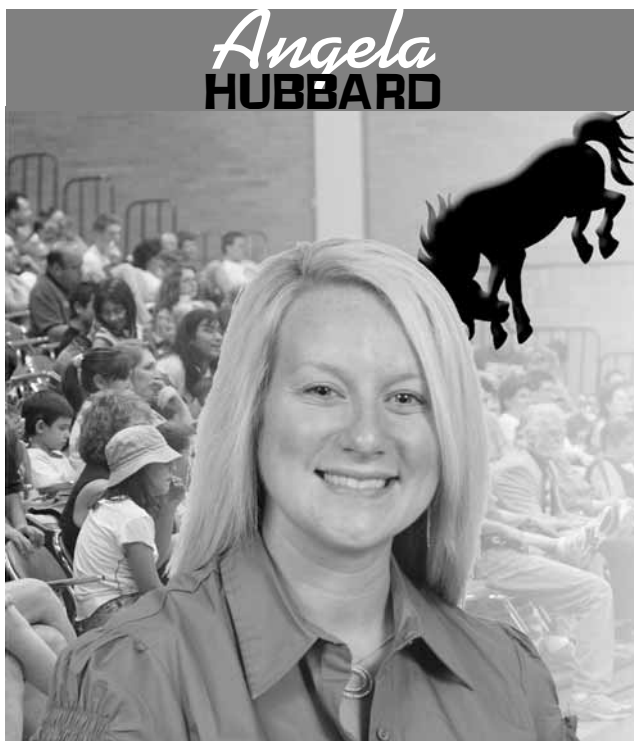
LEAH JOHNSON

- First Season as Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach
- Coached at Missouri State where the Bears reached the NCAA Tournament
- Served as Director and Coach of Club 417 Volleyball
- Competed with Missouri State where the Bears finished with 23rd in the nation
- Served as a two-time team captain at Missouri State

TALIA OGLE

- First Season as Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach
- Coached at the University of North Carolina-Asheville
- Won a scholarship to attend the AVCA Coaches' Clinic in 2006
- Guided the UNC-Asheville to the Big South Conference Championship
- Ranked as one of the top players for the Bulldogs in her last two seasons





**Angela
HUBBARD**

**HEAD COACH • FIRST SEASON
UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA (2004)**



**YOUNGEST NCAA DIVISION I
HEAD WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACHES**

(Ages of list as of July 1, 2007)

COACH	SCHOOL	AGE
1. Angela Hubbard	UTPA	25
2. Kristina Hernandez	Loyola (MD)	26
3. Holly Strauss	Connecticut	26
4. Nicole McRay	Georgia Southern	26
5. Lyndsey Benson	Northern Colorado	27
6. Marcie Bornhack	Loyola of Chicago	27
7. Amy Kraljev	Louisiana-Lafayette	28
8. Kimberly Martinez	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	28
9. Renata Nowacki	Southeast Missouri State	29
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Angela Hubbard begins her first season as head women's volleyball coach at The University of Texas-Pan American.

Hubbard was announced the program's fourth head coach on March 23, 2007, and became the youngest NCAA Division I women's volleyball head coach in the country.

The UTPA head women's volleyball coach comes to the Rio Grande Valley from Nicholls State University, a member of the Southland Conference, where the first-year head women's volleyball coach served as the assistant coach during the 2006 season.

In her time with the Colonials, Hubbard served as the Recruiting Coordinator while holding down responsibilities for on-floor coaching, scouting, film breakdown, tape exchange, conditioning, game management, travel and other administrative duties.

Hubbard helped the success of former Colonial outside hitter Atina Porter, who finished her senior season with 507 kills - an average of 4.74 per game - which led the Southland Conference. Porter was cited as a second team All-Southland Conference selection and was named to three all-tournament teams to go along with a Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week laurel during the 2006 campaign.

In her addition, Hubbard assisted in conducting summers camps and coach's clinic while assisting in the direction of several setter/hitter and skills clinics. The former Colonials' assistant coach worked several summer camps at the University of Alabama, University of South Alabama, University of Tennessee-Martin and University of West Georgia.

Prior to joining the coaching staff at Nicholls State, Hubbard served as the assistant coach at the University of Tennessee-Martin during the 2005 season. During her tenure with Skyhawks, Hubbard served as the defensive specialist coach under her former collegiate coach Amy Draper.

Hubbard also served as the assistant coach under Draper at the University of West Georgia - an NCAA Division II program in the Gulf South Conference - where she held responsibilities on the defensive side of the net. In her first season with the Wolves, West Georgia went to the Gulf South Conference Tournament for the first time in 16 years.

