

WVC VIBE



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In 2016 the WVC will celebrate its Silver Anniversary (25 years) of the State Championships at Marquette University April 1-2, 2016. Planning is underway to make this event one of the greatest in WVC History. Along with tournament play, the conference will induct a class of nine individual players and two national championship teams into its Hall of Fame. A 25th anniversary team, honoring the best 25 players from the first 25 years of the WVC, will also be announced at the first ever WVC Banquet on Friday, April 1, 2016 at the Hilton City Center in Downtown Milwaukee. This will be a great opportunity for players past and present to socialize, tell stories, and celebrate the WVC. Everyone is welcome to attend, but you must register in advance. For more information, please visit: http://wvcweb.org/banquet_registration.html

2016 Hall of Fame Inductees:

Contemporary Inductees

Matt Zwolski - Marquette University 2003-2007
Nate Sederberg - UW-Oshkosh 2005-2010
Aaron Wayne - UW-Oshkosh 2005-2010

Legacy Inductees

Nicole Zimmerman - UW-La Crosse 2008-2009
Scott Towne - UW-Stevens Point 1989-1992
Bruce Meredith - UW-Stevens Point 1989-1993
Gary Tome - UW-La Crosse 1990-1992
Pete Foerster - UW-Milwaukee 1997-2000
Jeff Krase - UW-Oshkosh 1998-2000

National Championship Teams

Marquette University - 2005 National Champions
Carthage College - 2004 National Champions

A complete list of WVC Hall of Fame members and their accomplishments can be viewed here:
http://wvcweb.org/hall_of_fame.html

2016 Season Preview

Men's Varsity Division

Marquette University will be led once again by their high flying outside hitter, sophomore Dani Rivera. As their go to hitter Rivera can score from the pin, on the back row attack, or from the service line keeping opponents on their toes. He will be aided by fellow sophomore Chandler North who is the team's best blocker and a versatile athlete that can play any of the front row positions. Setters Alex Shulski and club president, Dan Redd will get them the ball and direct the offense. Casey Garces is the vocal leader for a Golden Eagles team that returns its entire lineup from a season ago when they placed 2nd in the WVC. While a bit undersized, no player taller than 6'2", Marquette has the athleticism, experience, and balance to fight for a conference championship this season... **Michigan Tech University** joins the WVC for its inaugural season after competing previously in the NIVC. The Huskies will be led by president, Brandon Schmidt and only have two seniors on its roster... **UW-Eau Claire** is coming off a 9th place finish at Nationals in 2015 and return all but one starter from a season ago. The Blugolds feel they have the experience, skill, and attitude to challenge each of its opponents and make an even deeper run at the NCVF National Tournament. Joey Gestland and Alex Jelacic play on the outside providing solid ball control and good range in their shots. An athletic sophomore, Pierce Moriarty makes the right decisions at the right time and provides great energy for the team. Moriarty also figures to look to Will Armstrong on the rightside and 6'10" freshman middle blocker Derek Lindquist, who provides unmatched size, but is still a little raw. Sawyer Nennig (MB) and Dominic Craig (L) round out the lineup... **UW-LaCrosse** has won 3 of the last 5 NCVF Division 2 National Championships and will look to climb the podium once again with returning All-Americans Alex Bartelme, Beau Rath, and Eric Heyrman leading the way. Christian Nilsen and Jake Boehm also return along with newcomers Adam Baltz and Collin Pickart who figure to make an immediate impact for the Eagles... **UW-Oshkosh** will try and accomplish something it has never done before, win a third consecutive NCVF National Championship. Fortunately for the Titans, Travis Hudson the two-time National Player of the Year returns along with three other players that have earned All-American honors: Allen Grunert, Tyler Range, and Wesley Morioka. Oshkosh also welcomes the addition of Alec Redlich, a former Lakeland College standout that will be finishing his degree at UWO. Nate Leitermann (1st Team AA) and Sam Moua (National Libero of the Year) will make the jump from the DII team to the DI roster. If the Titans stay healthy, they will once again be tough to beat... **UW-Platteville** will look to pick up where it left of, as a top 10 team in division 2 at Nationals. They will rely on the veteran leadership of middle blocker Dan Callaway, setter Patrick Stemo, and outside Michael Storm. The Pioneers also return Jacob Sachse, Nick Powell and Drew Swanson, but have to replace the loss of several talented players, most notably Korey Schroeder and Kevin Seng. Freshman Kenny Schburt and Brendon Belongia will attempt to get the job done when called upon. If all goes well, opposing teams will "Fear the 'Neers"... **UW-Whitewater** is led by first year club president Chris Adamatis who feels the Warhawks are young, but hungry for success. They played a full pre-season schedule which included some quality finishes at tournaments hosted by UW-L and UW-O and represented the WVC well at the Badger Region Showcase, which was an open house event to promote opportunities for boys volleyball in high school club and beyond. Having lost its setter from the last few years Whitewater is working to find consistency and leadership at the setting position while the rest of the lineup works together to gain confidence and become a threat to all

