**COACH'S CORNER BY COACH HOLT**

Spring season always flies by so quickly. But I guess the old adage that ‘time flies when you are having fun’ really applies here. Miner Volleyball had a spring season for the ages!

After such an amazing and successful fall campaign, coaches are always curious how the team will adjust to the downsized roster in spring. And between the loss of our two key senior players, as well as losses of two other players and two others out with injuries, I was really interested to see how we would respond. And respond we did!

I purposely scheduled us against tough competition including four Division I teams, the best being Big 12 (soon to be SEC) power Mizzou. We played with guts against all of them. Showing why Miner Volleyball is still on the rise in Division II. We completed spring by winning our last two spring tournaments (see page 657). Couldn’t be prouder of this team! Time needs to fly by again! I’m ready for Fall!!

**2012 MINER VOLLEYBALL UPDATE**

The 2012 non-championship season, which officially began on March 5th with full team practices, came to an end of the Miners in late May. The team practiced 34-4 per week, as they prepared for four competition dates that awaited them in late March and throughout April. The Miners hit the road for two competitions before hosting an event and finishing with an awesome sand tournament. The highly talented Miner returnees completed their best springs yet, while playing many Division I as well as the best in the Midwest in DII and NAIA.

On March 23rd, S&T traveled to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Miners drop 0-2 decisions to D1 teams SIUE and Western Illinois before beating Jefferson College (NAIA). The Miners then headed to Division I powerhouse Mizzou on March 6th, where the Miners beat Missouri-Kansas City (Division I) and Jefferson again, but dropping to host Mizzou in an tough battle.

April 14th hosted their annual Spring Thaw tournament, where they won the Gold Division Championship on the day going 8-2 on the day, beating powerhouse WClub in the semi-final and NAIA power Columbia College in the championship. The Miners finished the spring taking first, second and two teams tied for fifth in the first ever GLVC Sand Invitational (see page 7).

As with previous seasons, the team continued lifting and conditioning, getting stronger, faster and jumping higher while also working hard raising money for the upcoming season. The team is now returned home for the summer. Now, its time to prepare for the upcoming 2012 season & defend our GLVC West Division title. We can’t wait to get started!!!

**COACH'S CORNER BY SIONE**

Thank you all for the warm welcome. I am excited to become part of the Miner family. Being that I am a Midwest native... it is great to be back! I was born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa, where I also attended The University of Iowa. While I was a student-athlete, I also coached for the Iowa Rockets VBC.

My experience at The University of Iowa molded me into the person, player, and coach that I am today. Through the highs and lows of my college career, I learned what it takes to be successful, how to overcome obstacles, and most importantly, I learned more about myself than ever before. I look forward to bringing my experience as a former student-athlete to the Miner Volleyball Program.

When coaching I am not only leading by example but more importantly, speaking from experience. I have walked in their shoes and I know what it takes to be successful and compete at a high level. I am excited to bring my competitive spirit, enthusiasm, and drive to help this team accomplish our goals. I look forward to the future of Miner Volleyball
**New Assistant Coach Hired**

Head Coach Jason Holt has hired a new assistant coach to help him continue to build the volleyball program at Missouri S&T following the departure of Megan Laws (see page 1).

Former University of Iowa standout defensive specialist Signe Mueller (Iowa City, Iowa) joins the Miner Volleyball program as the assistant volleyball coach. Her first official day with the program was June 18th.

Mueller earned her Bachelor's degree in Communications with a minor in Psychology from Iowa in spring of 2011. She was a member of the Dean's list at Iowa and was an Academic All-Big Ten selection in 2008-09.

Mueller coached the Iowa Rockets volleyball Club for five seasons (2007-11) and including leading the 16 SUNDER team to the AAU national championship in 2011 in Orlando, Fla.

She spent the past year living and working in San Diego, Calif, where she was the head freshman coach and assistant varsity coach at Sweetwater High School, while also coaching for Coast Volleyball Club.

“We are very lucky to find a great young coach on the rise in Signe,” said Holt. “Her high level playing experience will bring so much to the players and myself in the still growing Miner volleyball program. Her extensive defensive knowledge will fit in perfectly with what we try to do here as a team on the court. Signe is very ambitious, focused, intelligent and is incredibly excited to get into college coaching as a career. We really feel we have found a coaching gem in her and know she will help Miner volleyball get to that next level.”

“I am so thrilled and privileged to be a part of the Miner volleyball program,” says Mueller. “Coach Holt and his staff have built an outstanding program that I am so excited to join. By bringing my playing and coaching experiences to this program I expect to help take this program to the next level. I am very much looking forward to the future of Miner volleyball.”

