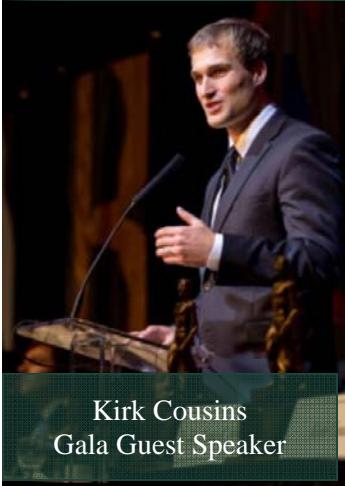




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All Ready for the SASS Center Academic Gala!



Kirk Cousins
Gala Guest Speaker

Service Line

MICHIGAN STATE VOLLEYBALL

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Spring Tournament 2015

We're excited to play in our final Spring event of 2015 (after having to take last weekend off due to some injuries). Our home tournament is this Saturday, April 25th at Jenison Field House. We will play Northwood, Ferris State, Wright State, IPFW, and a team of Michigan State Alums (More Info below)! The format will be 2 sets played to 25 for each round. Please keep in mind that the MSU Spring Football game will be played at 2pm on campus, so traffic and parking may be an issue later on in the day. I have been informed that parking will remain **FREE** to the Jenison Field House, however with tailgaters may fill up earlier. Admission to the volleyball event will be free of charge.



We are pleased to welcome back a number of Alums to field a team. Some of the RSVP'd alums are: Kyndra Abron (2011), Lauren Wicinski (2013), Jess Hohl (2007), Megan Schatzle (2010), Heather McDaniel-Lower (2008), Alexis Mathews (2013), Jazmine White (2014), Jenny Rood-Bedford (2004), Kelsey Kuipers (2013), Allison Ianni-Cironi (2006), Ally Karaba-Barker (2010), Becca Zlabis (2011), Ryian Hubbard (2014), and Gina Kiefer (2009).

If you know of any other alums that would like to play/coach/attend—please pass the word along!!

MSU Schedule

- 9am v Northwood
- 10am v. Ferris State
- Noon v. Wright State
- 1pm v. IPFW

Annual SideOut Club Meeting

Saturday April 25

This Annual SideOut Club meeting will take place in the Jenison Field House during a break of the home tournament, at 11am in **Room 209** of Jenison. Follow the signs and be on time to ensure that the meeting can wrap-up in time for the next MSU Match at Noon!



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The Walk of Fame



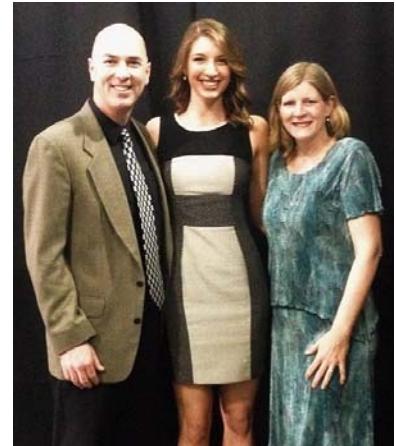
Rachel Minarick receiving her award



Rachel, Ryian, and Chloe at the Gala

This past Monday, April 13th, the 18th Annual Academic Excellence Gala was held in the Breslin Center. This year was a standout year with over 900 guests celebrating the success of our student-athletes. In order to be invited to the Academic Gala, the student-athlete must be a current sophomore with a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher. In all, 322 student-athletes were honored on Monday evening, the most ever in the event's history! Eleven volleyball players were among those honored!

Junior Maggie Halloran was recognized with the Top GPA Scholar-Athlete Award for Volleyball, while freshman Rachel Minarick earned the Harold & Raynor Shnider Office of the Provost Award. For the keynote address this year, Kirk Cousins gave an outstanding speech on leadership and what he learned during his time as quarterback here at Michigan State University. We loved his message and talked about it the next morning at practice for all our players to hear! The Academic Excellence Gala is a great event that honors the leadership, community service, and academic achievements of all our Spartan student-athletes.



Maggie Halloran and Folks at the Academic Gala

Autumn Bailey

We are very excited to announce the addition of Autumn Bailey, a transfer student-athlete from Marquette, to our roster for the 2015 season. Autumn joins freshman Sarah Washegesic as our two additions for the fall. A veteran player, Autumn comes in as a junior with two years of collegiate experience under her belt. Autumn has such accolades as the Big East Player of the Year Award as well as being recognized as an AVCA Honorable Mention All-American. Autumn already had connections with Michigan State Volleyball, as she played on the same high school team with current rising junior Allyssah Fitterer. Autumn is aggressive and passionate and we are excited to add her to our already very talented roster!! Autumn will pursue a degree in Education and is excited to be on campus for the first summer session to start taking classes and training with our team!

