

## 2011 AVCA Division I All-Region Teams

### Central Region

Rachael Adams**	University of Texas	MB	Sr.
Brianne Barker**	University of Oklahoma	S	Sr.
Kelsey Black	Texas A&M University	OH	Sr.
Suzy Boulavsky	University of Oklahoma	RS	Sr.
Krista DeGeest	University of Northern Iowa	MB	Jr.
Haley Eckerman	University of Texas	OH	Fr.
Lisa Henning	University of Missouri	OH	Soph.
Carly Jenson	Iowa State University	OH	Sr.
Alison Landwehr	Iowa State University	S	Jr.
Lindsey Miller	Texas A&M University	MB	Jr.
Bre Payton***	University of Northern Iowa	S	Sr.
Kaitlynn Pelger	Kansas State University	MB	Soph.
Jamie Straube**	Iowa State University	MB	Jr.
Bailey Webster	University of Texas	MB	Soph.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Haley Eckerman, Texas, OH

**Honorable Mention:** Emily Adney (Wichita State, OH, Jr.), Kristen Hahn (Iowa St., L, So.), Caroline Jarmoc, Kansas, MB, So.), Sallie McLaurin (Oklahoma, MB, So.), Allie Sawatzky (Texas A&M, S, So.), Carly Thomas (Missouri St., S, So.)

### East Region

Sandra Adeleye***	Clemson University	MB	Jr.
Cara Baarendse**	Virginia Tech	MB	Jr.
Ali Becker	University of Miami	MB	Sr.
Lane Carico****	University of Miami	OH	Sr.
Kellie Catanach***	Duke University	S	Sr.
Visnja Djurdjevic***	Florida State University	OH	Sr.
Katie Gallagher**	University of Miami	S	Sr.
Kaylie Gibson**	University of North Carolina	Libero	Sr.
Christiana Gray**	Duke University	MB	Jr.
Ali McCurdy	Duke University	Libero	So.
Emily McGee	University of North Carolina	OH	Jr.
Monique Mead**	Georgia Tech	RS/Opp	Jr.
Ashley Neff	Florida State University	MB	So.
Jekaterina Stepanova	Florida State University	OH	Sr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Natalia Skiba, Northeastern, Libero

**Honorable Mention:** Alissa Alker (Delaware, RS/Opp., Jr.), Katy Buck (Towson, OH, So.), Chaniel Nelson (North Carolina, RS/Opp., RS-Fr.), Alexa Rand (Clemson, MB, Jr.), Natalia Skiba (Northeastern, L, Fr.), Serenat Yaz (Clemson, OH, Jr.)

### Midwest Region

Michelle Bartsch**	University of Illinois	OH	SR
Tori Dixon	University of Minnesota	MB	SO
Tiffany Fisher	Purdue University	MB	SR
Kristin Hoffman	Northern Illinois University	S	SR
Mari Hole	The Ohio State University	OH	JR
Gina Mancuso	University of Nebraska	OH	JR
Deja McClendon**	Penn State University	OH	SO
Jenilee Rathje	Michigan State University	OH	SR
Ariel Scott	Penn State University	RS	SO
Katie Slay	Penn State University	MB	SO
Ariel Turner	Purdue University	OH	JR
Colleen Ward	University of Illinois	OH	SR
Lauren Wicinski**	Northern Illinois University	OH	SO
Ashley Wittman	University of Minnesota	OH	SO

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Micha Hancock, Penn State, S

**Honorable Mention:** Morgan Broekhuis (Nebraska, RS, So.), Lauren Cook (Nebraska, S, Jr.), Emily Danks (Ohio State, RS, Jr.), Rachel Davis, (Purdue, S, So.), Stephanie Holthus (Northwestern, OH, So.), Hannah Werth (Nebraska, OH, Jr.)