**Welcome to the Family Signe!**

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**Five in Internships**

Five Miner volleyball players will be spending most of their time this summer working at different internships instead of relaxing, taking vacations or summer school. These opportunities are a great way for students to make money while learning and bolstering their resumes for their futures at the same time.

**Jenny Costello (right)** is in Coffeyville, Kan. working with a petroleum refinery, Coffeyville Resources, as an engineer.

**Jocelyn DeMatte (left)** stayed in Rolla working for Brewer Science. She spends her time working on their website redesign.

**Emily Jaeger (right)** is working with the City of St. Charles (Mo.) Public Works, doing sidewalk inventory for their engineering dept.

**Kelly Kosmopolis (left),** like DeMatte, also working at Brewer Science in Rolla. She spends her days assisting on a project on ion exchange for the engineering team.

**Jennifer Kegler (right)** is working on lean manufacturing operations for Parker-Hannifin, a motion and control technology company in Washington, Mo.

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**2012 Miner VB Roster**

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**Head Coach:**

Jason Holt (6th year)

**Assistant Coach:**

Signe Mueller (1st year)

**Stu. Asst. Coach:**

Daniel Landwehr (1st year)

**Stu. Manager:**

Ashton Tiddy (2nd year)

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**2012 Miners on the Map**

- **Hayley Wright**
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- **Jocelyn DeMatte**
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- **Andrea Roach**
  - RS-S / Littleton, Colo.

- **Sydney Wheeler**
  - DSL / Ozark, Mo.

- **Morgan Smith**
  - DSL / Nixa, Mo.

- **Julie Meyer**
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- **Katie McDonald**
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- **Kris Haslag**
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- **Kelly Kosmopolis**
  - MH / O’Fallon, Ill.

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- **Emily Jaeger**
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- **Jackie Zellner**
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- **Daniel Landwehr**
  - DSL / St. Louis, Mo.

- **Gracey Moon**
  - DSL / Ballwin, Mo.

- **Kelly Kosmopolis**
  - MH / Kirkwood, Mo.

- **St. Louis Area**

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  - Jenn Kegler
    - DSL / St. Louis, Mo.
  - Gracey Moon
    - DSL / Ballwin, Mo.
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**JUNE 2012**

**TRANSFER JOINS MINERS**

Missouri S&T head volleyball coach Jason Holt announced the addition of Kathryn (Gracey) Moon to his roster for the 2012 season. Moon, a sophomore transfer from Westminster College in Fulton, Mo... will have three seasons of eligibility left for the Miners.

A middle hitter from Kirkwood, Mo., Moon appeared in 32 of 33 matches and 112 sets for the Blue Jays in 2011. She ranked first on the team in kills with 280 (2.50 k/set), attack percentage with .321 and 113 total blocks (1.01 tb/set). Her attack percentage and blocks marks also ranked her second overall in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) in NCAA Division III.

Moon was named to the First Team All-SLIAc team as a freshman and as being placed on the SLIAC All-Tournament team.

Says Holt of the addition of Moon to the 2012 roster, “Gracey is a great late get for us! She is very athletic, strong with solid hitting and blocking skills. She will add excellent depth to our very strong middle corps. We are excited to have Gracey join the Miner Volleyball family.”

**WELCOME GRACEY!!**

**ATHLETES HONORED BY M-CLUB**

On April 29th, the Missouri S&T M-Club held its annual Student-Athlete Awards Banquet honoring the Miner Athletic department.

The M-Club presented awards to the Most Valuable Players for each S&T athletic team, including the 2011 volleyball MVPs Erin Bekebrede (Sr./OH) and Jenny Costello (Jr./S). Erin was also honored with the Gale Bullman Award for the department’s top female athlete for the year. Head Coach Jason Holt was was given the Missouri S&T Coach of the Year Award.

Miner student-athletes who have achieved a 3.5 accumulative GPA, through the first semester of the current school year where also honored.

Eight players from the 2011 volleyball roster were honored for their academic excellence this year with the S&T Scholar-Athlete Award, including Bekebrede, Costello, Jocelyn DeMotte (Jr./L), Emily Jaeger (Fr./DS), Kelly Kosmopolis (Jr./MH), Kit Spears (Fr./OH/RS), Hayley Wright (So./OH/RS), Jackie Zellmer (Fr./MH).

