

Here is A Little Information About Some of Our Panther Coaches

Cassidy Burke - 13/14 National

My name is Cassidy Burke, I am 18 years old. I have been playing for ten years and coaching for 5! (hard to believe) I have been on honor roll for 14 consecutive semesters. I played varsity all 4 years in HS and received 2nd team all conference senior year along with captain and honorable mention 4 years. I played club at COVOCO and recently played in my first Division 2 college season this fall as a freshman libero at Colorado Christian University. As a freshman, I competed in 102 out of 113 games and had 264 digs placing 19th in the RMAC conference for digs. I love my family and I love the game of volleyball.

Darren Vahle – 11/12 American

Darren Vahle began playing volleyball in high school at the age of 16. Has been playing competitively for 25 years. Darren really learned to play while attending college in Santa Barbara CA where he played regularly at East Beach. He is a 6'6" middle hitter indoors and has played in various leagues and tournaments throughout the years. He has been coaching for 3 years.

Jennifer Maggiore – 11/12 American

I love volleyball! I love to learn! I hope to turn girls on to a wonderful lifelong sport. I have been playing volleyball since I was 10. I played in high school and throughout club teams in St. Louis. I also played 2 years for Western State College in Gunnison, CO. While I was there I also coached the men's club team . When I transferred to Wyoming, I played for their off season club. After graduation, I began coaching the high school Varsity team at Parkway South. And, I also started the boys Varsity and JV club teams at Parkway South.

I took a hiatus after getting married. Those long hours and seasons (I coached the Girls Freshman bball team as well, so I was a three season coach) weren't fair to my family. I am a teacher in Douglas County, and have coached occasionally for our middle school program. I have coached a few years for South Suburban and the YMCA, as well. Today, I am enjoying just helping the young girls learn the sport and laughing and celebrating when they attempt and complete their "firsts". Volleyball is fun, and I want all girls to laugh and love it, so they will continue to play this incredible sport!

Kent Johnson – 11/12 American

Years played: off and on for decades – still playing 6-person co-ed. Find it much more fun than basketball! Years coached: have coached my son's teams and daughter's teams for 9 years in various sports, now coaching girls' volleyball for 3rd year. Interesting things about me: Finally figured out coaching girls is VERY different than coaching boys.

Jennifer Masterson (Delegate) - 13/14 National

I began my volleyball career at Evergreen High School as a freshman and was coached by Lo Hunter, who was just inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame last year! I

was part of the 182 match winning streak and 7 straight State titles at EHS. I found out a few years ago that our volleyball team picture hangs in the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Museum at Invesco Field!

I have been coaching my daughter's AYL Panther team for 7 years and have been a volleyball delegate for the Panthers for the past 6 years. I will retire from both, at the end of the 2010 AYL season.