### Midwest Region

Jessica Adams	University of Tulsa	L	JR
Lucy Charuk***	University of Houston	MB	SR
Nancy Cole**	Rice University	MB	JR
Angelica Crump	University of Central Florida	OH	SO
Kasey Elswick	University of Tennessee at Martin	L	JR
Altrese Hawkins**	University of Memphis	OH	JR
Tyler Henderson***	University of Tulsa	OH	JR
Megan Murphy	Rice University	S	SO
Rachel Neuberger	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	MB	SO
Taylor Root**	Valparaiso University	L	JR
Sam Serley**	University of Alabama at Birmingham	MB	JR
Kelsea Seymour**	University of Southern Mississippi	S	SR
Kerri Schuh**	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	RS	SR
Diana Silva	University of Tulsa	OH	JR

**Honorable Mention:** Caitlin Clark (Morehead St., S/H, Jr.), Xitlali Herrera (Texas-El Paso, MB, So.), Courtney Manning (SMU, MB, Jr.), Jenny Pokorny (Valparaiso, S, Sr.), Heather Thomas (Alabama-Birmingham, L, Sr.), Rachel Vukson (UCF, S, Sr.)

### Northeast Region

Lola Arslanbekova***	University of Louisville	OH	Jr.
Taylor Brauneis	University of Louisville	S	So.
Sarah Brown	Xavier University	OH	So.
Megan Campbell	University of Dayton	MB	So.
Danielle Carlson	Marquette University	MB	Jr.
Melissa Harpenau	University of Cincinnati	OH	Sr.
Chelsea Heier	Marquette University	S	Fr.
Ciara Jones	Marquette University	OH	Sr.
Rachel Krabacher	University of Dayton	OH	Jr.
Kiesha Leggs	University of Pittsburgh	MB	Sr.
Kim Maroon**	Villanova University	L	Sr.
Kendall Polan	Yale University	S/H	So.
Jordanne Scott	University of Cincinnati	RS	Jr.
Samantha Selsky	University of Dayton	S	Jr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Chelsie Heier, Marquette, S

**Honorable Mention:** Emily Juhl (Louisville, OH/RS, So.), Alicia Nelson (Stony Brook, OH, Sr.), Laurie Gonzalez (Albany, L, Sr.), Meghan Matusiak (Seton Hall, RS, Sr.), Sara Rishell (American, MB, Fr.), Casey Wright (Albany, MB, Sr.)

### Pacific Region

Kendall Bateman**	University of Southern California	S	Sr.
Alaina Bergsma	University of Oregon	OH	Jr.
Chloe Ferrari	University of San Diego	MB	So.
Meagan Ganzer	Washington State University	OH	Sr.
Natalie Hagglund	University of Southern California	L	So.
Jennifer Hamson	Brigham Young University	OPP	So.
Kim Hill	Pepperdine University	OPP	Sr.
Alex Jupiter**	University of Southern California	OH	Sr.
Rachael Kidder	UCLA	OH	Jr.
Tarah Murrey**	University of California	OH	Sr.
Bianca Rowland***	University of Washington	MB	Sr.
Lauren Williams**	University of Southern California	MB	Sr.
Rachel Williams	Stanford University	OH	So.
Carly Wopat	Stanford University	MB	So.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Krista Vansant, Washington, OH

**Honorable Mention:** Amanda Arterburn (Northern Colo., L, Sr.), Katie Fuller (USC, Opp., Jr.), Shannon Hawari (California, MB, Jr.), Cursty Jackson (Arizona, MB, Sr.), Lauren Plum (Oregon, S, So.), Kellie Woolever (Pepperdine, S, So.)