**GREAT JOB MINERS!!**

**TWO MINERS EARN DEGREES**

Miner Volleyball would like to congratulate the two former players, who last played for the Miners in 2010 who graduated this year with their undergraduate degrees from Missouri S&T.

Samantha Klump (Ash Grove, Mo., below far left) and Annie Smith (Flossmakt, Mo., below far right) walked to receive their diplomas on Saturday, May 5th. Klump, a second team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference middle hitter from 2007-2010 as well as served as a student assistant coach during the 2011 season, earned her bachelor’s in mechanical engineering. While Smith, a defensive specialist also from 2007-2010, earned her bachelor’s degree in civil engineering.

Both Klump and Smith were part of the inaugural 2007 recruiting class.

**We are so proud of you Sam & Annelle!! CONGRATS!**

**MINERS EARN ACADEMIC AWARDS**

The Miner volleyball team had an yet another amazing successful year in the classroom in 2011-12, earning a team GPA of 3.398 for the academic year, the second highest in the program’s five year history. With this success came accolades that were well deserved by the team and its players. Two main team academic awards came from the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) and from the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

The GLVC recognized each team from member institutions that maintains a 3.30 grade point average for the academic year with the Academic Team Award. Miner Volleyball was one of the record 85 GLVC teams earned the honor during the ’11-12 academic year. A total of seven Miner sports earned the award this year.

For the third year in a row, Miner Volleyball are eligible for the prestigious Team Academic Award presented by the AVCA. To earn the award, volleyball teams, in all high school and collegiate levels, must earn a minimum 3.30 team cumulative GPA for the academic year. Nominations take place during the entire month of June, and the AVCA will give out the awards sometime in July.

During the spring semester, of the 15 on the roster, nine Miner volleyball players finished with a GPA of 3.5 or higher including six with perfect 4.00s. **GREAT JOB MINERS!!**

**MINER VOLLEYBALL BIRTHDAYS**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MINERS!!!!**
TWO EARN HIGH GLVC HONOR

The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) has identified 204 outstanding student-athletes who have earned the GLVC Council of Presidents’ Academic Excellence Award for the 2011-2012 academic year. Among them were the two senior members of 2011 Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball... Erin Bekebrede (OH/St. Charles, Mo.) and Kit Spears (RS/Valley Center, Kan.).

Each honoree of the award must exhaust his/her eligibility in the sport in which they participated and maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average throughout their academic career as well as they must have completed two years and completed 36 credit hours.

This is one of the highest academic honors given in a student-athlete’s academic and athletic careers by the GLVC.

Proud of YOU Erin & Kit!

CAPTAIN’S CORNER BY JENNY

Hey Everyone,

I can’t believe I have finished my final spring season. We had a very impressive spring season. After several, hard-fought scrimmages against D1 schools where we proved that when we play our best we can compete with anyone; we proved to ourselves and everyone during our home tournament that we are reloaded for next season. Winning our home tournament, especially beating Columbia College in the final match and WashU, a perennial Division III power, was a huge confidence builder for our team. We showed that any of our hitters, in any given game, can be our “go to” hitter!

Our final spring competition was the “First Annual Great Lakes Valley Conference Sand Tournament.” It was great to leave the gym and get outside and enjoy the spring weather, while intensively working on individual skills. We had four teams in the gold bracket, more than any other team, both finalist teams had a great showing throughout the tournament! Congratulations to Jenn (Kegler) and Julie (Meyer) who won the gold bracket, even though they defeated Kelly (Kosmopolis) and myself in the finals!

After such a great ending to the spring, I can’t wait for the fall season to begin. With our returners from this spring and our five new players, I know we have the potential to make another post season run! All of us will be working hard this summer with lifting and conditioning to prepare to meet and exceed our lofty expectations that we have for this upcoming season. Also, we will be coaching (or attending) our camp in the middle of July. It should be a great time for the team to play together and get to know each other better. As well as playing volleyball, a number of us will be doing internships around the country, taking classes and working summer jobs!

I would really like to welcome our two newest members to the Miner Volleyball family. Our newest player Gracey (Moon) and our new assistant coach Signe (Mueller). We are all very excited to have you with us, can’t wait to get to know you and work with you both.

Finally, I would like to thank Megan Laws, our amazing assistant coach for the past four years, for all she has done for our team and for me. I joked earlier in the season that with her son Kyler being born, we were all going to have to share our second mom but that is the truth. Megan was so much more to all of us then our assistant coach. She is a friend, a mom away from home, and when we need it an exceptional motivator. She will be truly missed next season and we wish her the best of luck with everything! I would also like to thank Kellen, Megan’s husband, for all his help and support you have provided to our team, you will be missed. And of course we expect updated pictures and stories about our little brother, Kyler.

