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## Letter from Cathy—2010 Preview

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Season is once again upon us and boy has it come fast!! June is always a big recruiting month and July is consumed with camps and then, bam, a week later... preseason! We are off to the races! This past weekend we hosted our 1<sup>st</sup> annual alumni match. It was great to see familiar faces as the alums once again wore the Green and White. We are excited about growing this event for the future and making it a day where all will come to welcome back some of MSU's greats! It provides our staff an excellent opportunity to break down video, assess different lineups, evaluate chemistry, and then make last week adjustments before the real thing.

This weekend we host the Spartan Showcase! We have enjoyed seeing many of you already at the SideOut club picnic, the alumni match and donor reception. Please join us to kick off what looks to be an exciting year of volleyball:)

If you haven't become a member of the SideOut Club, or have yet to renew for 2010, please see the attachment included with the newsletter. Thanks for your continued support! Go State!



*Cathy George*

### Home Schedule

Aug 27—Bowling Green

Aug 28—Evansville

Aug 28—IUPUI

Sept 10—Clemson

Sept. 11—Eastern Illinois

Sept 11—Eastern Michigan

Sept 14—Oakland

Sept 24—Minnesota (Breslin)

Sept 25—Iowa (Breslin)

Oct 8—Illinois

Oct 9—Wisconsin

Oct 13—@ Michigan—Come to Ann Arbor

Oct 16—Northwestern

Nov 5—Ohio State

Nov 6—Penn State

Nov 19—Indiana

Nov 20—Purdue

Nov 24—Michigan (Breslin)

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gawlikmi@ath.msu.edu. If you want something covered in the newsletter, let me know...

## Nebraska Joins the Big 10!

Effective in 2011, Nebraska will join the Big Ten Conference. So, if you're keeping track at home, the Big Ten Conference, which already had 11 members, now has 12 members. The Big Twelve Conference formerly had 12 teams, but now has 10 after losing Nebraska and Colorado. And the Pac 10 Conference now has 12 teams after adding Colorado and Utah. It's enough to make you go cross-eyed! As far as volleyball is concerned, we are very excited to add such a good team into our conference in 2011. As a program, we love every chance we have to take on top-notch opponents night in and night out. The addition secures the Big Ten Conference as being the best in the country by far for volleyball and we hope to reap the benefits of playing a such a tough schedule when it comes time for NCAA Tournament Selections!

## Spartans Going To Hawai'i

As we wrap up our preseason training and head into tournament play it we realize that in less than a week we will be boarding a plane to Hawaii! We will have the opportunity to play three of the top teams in the country in New Mexico, USC, and Hawaii - All of which participated in the NCAA tournament last year! We look forward to testing our team's level against quality competition, and that fact that it happens in Hawaii is a pretty nice perk. We will be focused on competing while we are there, but do not worry the team will have the opportunity to visit the beach, tour Pearl Harbor, and experience Hawaii. Since we have had so many request we unfortunately can't bring you all along in our luggage, the fees are crazy...Aloha!

## Notes from the SideOut Club Board—by Cheryl Bartholic

The primary goal of Sideout Club this year is to increase Sideout Club membership, providing MSU Spartan Volleyball with an even greater fan and support base.

In the last year, our fundraising efforts have been tremendous. Thanks to your personal donations, and to many of you purchasing 50-50 raffle tickets and Spartan Volleyball merchandise, Sideout Club proudly donated \$11,000 to the volleyball program in the 2009-2010 season.

Now's the time we are asking previous Sideout Club members to renew their memberships and recruiting new members. We have recruited 10 new members already.

How can you help? Glad you asked!

We all know many Spartans around town, many of who should be involved in Spartan Volleyball, one of MSU's most successful, fast-paced and entertaining sports. Membership in Sideout Club is a great way to support the Spartans, get to know others, and ensure our Spartans have the resources they need to compete for Big Ten and national championships.

Please ask your friends, family members, neighbors or even coworkers to join Sideout Club. It's easy. Our membership application is available at [www.msusideout.org](http://www.msusideout.org). Sideout Club members that join or renew by September 10th will be entered in a drawing to win two courtside seats for one of the games.

Let's grow Spartan Volleyball mania! As always, we look forward to seeing you this season at Jenison Field House, and we thank you for your commitment to Spartan Volleyball. Go Green!