## South Region

Ashley Adams	Middle Tennessee State University	OH	Jr.
Whitney Billings	University of Kentucky	RS	So.
Leslie Cikra	University of Tennessee	RS	Jr.
DeeDee Harrison	University of Tennessee	MB	Jr.
Christine Hartmann	University of Kentucky	S	Jr.
Kristy Jaeckel**	University of Florida	OH	Sr.
Stephanie Klefot	University of Kentucky	L	Jr.
Kelly Murphy***	University of Florida	RS/S	Sr.
Elizabeth Neisler	Samford University	OH	Jr.
Mary Pollmiller	University of Tennessee	S	Fr.
Kelsey Robinson	University of Tennessee	OH	So.
Jordyn Skinner	Western Kentucky University	OH	Jr.
Melanie Stutsman**	Western Kentucky University	S	So.
Regina Thomas**	University of Mississippi	MB	Sr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Mary Pollmiller, Tennessee, S

**Honorable Mention:** Sarah Havel (Charleston, MA, Sr.), Lauren Hutchinson (Samford, MA, Jr.), Maggie Johnson (Belmont, OH, Sr.), Meghan Mannari (LSU, L, Jr.), Jasmine Norton (Arkansas, OH, Jr.), Maria Szivos (M. Tenn. State, RS, Sr.)

## West Region

Allison Buck	University of New Mexico	L	Sr.
Kanani Danielson***	University of Hawaii	OH	Sr.
Jannah DeVries***	New Mexico State University	S	Sr.
Haleigh Hampton	Long Beach State University	MB	Sr.
Andrea Hannasch	San Diego State University	MB	Jr.
Emily Hartong	University of Hawaii	MB	So.
Jennifer Keddy**	Cal Poly	MB	Sr.
Caitlin Ledoux**	Long Beach State University	OH	Sr.
Chesley Lowe	UC Santa Barbara	L	Sr.
Megan Plourde***	Colorado State University	MB	Jr.
Jodi Purdy	University of Wyoming	OH	Jr.
Ashley Rhoades	University of New Mexico	MB	Sr.
Stacey Schmidt**	UC Santa Barbara	RS	Sr.
Katelyn Steffan	Colorado State University	OH	Sr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Meredith Hays, New Mexico St, OH

**Honorable Mention:** Kelsey Brennan (New Mexico St., RS, Sr.), Johnna Fouch (San Diego St. (S, So.), Kristen Hester (TCU, MB, Sr.), Brittany Hewitt (Hawaii, MB, Jr.), Jordan Raines (TCU, OH, Sr.), Allison Walker (Idaho, OH, So.)

### **AVCA Division I South Region Coach of the Year**

#### **Craig Skinner, University of Kentucky**

**2011 Record:** 28-5, 17-3 Southeastern Conference

In his seventh season as head coach of the Kentucky Wildcats, Craig Skinner led his team to an impressive 28-5 record and a seventh consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. With victories in the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament, it ensures that Kentucky will have the earned chance to compete in front of a home crowd. The Wildcats Sweet 16 appearance is their second in the past three seasons. Skinner's squad collected 28 victories this season, the fourth 20-win season in Skinner's seven-year career. Under his guidance, the Wildcats sit atop the defensive rankings in the Southeastern Conference, averaging more than 2.5 blocks per set. This season, six Kentucky players were honored with All-SEC accolades. In fact, during Skinner's tenure at Kentucky, he has placed at least one player on the SEC All-Freshman team in every season. The Wildcats finished the season ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the country, their highest ranking of the season. Skinner was named SEC Coach of the Year in 2005, but this is his first Region Coach of the Year honor.

### **AVCA Division I Central Region Coach of the Year**

#### **Jerritt Elliott, The University of Texas**

**2011 Record:** 25-4, 15-1 Big 12 Conference

In his 11th season as head coach of the Longhorns, Jerritt Elliott led the The University of Texas to its sixth consecutive NCAA regional appearance. The Longhorns ended the regular season ranked fifth in the country, and for their strong performance during the season, they were awarded the top overall seed in the NCAA tournament. The Longhorns defeated Texas State in the first round before grinding out a victory against a talented Michigan State team in the second round. The fifth-ranked Texas team received plenty of Big 12 accolades, as sophomore outside hitter Bailey Webster was tabbed as the Big 12 Player of the Year, becoming the third straight Longhorn to receive the distinction. Elliot himself was named as the Big 12 Coach of the Year, the fourth time in his career to receive the honor (2004, 2007, 2010). He won the AVCA Division I Pacific Region Coach of the Year for the first time in 2000 while at the University of Southern California. This is his fourth Division I Central Region Coach of the Year honor since joining Texas (2004, 2007, 2010).