As an assistant coach at the University of West Georgia, Hubbard played an integral role in several members of the Wolves attaining post-season awards and accolades following the conclusion of the 2004 season. The Wolves had six players earned conference Player of the Week laurels; three players earn All-Gulf South Conference honors; and the GSC Freshman of the Year.

A graduate of the University of West Georgia, Hubbard was the program's starting outside hitter during the 2002 season before switching to the Wolves' libero prior to the 2003 campaign. Hubbard concluded her career with the Wolves ranked eighth on the all-time list with 663 career digs. Hubbard also holds the program record for most digs in a three-game match with 33 against conference-opponent Limestone University during the 2003 season.

Hubbard played two collegiate seasons at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, TX, where she concluded her sophomore campaign ranked first nationally among all NJCAA players in hitting percentage. She garnered All-American, all-region and all-conference honors during her sophomore campaign at Cedar Valley College where she was also ranked 15th in kills that season en route to leading the program to a fourth-place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament.

The UTPA head women's volleyball coach earned her bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing from the University of West Georgia in 2004. She earned her master's degree in education with an emphasis in human health and performances from the University of Tennessee-Martin in 2006.

Hubbard and her husband, Thomas, reside in Mission.

1. You've made the quick transition from player to assistant coach to head coach – talk a little about the ride that you've been on over the last four seasons?

AH – “I think the one thing I had as a player is that I knew the game really well. I had a good relationship with my coach, and we used to talk about different offensive and defensive strategies when I was still a player. I worked under my college coach when I was just getting into the coaching side of the game, and it worked really well because I knew her strategies and what she expected from the team, and she did a great job of allowing me to get more responsibilities as time went on.”

“I think it was an easy transition, but obviously I was very overwhelmed at the beginning because there were so many things that I didn't know that went into the position. It's been a good one, and I'm still doing it and love every second.”

2. What are your feelings as you begin your first season as a head coach at the collegiate level?

AH – “First of all, I'm excited. I'm looking forward to getting the girls in the gym and really getting down to the work that's necessary in order for our program to be successful. Obviously there was a little bit of nervousness when I first took the job, but I really believe that I'm ready to get started and have what we need to get us back to where we should be.”

3. What drew you to the opportunity to coach the UTPA women's volleyball program?

AH – “I think it's a good place to get started, and we have everything we need in order to be successful. I think it was a good place to be in terms of my philosophy versus the philosophy that was here before so I think I really bring something new to the table.”

4. You had the opportunity to work out the team a little during the spring season, what did you view as the strengths and weaknesses of the program?

AH – “I think that the strengths are that the team itself was really willing to do whatever it took to change and become successful. I thought that they worked really hard and were very responsive to what I said. I thought they were little sponges, and when I first came, they were absorbing everything I said and really wanted to get back on track. I think they have a long road ahead of them in terms of how things should be, and I feel right now that's their biggest weakness because they don't know what needs to be done in order to be a successful Division I program.”

5. Heading into the 2007 campaign, what do you believe is going to be the biggest challenge for the Lady Broncs?

AH – “I think that it's going to be the transition to an entirely new coaching staff, and I have already implemented a new offensive system and our defensive system will be completely different. The volleyball part will be okay because they are volleyball players and have an understanding of what's going on, but the transition will be learning my ways and my coaching staff and what we expect from them.”

6. What do you want people to know about UTPA women's volleyball this season?

AH – “I want them to know that as a coaching staff and team that we are working really hard to put this program on the map even to the point where other conferences are looking to bring us in because we are such a competitive and successful program.”

7. What are the guidelines that you lay out to the team at the beginning of the season?

AH – “Mainly in the spring all I did was observe because I wanted to get a strong understanding of where the girls were before I really put anything in place because I only had about three weeks to work out with them. I know that hard work, discipline and setting goals can be accomplished to something that is very important to me, and this program is very important to me.”

8. With the additions of Talia Ogle and Leah Johnson to your coaching staff, what do each of them bring to the table for the Lady Broncs?

AH – “Talia brings a lot of enthusiasm and energy to the program. She knows the game well and is excited to get started. She was an outside hitter in college and knows a lot about the offensive system so she'll be able to help us out on both the offensive and defensive sides.”

“Leah comes from a very strong program at Missouri State, and the team made it to the NCAA Tournament during her senior season. She was under a very good coach, a very good coaching system and knows how a strong and successful program should be ran.”