Cheryl and Carole

## Team Roster / Parent Names

No.	Name	Parent Names	Pos.	Ht.	Elig.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Allyson Karaba	Al & Debbie	DS/L	5-7	SR	Muskegon, Mich./North Muskegon
3	Mandi Karaba	Al & Debbie	DS	5-4	RS SO	Muskegon, Mich./North Muskegon
4	Carli Weiler	Chad & Mary	DS/L	5-6	JR	Oak Lawn, Ill./Mother McAuley
5	Jenilee Rathje	John & Lori	MB	5-11	RS JR	Mount Pleasant, Mich./Mount Pleasant
6	Amy Dentlinger	Joel & Sheila	OH/ RS	6-1	SO	Arcadia, Iowa/Kuemper Catholic
7	Megan Schatzle	Ron & Cindy	OH	6-2	SR	Monroe, Mich./Monroe
8	Nicole Peter	Jeff & Sally	S	5-11	SR	Ada, Mich./Grand Rapids CC
10	Kelsey Kuipers	Dave & Kathy	MB	6-1	FR	Otsego, Mich./Otsego
11	Becca Zlabis	Jeff & Cindy	OH	5-11	JR	Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton Warrenville South
12	Kristen Kelsay	Bruce & Mary	S	5-10	FR	Wheaton, Ill./St. Francis
13	Natalie Emro	Todd & Lori	S/RS	6-1	JR	Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette
16	Kyndra Abron	Joe & Cassandra	RS	6-2	JR	Livonia, Mich./Livonia Churchill
18	Alexis Mathews	Edrick & Andrea	MB	6-3	RS FR	Detroit, Mich./Renaissance

As requested by several members of the Club, here is a list of the current players with their parent names. It's a little cheat sheet for everybody...

## 2010 Donor Reception



Megan Schatzle and Jenilee Rathje address the crowd at the first annual Donor Reception at the Hall of Fame Café on August 17th.

## MSU Volleyball Hosts 2 Tournaments in 2010.

This year we will be hosting 2 separate tournaments! The first, hosted this weekend (August 27-28), will welcome in Bowling Green, Evansville, and IUPUI. The second, hosted September 10-11, will bring Eastern Illinois, Eastern Michigan, and Clemson to Jenison Field House! It is our hope that we can start the 2010 season with a bang! We look forward to the opportunity to play more matches in front of a home crowd and hope you'll be there to cheer us on to victory! Match times can be found on our website at [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

## Three Home Matches To Be Played in Breslin

The MSU Administration has worked hard to get us in the Breslin Student Events Center for the 3rd consecutive year. The decision to add matches at Breslin shows a significant financial commitment to the volleyball program (since it's NOT an athletics owned facility, we must pay 'rent' each time we play there—and it's not cheap!) and we are grateful! This year, we are proud to say that we will be hosting 3 Big Ten Matches! The Spartans will open the Big Ten season by hosting both Minnesota and Iowa the weekend of September 24/25. In addition, our final home match of the Big Ten season, vs. Michigan, was recently announced as an additional match in Breslin. The Michigan State v Michigan match (Richard Peterson suggested we always list MSU first when referring to any game against Michigan—and I agree), played November 24 (Wednesday before Thanksgiving), had been a very well attended and intense match! We hope you'll enjoy our three matches in Breslin, and we hope to continually see you all season long wherever we go!

## Question & Answer

In this section we hope to answer some of the more common questions asked by our SideOut Club of the staff. If you have a question that you'd like answered in an upcoming newsletter, let me know and I'll do my best! Email me at: [gawlikmi@ath.msu.edu](mailto:gawlikmi@ath.msu.edu)



**Question:** *What are the options for professional volleyball in the US and around the world?*

**Answer:** While the idea of indoor professional volleyball has yet to catch on here in the United States, there are a variety of leagues around the world that players can take advantage of to make good money! Keep in mind that volleyball is the THIRD most popular sport worldwide, with only Soccer (futbol) and basketball edging it out. That's right... on the world scene, there are more people that play volleyball than baseball, American football, or ice hockey! Many countries offer a professional league for men's and women's volleyball. The leagues usually regulate how many "foreign" players they have on their roster at one time, to insure the opportunities for their home-grown talent, however, there are many MSU volleyball players that have gone on to compete for big bucks overseas including Christy Landry and Jess Hohl who competed in Spain/Slovenia, Erin Hartley who competed in Italy, and Katie Johnson who competed in Korea. Jenna Wrobel, Val Sterk, and Courtney DeBolt competed for United State Professional teams when a start-up pro league was around back in the mid-90's—2001! (The league, unfortunately folded—although it was pretty awesome!) As of 2010—some of the best leagues (and therefore the highest paying leagues) are in Italy, Russia, and Greece. Players who are playing at the most elite level can make salaries of \$500,000 US Dollars per season... although that is the exception rather than the rule!

Other professional opportunities extend to the sand! MSU Has also had many players who have made money on the beach namely Megan Wallin, Brooke Langston, and Dana Cooke! So, there are plenty of opportunities for young ladies to take their talents and live the dream—unfortunately, they'll need a passport to do it!



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## SIDEOUT CLUB NEWS

### Important Dates

#### SOC Tailgate at Jenison Field House

- **October 9th**—prior to match vs. Wisconsin.

#### Chalk Talk

- **September 25th**—5:30pm
- **November 20th**—5:30pm

#### Coaches Luncheons at Hall of Fame Café

Open to all—Join the MSU Volleyball Family and hear from Coach George—Admission is free and a full lunch menu will be available for purchase.

- **August 26th**
- **October 14th**
- **November 4th**

#### Volleyball Banquet at University Club

- **Sunday, January 9th, 2011.**



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