### **AVCA Division I Pacific Region Coach of the Year**

#### **Mick Haley, University of Southern California**

**2011 Record:** 28-4, 20-2 Pac 12 Conference

In his 11th season as head coach of the Trojans, Mick Haley led his University of Southern California Trojans to their 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive NCAA tournament appearance. The Trojans finished the season atop the top-25 poll, holding the top spot for the final two weeks after holding steady in the top-five since the third week of the season. Haley's role within the historically powerful USC volleyball program took on added importance over the summer, as he was named Director of Women's Volleyball, a position in charge of supervising the newly added sand volleyball team in addition to his regular duties. The Trojans capped off an impressive season by sweeping Arizona in the inaugural Pac-12 Conference Championship match. It was the third conference title that USC has claimed under head coach Mick Haley, and his 17<sup>th</sup> career conference championship (14 in the Southwest Conference while coaching at the University of Texas). Senior outside hitter Alex Jupiter was named the Pac 12 Player of the Year and two other players were presented with significant awards. Haley took home his first Pac 12 Coach of the Year award, his first such recognition while at USC. In 2003, Haley was named the AVCA National Coach of the Year as well as the Pacific Region Coach of the Year.

### **AVCA Division I West Region Coach of the Year**

#### **Tom Hilbert, Colorado State University**

**2011 Record:** 23-6, 12-2 Mountain West Conference

2011 was Tom Hilbert's 15<sup>th</sup> season as the Colorado State head coach and his 23<sup>rd</sup> overall year of collegiate coaching. Under his guidance, the Rams finished their season with a 23-6 overall record, falling to Hawai'i in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. They also collected a respectable 12-2 record in Mountain West conference play. Most impressively, the Rams have never failed to make an NCAA tournament during the Tom Hilbert tenure, this season marking their 17<sup>th</sup> straight year of postseason play. The Rams last four starters from their 2010 squad, but achieved plenty of success, ranking as high as 14<sup>th</sup> in the top-25 poll in September. Katelyn Steffan, the team's only senior, was presented with the Mountain West Player of the Year award. The Rams won their third straight regular season conference title and swept the competition in the Mountain West tournament, winning their fifth crown. Two other players were named to the all-conference squad, and redshirt freshman Deedra Foss was honored as the Mountain West Newcomer of the Year. Hilbert finishes the 2011 season as the winningest coach in Colorado State athletics history in any sport. He has been named Mountain West Coach of the Year on eight separate occasions, but this marks his first Region Coach of the Year honor.

### **AVCA Division I Northeast Region Coach of the Year**

#### **Bond Shymansky, Marquette University**

**2011 Record:** 24-11, 12-2 Big East Conference

2011 was Bond Shymansky's third season as the Marquette head coach and his 10<sup>th</sup> overall year of collegiate coaching. Not only did the Golden Eagles rack up 24 wins, they earned their first-ever berth in the NCAA Tournament as an at-large selection out of the Big East. Shymansky came to Marquette after serving as the head coach at Georgia Tech, where he left in 2008 with the highest career winning percentage among active ACC coaches. He has guided Marquette to 45 victories over the past two seasons, the highest total over any two-year stretch since the school joined Division I in 1985. Their 12 victories in Big East play is a program record for conference wins. In 2004, Shymansky was named the ACC Coach of the Year, and he received the same award from the Big East this season. With a career winning percentage of over .700, Shymansky would place 23<sup>rd</sup> on the all-time list after becoming eligible after this season. He was named the AVCA East Region Coach of the Year after guiding Georgia Tech to a perfect conference record in 2004.