opponents this season... **UW-River Falls, UW-Stout, and Winona State University** will also have teams in the Men's Varsity Division.

Men's JV Division

Carroll University enters its second season as a club and will enter two teams in the division. Carroll 1 will be led by president Scott Wilsens and Marcus Boehm who led the team in kills last season from the MB position. He'll get help from Dillion Hock on the outside and setter Kevin Hartley. The Pioneers also add Jordan Hansen and Coery Petta to a squad that hopes to continue to improve and compete near the top of the conference. Carroll 2 returns four players and adds 3 newcomers, but has nice balance at all the positions. The team looks to learn about the game and improve throughout the season...**Maranatha Baptist University** returns for its second season in the WVC led by all-conference rightside hitter Tom Holbrook. Team president Matthew Noland welcomes a large group of newcomers to a Sabercat squad that has been well supported by the school and looks to compete, while representing Christ...**Marquette University II** enters the season with the bulk of its players returning to a team that finished T-5th at Nationals and 2nd place in the WVC. Notable returners are OH Bryan Manning, RS Sam Ostling, MB Ben Chastain, S Chris Drain, and DS Vince Van Dyke. They hope to blend their veteran talent with the energy of the newcomers and make some noise in the conference and again at Nationals...**UW-Milwaukee II** will look a lot different this year after losing several players to graduation, moving up to the A team, or transferring schools. The Panthers have six freshmen, the most they've ever had. They will look for leadership from Matt Schulteis, Aaron Olson, Jay Giles, and Cal Krawczyk...**UW-Oshkosh II** looks to keep a unique streak of alternating years as National Champions as they've won it all in 2010, 2012, and 2014 before placing 2nd last year. The Titans have the potential to meet that goal as they return All-Americans Adam Landgraf, Sammy Perderson, and Braeden Melton. They return four other players to a team that continued its dominance through the WVC by winning its 13th straight regular season title and 7th consecutive WVC State Championship...**UW-Oshkosh III** will also be in the mix led by David Edelmann and Danny Mirda and re-joined by Joe Lesko after a 1 year hiatus. Six newcomers will look to make an immediate impact on the program as well...**Concordia University Wisconsin, UW-Parkside, and UW-Whitewater** will also field Men's JV Teams this season.

Women's Varsity Division

UW-Eau Claire A adds 4 newcomers to 7 returners to a team with a lot of potential and high hopes for regaining WVC supremacy. The Blugolds competed in two pre-season tournaments and won them both. Look for them to be motivated to fight for the WVC championship; they've set a goal of a top 8 finish at nationals...**UW-Green Bay A** will be led by 3 returning seniors and 3 juniors. They also return a sophomore from last year's team while welcoming 3 freshmen, providing nice depth and a balanced skill set. The Phoenix will host a home tournament this season and plan to once again compete at Nationals...**UW-LaCrosse A** returns 5 members from a year ago while adding two from last year's B team and three newcomers. The Eagles will be led by Katie McCarthy who was 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-American last season at Nationals. The team finished in the gold division at both preseason tournaments it attended.**UW-Milwaukee A** looks to 4 year starter, middle blocker, Macey Ironside to lead the way while they team finds its best lineup after losing three team members who will be studying abroad. While the majority of the team is new, the Panthers did place second at their own invitational this fall...**UW-Oshkosh A** has had some early season success, finishing in the gold bracket at both

