



## SHAI BLOOM. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE AFFORDED ME TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S AVCA CONVENTION. WHILE AT CONVENTION THIS YEAR I GAINED LOTS OF INSIGHT INTO WHERE VOLLEYBALL IS GOING AND MADE LOTS OF NEW CONNECTIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING ALL I HAVE LEARNED TO MY TEAM AT VIRGINIA AND BRINGING MORE VALUE TO MY ROLE AS TECHNICAL COORDINATOR. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



## ADAM CAMPBELL. MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GREATEST AND MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE EXPERIENCE IN JOINING THE LIST OF COACHES 4 COACHES ALUMNI. MY EXPERIENCE WAS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I EXPECTED; LEAVING TAMPA BAY, I FOUND MYSELF REFLECTING DEEPLY ON HOW EXCITED I AM FOR THE SPORT TO CONTINUE TO GROW FROM WHERE IT IS TODAY. THE LESSONS I LEARNED FROM PRESENTERS, MENTORS, AND PEERS WILL BE CARRIED WITH ME FOREVER. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN FUTURE GENERATIONS OF PLAYERS AND COACHES. MY WORK WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IF IT WAS NOT FOR YOUR HELP AND DONATIONS. THANK YOU AGAIN!



# JORDAN CHILDS, EMORY UNIVERSITY

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING MY AVCA CONVENTION EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE. BECAUSE OF YOU, I WAS ABLE TO CONNECT AND BE MENTORED BY SOME OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE GAME OF VOLLEYBALL. I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL TO EACH OF YOU FOR PROVIDING PEOPLE LIKE ME, WHO HAVE LEFT A PREVIOUS CAREER PATH, THE ABILITY TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS AND GET A JUMPSTART IN THIS PROFESSION. THIS OPPORTUNITY WAS LIKE NO OTHER, AND AN EXPERIENCE I WILL CHERISH FOREVER. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO ANSWERING MY CALLING AS A COLLEGIATE COACH, AND BEING THE BIGGEST ADVOCATE FOR THIS PROGRAM. THIS HAS CHANGED MY LIFE FOREVER.



## BEN CUTRONE, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME WITH OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS. I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THE VOLLEYBALL COMMUNITY TO BE ONE FULL OF TRULY AMAZING AND SPECIAL PEOPLE. YOUR GENEROSITY HAS ENABLED ME TO LEARN SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A COACH AND HELPED ME CONNECTION WITH SOME TRULY INCREDIBLE PEOPLE. I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL.



# LAUREN DEATON, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH COACHES 4 COACHES. FROM THOSE WHO DONATED TO THOSE WHO DEDICATED THEIR TIME TO ORGANIZE EVENTS FOR US, I WANT TO SAY, THANK YOU! I WAS ABLE TO MAKE INCREDIBLE CONNECTIONS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPORT WE ALL LOVE BECAUSE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION. I AM THANKFUL TO NOW BE PART OF A GROUP THAT CONTINUALLY GIVES BACK TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG COACHES FOR YEARS TO COME.



## JOSH DEWITT, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

I WOULD LIKE TO START BY SAYING THANK YOU FOR THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET A NUMEROUS AMOUNT OF GREAT PEOPLE. WITHOUT ALL OF YOU I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THE AMAZING SEMINARS AND ON COURT PRESENTATIONS GIVEN BY ALL THESE AMAZING PROGRAMS/COACHES. I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO EXPECT GOING INTO THE CONVENTION, BUT IT EXCEEDED EVERY EXPECTATION AND LEFT ME WITH AWESOME FRIENDS. IT WAS INCREDIBLE TO SEE HOW GREAT THE COACHING WORLD IS AND I HOPE TO STAY PART OF IT FOR A LONG TIME.



# EMMA MINNICK, WILLIAM & MARY

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION AND SUPPORTING ME THROUGH THE COACHES 4 COACHES EXPERIENCE. I MADE CONNECTIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS THAT I KNOW WIL LAST A LIFETIME. THE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, AND LESSONS I GAINED FROM MY FIRST CONVENTION ARE INVALUABLE! I TRULY CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH AND AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY!





# REGAN NICKOL, OHIO DOMINION UNIVERSITY

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PART IN MAKING THIS C4C EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE. THE CONVENTION WAS GREAT FROM THE NEXT WORKING EVENTS TO THE CLASSROOM SESSIONS, AND OUR C4C GROUP DINNERS. I MET SOME AMAZING COACHES WHO WERE OPEN TO MENTOR NOT ONLY MYSELF BY THE ENTIRETY OF OUR GROUP, AND THAT I AM BEYOND GRATEFUL FOR. I AM HONORED TO BE SELECTED AND AGAIN I APPRECIATE YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS COACHES FOR COACHES SCHOLARSHIP POSSIBLE!