This fall will be a busy one, with lots of games all over the country, including Oregon! Your support means a lot to all of us and I know we would not be the team that we are without the families and fans that are always there for us. Thanks for everything and we hope to see you all at games this fall!!

Go Miners!!

8 EARN ACADEMIC ALL-GLVC

The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) announced the 2011-12 Academic All-GLVC selections this month. There were a record number 1,678 Academic All-GLVC accolades distributed for the past academic year for an average of 104.8 awards per institution. This total is an increase of 200 student-athletes over the previous year’s total of 1,478 Academic All-GLVC selections.

The Academic All-GLVC honor is bestowed upon student-athletes that have completed two semesters at their institution and maintained a 3.30 cumulative grade-point average or have attained a 3.40 GPA over the past two most recent semesters. Student-athletes that have attained a 3.40 GPA and not completed two semesters are also honored.

A total of eight Miner players earned the outstanding recognition from the GLVC for their academic success this year. They include... [top row right, L to R] Erin Bekebrede (Sr./OH) & Sierra Comer (Fr./OH) (middle row right, L to R) Jennifer Costello (Jr./S), Jocelyn DeMott (Sr./DS-L), Emily Jaeger (Fr./DS-L) [bottom row right, L to R] Kit Spears (R/Sr./RS), Hayley Wright (So./OH) and Jackie Zellmer (Fr./MH).

Great job Miners!! Proud of you!!
IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE - ARTICLE BY SYDNEY WHEELER

Freshman year seemed like it went by in the blink of an eye.

From all of the new changes and friends, it was definitely a year full of memories I will never forget, with friends I will always remember.

The experience of being able to play volleyball at the college level is one I would recommend for others to experience. Not only did I gain a new team, I gained 14 new friends that I got along with and love just like family.

From the word GO our team had an instant connection. A connection that I haven’t felt from any other team, but this one.

The older girls were more than helpful to our freshmen class. Some freshmen come into their teams feeling unwelcome or put down, but that was the total opposite of how I felt coming in to S&T. I could tell that the older girls were excited that we were there, almost as if they knew that this was going to be a special team and indeed it was.

I think this instant bond was the ultimate reason we were so successful and the reason why I loved my first year of college as much as I did.

Sharing the experience of going all the way to the NCAA National Tournament with the older girls on our team was amazing. It was awesome to see how excited they were to get to that point because that was they had been working towards their entire college career.

But, volleyball wasn’t the only thing they helped me through. It helped so much being able to see those girls on campus because I felt that I actually knew someone on my way to classes and I had someone to sit by at lunch.

They were always offering their help in tutoring or if we just needed someone to study with. That was nice because the class transition from high school to college is quite extreme in some classes, so it was nice to have someone I knew that could help me with different classes.

The coaches were awesome about our school schedules as well, we were never expected to miss class for practices and they always tried to make practices that everyone could attend to be more beneficial.

They were always there for us whether it was volleyball, school, or just to talk to someone if we felt homesick.

I’m so glad that I chose to come Missouri S&T, I don’t think I would have gotten this experience anywhere else and I wouldn’t pass up the friends I have made for anything, I know we will have this special bond for the rest of our lives.

Sydney Wheeler is a 5-9, incoming sophomore setter from Ozark, Mo. Thank You Sydney! Great Job!!!

ROLLA, MY SECOND HOME - ARTICLE BY KATIE MCDONALD

Rumor has it, I have visited 21 schools when I was going through my college decision. But choosing Missouri S&T was the easiest part of the whole recruiting process.

Recently, I have been asked, “If you were to do it all over, would you choose Missouri S&T again?” My response to that was, “Absolutely, but I would choose it before considering any other school.”

Being the city-girl everyone knows me as, I never thought I would consider Rolla a home. Now, I wouldn’t think of it as anything other than my second home.

What typically happens when you put 15 young girls together every single day? DRAMA!! However, that was never the case for our team. EVER!!

I’ve never been on a team without drama. It was incredible how well our team got along. Age is just a number to us. We all hang out together and we are all good friends. I have had training partners and even strangers tell me how they have never seen people become as close as we have and as fast as we did. Best friends would be an understatement.

On the court, we are so supportive of each other and that is what I think defines a good team. We naturally have the trust, competitiveness, drive, and enthusiasm that other teams try to force on each other. Game days are some of the most fun I have ever had. I wouldn’t trade those experiences for anything.