### **AVCA Division I Midwest Region Coach of the Year**

#### **Steven McRoberts, University of Tulsa**

**2011 Record:** 28-7, 18-2 Conference USA

Steven McRoberts was appointed as the head coach at Tulsa in February 2011 and wasted no time guiding his team to a successful season. Under his watch, the Hurricane posted an 18-2 conference record and clinched the Conference USA championship with a 3-1 victory at Rice on November 11. The title was the fourth for the Tulsa program and they are the first team to repeat as champions in consecutive years since Louisville in 2003-2004. The Hurricane has won 36 of the last 38 matches in conference play, dating back to a 20-0 record last season. McRoberts was named as co-Conference USA Coach of the Year for 2011, the 10<sup>th</sup> conference Coach of the Year award of his coaching career. Tulsa reached as high as 23<sup>rd</sup> in the top-25 poll this season, and received votes in 11 different weeks. Tulsa also appeared in the preseason top-25 for the first time in program history. This season, Tulsa placed four players on All-Conference USA teams, including three first-team honorees to lead the conference. In addition, Tyler Henderson was named as the Conference USA Player of the Year and Jessica Adams was named Libero of the Year. This is his first AVCA Region Coach of the Year award.

### **AVCA Division I East Region Coach of the Year**

#### **Chris Poole, Florida State University**

**2011 Record:** 26-6, 18-2 Atlantic Coast Conference

Poole's fourth season as the head coach of the Florida State Seminoles saw him continue the success that has been building over his first three seasons. A victory over the Cincinnati Bearcats has placed the Seminoles in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen for only the second time in program history. The Seminoles clinched their third ACC title with a win earlier this season over Georgia Tech, and secured their second conference crown in the past three seasons. The 18 conference wins racked up this season is one shy of the program's highest total in history. Three Seminoles were

named to the ACC All-Conference team, and freshman setter Sarah Wickstrom was named to the ACC All-Freshman squad. Chris Poole took home his second ACC Coach of the Year award. The recognition is his ninth conference Coach of the Year award, dating back to his days at Arkansas, Arkansas State and Arkansas Tech. Florida State ended the season ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the AVCA Top-25 Coaches Poll, and reached as high as 17<sup>th</sup> during the course of the season. After taking over at Florida State in 2008, Poole guided the team to a program-best 31 wins. In 2008, he was named as the AVCA East Region Coach of the Year for the first time.

#### **AVCA Division I Midwest Region Coach of the Year**

##### **Dave Shondell, Purdue University**

**2011 Record:** 29-4, 15-4 Big Ten Conference

In his ninth season at the helm of the Purdue volleyball program, Dave Shondell led the team to their seventh NCAA Tournament appearance in the last eight seasons. Before Shondell took over as the Purdue head coach, the program had experienced only one winning season in the previous nine years. Now, he has them poised as a perennial contender for both Big Ten and NCAA championships for years to come. The Boilermakers finished the regular season ranked eighth in the AVCA Top-25, their highest spot in the poll since 1983. Their third consecutive week in the top-10 is also the longest stay in the top-10 since 1983. In the preseason, Purdue was selected to finish fourth in the conference. Their 16-4 Big Ten record was good enough for second place. Shondell's Purdue squads over the years have knocked off 30 ranked opponents, and he boasts a record of 189-107 in that span. The Boilermakers defeated seven ranked opponents in the 2011 season. Ariel Turner was selected as the Big Ten Player of the Year, and two Boilermakers were named as unanimous All-Big Ten selections. Shondell was awarded the Big Ten Coach of the Year, and became the first Purdue coach to take home the honor since 1985. This is his the first time he'll take home a Region Coach of the Year award.