# SHALI NIU, ST. MARYS UNIVERSITY SAN ANTONIO

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE AFFORDED TO ME THROUGH THE AVCA CONFERENCE AND THE COACHES 4 COACHES SCHOLARSHIP. THIS INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY DEEPENED MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE GAME I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT BUT ALSO ENABLED ME TO FORGE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. YOUR SUPPORT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN SHAPING MY PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY, AND I AM SINCERELY THANKFUL FOR THE DOORS THIS EXPERIENCE HAS OPENED.



# ALLISON POST, DAEMEN UNIVERSITY

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COACHES 4 COACHES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. UPON LEAVING THE CONVENTION I HAVE JUST BEEN FLOODED WITH SO MUCH GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND GROW AS COACH, LEADER, AND A PERSON. I WOULD HAVE NEVER IMAGINED I WOULD LEAVE THE CONVENTION WITH AMAZING CONNECTIONS AND FRIENDSHIPS MADE AND FEELING SO EMPOWERED. THERE ARE TRULY NOT ENOUGH WORDS TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR BEING SELECTED FOR THIS AWARD. I HOPE I CAN GO ON TO BE AN ADMIRABLE AND PROUD ALUMNI OF THE COACHES 4 COACHES PROGRAM!



#### KASEY PRICE. RICE UNIVERSITY

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING MYSELF AND MANY OTHER GREAT FUTURE COACHES THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, GROW, AND PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOMING A BETTER COACH. THE WORD THAT CONTINUES TO COME TO MIND IS GRATEFUL, THIS OPPORTUNITY HAS ALLOWED TO MEET SO MANY AMAZING PEOPLE THAT GAVE ME INSPIRATION TO BE THE BEST COACH/MENTOR I CAN POSSIBLY BE. I CANNOT EXPRESS TO YOU THE AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT VOLLEYBALL, CULTURE, AND BEING THE BEST VERSION OF MYSELF FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ATHLETES IN THIS SHORT TIME IN TAMPA. THIS IS AN UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT IN MY LIFE AND I AM INCREDIBLY BLESSED TO HAVE RECEIVED THIS SCHOLARSHIP.



# SAMUEL SORSKY, VOLLEYBALL ENGLAND

TO ALL THE DONORS WHO MADE THIS EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE, I WANTED TO GIVE A MASSIVE THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ME AND THE OTHER C4C SCHOLARS AS WE SEEK TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN OUR CAREERS. I HAVE BEEN BLOWN AWAY BY THE CULTURE OF SUPPORT AND LOVE THAT SURROUNDS VOLLEYBALL IN THE US. FROM THE COACHES TO THE PLAYERS AND THE THE FANS, EVERYONE FULLY BUYS INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORT AND THE CULMINATION OF THIS IS SEEN SO CLEARLY IN EVENTS LIKE THE NCAA FINALS AND THE AVCA CONVENTION. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOUR TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION THROUGH THE YOUR SUPPORT AND I KNOW THAT AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE I AIM TO BE BACK IN THE US AS SOON AS I POSSIBLY CAN BE!



## COLLEEN STENGEL, SUNY CORTLAND

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND DEDICATION TO THE COACHES 4 COACHES PROGRAM. MY TIME IN TAMPA WAS UNFORGETTABLE - THE MATCHES WERE INCREDIBLE, BUT I REALLY FOUND VALUE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WAS SHARED FROM SOME OF THE BEST COACHING MINDS IN THE COUNTRY. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE RELATIONSHIPS I BUILT WITH THE OTHER C4C RECIPIENTS AND OTHER COACHES ARE SOMETHING I WILL CARRY WITH ME FOR A LONG TIME. I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THIS EXPERIENCE AND TO BE A PART OF GROWING THE SPORT OF VOLLEYBALL.



#### LEXI UHRHAN. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY WITH THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR IT. THIS EXPERIENCE TRULY OPENED UP SO MANY DOORS FOR ALL OF US AND CREATED A BOND WITH PEOPLE THAT WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE. COULDN'T BE MORE APPRECIATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY AND WILL ALWAYS CHERISH MY EXPERIENCE.