9. What have been your plans in changing the perception of UTPA women's volleyball?

AH – “The first thing is the girls have to have pride in the program before anybody in the community will have pride. I think it's my job to implement that in them, and I have to take pride in what we do everyday in order to make this program successful. I have to put them in position to be successful then they will learn how to win and cherish that pride that they have in the program.”

10. When you are looking for student-athletes to join the Lady Broncs, what are the qualities that you most look for?

AH – “Obviously, the first thing I look for in a player is athleticism, but I also look at heart. When I'm watching a girl play, I look at how she reacts on the court; how she reacts to the ball; does she let the ball hit the floor or does she not let the ball hit the floor. I look to see if she's aggressive on offense, and when she is in the huddle, does she look at the coach or are her eyes wandering around? Those are the things that are really important to me in a player.”

11. You came to the Rio Grande Valley in the spring, for a person who doesn't know about life in South Texas, what would you tell them?

AH – “I really love it here, and I really believe that this place has a lot to offer. I tell recruits that you are going to do the same thing no matter which school you go to because you're going to hang out with your teammates. It's about the people that you are going to play with and the coaching staff, and I really try to tell recruits to go where they are wanted.”

“If you feel that this is the place where you want to be and can be successful at then I welcome you to our program. I always talk about how we are close to South Padre Island, and I tell them about how warm it is and a lot of the girls love the fact that it's warm down here. Those are the things that I try to talk to the girls about when I'm recruiting them.”

ASSISTANT COACHES



Leah
JOHNSON

**ASSISTANT COACH • FIRST SEASON
MISSOURI STATE (2004)**

Leah Johnson begins her first season as an assistant coach with The University of Texas-Pan American women's volleyball program.

The UTPA assistant coach served as the volunteer assistant coach for Missouri State during the 2006 campaign where the Bears recorded a 27-9 record, including their first-ever trip to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

In addition to serving on the Missouri State women's volleyball coaching staff, Johnson was the founder, director and coach of Club 417 Volleyball Club since the 2005 season where she formed two teams and managed the budget and fundraisers for the program. The Club 417 Volleyball Club finished fifth overall at the 2006 national championships in Atlanta, GA, and also qualified for the national championships during the 2005 campaign in Salt Lake City, UT.

After graduating from Missouri State, Johnson served as the graduate assistant in the Athletics Development Department where she coordinated and organized sponsorships for all MSU Athletics events. She was in charge of the game-day marketing operations for the volleyball program and developed as well as distributed marketing plans to promote all Bear events.

Johnson played her collegiate volleyball at Missouri State where helped the Bears finished 23rd in the county at the end of the season AVCA Rankings at the conclusion of the 2003 campaign. She also guided the Bears to a Missouri Valley Conference regular-season championship and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Johnson graduated from Missouri State in May of 2004 with a major in Spanish and minors in German and criminology. She also earned her master's degree in International Affairs and Administration in December of 2006.



Talia
OGLE

**ASSISTANT COACH • FIRST SEASON
UNC-ASHEVILLE (2007)**

Talia Ogle begins her first season at The University of Texas-Pan American women's volleyball program as an assistant coach.

The first-year UTPA assistant women's volleyball coach comes to the Rio Grande Valley from The University of North Carolina-Asheville where she served on Julie Torbett's coaching staff for the previous season.

In her one season on the coaching staff, Ogle was responsible for the development of the Bulldogs' outside hitters and defensive players on the court while handling several administrative areas for the UNC-Asheville program. The former Bulldog stand out was responsible for scheduling, equipment management, film exchange and travel arrangements while assisting in the development of practices and conditioning program.

The former Bulldog assistant coach also served as the Director of the UNC-Asheville Invitational while handling the duties as the Assistant Director of the Julie Torbett Team Camp held on their home campus. In December of 2005, Ogle won a scholarship to attend the AVCA Coaches' Clinic in San Antonio, TX, where she kept an online journal of her experiences for the UNC-Asheville website.

Ogle was a standout for the Bulldogs where she helped UNC-Asheville reach the Big South Conference Championship Game during her senior campaign.

As a junior with the Bulldogs, Ogle led the program with 477 digs, which was the ninth-highest total in the single-season record books at UNC-Asheville while ranking first on the squad with 39 service aces.

Ogle was a member of the UNC-Asheville Athletic Director's 3.0 Club in each semester for the Bulldogs and served as a member of SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee).

Ogle graduated from UNC-Asheville in March of 2007 with a bachelor's degree in English.