tournaments they played this fall. That success is in large part to seven returning players led by Jenna Lahmann and Megan Rimkus. Becca Withington and Emily Berry make the jump to the varsity squad after earning all-conference honors playing JV a season ago. Bethani Delmore, Megan Leanna, and Shae Lenz add additional experience which will help the Titans be competitive all season as they hope to improve on their 5th place finish at Nationals last season... **UW-River Falls** will have a new look with 10 new team members this season. They will be led by club president Samantha Steele while former player Samantha Hentges returns to the sideline as coach... **UW-Stevens Point A** will look to rebuild a bit as they will have 8 new members to a team led by seniors Taylor Dorsey and Nicole Garbrecht. The outlook is promising with the additions of Emily Peterson and Brittany Zander and the return of Kayla Bauer. The Pointes made the gold bracket at two different tournaments this fall, going undefeated in match play at the UW-Oshkosh invite... **UW-Stout A** will rely on their kill leaders from a year ago, outsiders Tori Chell and Becky Mullen, to lead the way. Freshman Kailee Bjerke and junior Beth Jones will be called upon to fill the void on the rightside as one of their strongest hitters, Hannah Price, was lost in the preseason to a torn ACL and meniscus. Middles Bailey Stack and Britta Burghardt join setters Maddie Ramich and Lindsey Gaylor to round out the lineup. Sarah Mrochinski will play DS while reigning Libero of the Year, Shannon McCluskey returns to anchor the defense... **Winona State University A** returns talented outside Rachel Duehn who received numerous accolades last season, including 1st Team All-American at Nationals; joining her as an All American and front row force is middle Heather Buerman. Much of the front row success is due to the passing and defense of libero Carley Siegel (HM All American). Other returnees include Courtney Steinmueller, Ciara Curran, Allyssa Tekus and Nicole Nelsen. The Warriors are also excited about the addition of Chanda Riedemann, Kena Hinker, and Kaila Potting to the squad. A successful preseason and positive outlook for big time results this season can be credited to a team first attitude... **UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater** will also compete in Women's Varsity.

Women's JV Division

Carroll University will be led by seniors Katie Freibergs and Noelle Linden. Three other players return: Alli Brill, Jordan Wolf, and Kate Weber. The Pioneers add two freshmen, Abby Pruitt and Emma Somppi along with numerous other underclassmen... **UW-Eau Claire B** has shown a great deal of improvement this fall and looks for continued success this season in the WVC. The Blugolds will fight for victory while enjoying the opportunity to compete... **UW-Green Bay B** returns two sophomores and adds six freshmen to the mix for its second season in the WVC. They are excited to be hosting a tournament this season and are ready to get out and compete... **UW-LaCrosse B** enters the season with five returners and five newcomers. They will strive to improve on last season's stellar results... **UW-Oshkosh II** has the experience of 5 returning players, led by outside Kaylie Polhamus and setter Amy Denikas. This fall the Titans competed at Marquette and LaCrosse with promising results... **UW-Stevens Point B** looks to returners Kenzie Brounacker, Jazaray McAlister, and Brooke Goehring to lead talented first year players Rachel Gasper and Erica Gehl. The Pointers showed they are for real this fall by playing competitive matches against some of the WVC's top Varsity teams and winning the bronze at the Oshkosh tournament... **UW-Stout II** has a team full of positive attitudes and an unmatched wiliness to learn while putting the team first. Jessie Getske and Nicole Preder take over the setting duties after playing last season as a DS and rightside respectively. They will try and run a quick offense to middles Kierstyn Campbell and Elly Friberg off the passes of libero Sarah

Spitzmueller. Marissa LaPatka, Amber Herrickm, and Morgan Miller will attack from the outside for the Blue Devils... **Winona State University II** returns four led Alexa Blair a powerful, six rotation player. Lindsey Orre moves from libero to setter. Lindsey Wetzel will look to score from the rightside, while Courtney Vaske enters her third season as middle blocker. Four newcomers join the Warriors and will look to contribute right away. Winona has played in four events this fall and placed in gold or silver in all four setting the standard for what they hope will be a very successful season... **UW-Milwaukee 2, UW-Superior, and UW-Whitewater 2** round out the women's JV division.

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Join us in celebrating the first 25 years of the WVC at the 25th Anniversary and Hall of Fame Banquet! This tremendous event will allow us to recognize important individuals and their contributions to the WVC, and to celebrate countless memories and milestones along the way. We will honor the current Hall of Fame members and announce the individuals voted to the "25th Anniversary All-WVC Team". The main event will feature the induction of the "Class of 2016" - nine incredible individuals and two national championship teams - into the WVC Hall of Fame.

The banquet will be held at the Hilton City Center in Downtown Milwaukee in conjunction with the 2016 State Championships Tournament.