Coach Holt and Coach Megan (Lawes) are phenomenal coaches. They were the best two coaches any incoming freshman could ever dream of having. Even after just one year, I look at them as so much more than just our coaches. I see them as friends, mentors and parent-like figures. On and off the court, they always want the best for each of us. Makes us want to give it to them everyday.

My first year as a Miner was more than I could have ever imagined. As Kit (Spears) would say, BEST RECORD EVER!! And just as a freshman.. WOW!!! I cannot wait to see what else Missouri S&T and Miner Volleyball have in store for me these next three years. I have been blessed with countless memories simply by being a Miner!

Katie McDonald is a 6-1, incoming sophomore right side hitter/middle hitter from Chicago, Ill. Thank You Katie! Awesome Job!!!
2012 MINER V8 CAMPS

The Miner Volleyball program will be hosting their sixth summer of camps in 2012. Over 320+ kids from all over the country have enjoyed the S&T camps the past five summers and the Miners hope to see those numbers grow this summer. The Gale Bullman Multi-purpose Building on the beautiful S&T campus, will again play host to the 2012 camps, and overnight campers will be housed and fed in the residential and dining halls across the street.

Camps will learn or fine tune all their volleyball skills, spend an evening session at the City of Rolla waterpark, SplashZone, as well as get some great opportunities for competition and establish new friendships throughout the camp sessions.

Head Coach Jason Holt and his coaching staff and players will be there, along with some outstanding guest coaches with some of the highest level playing and coaching experiences, including (below) current Missouri-Kansas City Assistant Coach Trent Jones, Central Missouri Division II All-American setter Caitlin Pankratz, all-star Mizzou libero Kelly Kosmopolis (O’Fallon, Ill.) freshly decorated St. Pat’s/Miner Volleyball green Mustang, throwing out beads and candy to kids while passing out our 2012 spring and fall schedules to any and all potential volleyball fans out there.

Pine Street in downtown Rolla, was again packed deep on each side of the street as is the tradition, for the annual parade, and the Miner Volleyball team was again proud to be apart of St. Pat’s history during the team’s 5th year in existence.

MINER V8 DOES 104TH ST. PAT’S

For the fifth straight year, the Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball team took part in the festivities of the 104th Missouri S&T St. Patrick’s Day Celebration by participating in the annual St. Pat’s “Best Ever” Parade on Saturday, March 17th.

The team, along with the four incoming signees in town for their official visits, were appropriately dressed to the hilt in green and walked the parade route along side junior middle blocker Kelly Kosmopolis (O’Fallon, Ill.) freshly decorated St. Pat’s/Miner Volleyball green Mustang, throwing out beads and candy to kids while passing out our 2012 spring and fall schedules to any and all potential volleyball fans out there.

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MINER TO HOST FALL CLASSIC

As mentioned in the last issue, the Missouri S&T Miners will again host the Days Inn & Suites®/Super 8® ‘Middle of Everywhere’ Volleyball Classic, during the weekend of September 7th & 8th in the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building. The fall classic, which the Miners host every other year, will feature some of the best NCAA Division II volleyball teams in the Midwest.

The 10-team field includes: Emporia State University (Kan.), Missouri Western State University, Northern Michigan University, Northwest Missouri State University, Southwest Minnesota State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, University of Southern Indiana, Upper Iowa University and Missouri S&T. Each team will play four best of five set rounds, each day.

This is the third time the Miners have hosted this outstanding event. The inaugural ‘Middle of Everywhere’ Classic was held in the fall of the 2008 with a second tournament in 2010.

GOOD LUCK MINERS!!

MINERS WIN SPRING THAW

Every April since the programs’ inception in 2007, Miner Volleyball has hosted a spring tournament and 2011 was no exception. A total of 11 collegiate teams all converged on the S&T campus for the Miners’ annual Spring Thaw Volleyball Classic. The field included some of the best teams in the Midwest and the country at different levels...NCAA Division I – St. Louis Univ. / Division II – Missouri S&T, UMSL, Quincy, Maryville, Lindenwood, McKendree / DIII – Washington Univ. / NAIA – Columbia Coll. and junior colleges (NJCAA) – Mineral Area Coll. & Mo. State-West Plains.

After squeaking into the gold bracket with a 2nd place pool finish, the Miners finished the day as the Spring Thaw champs with huge victories over DIII powerhouse WashU in the semifinals, then redeeming a pool play loss to NAIA perennial juggernaut Columbia College in the finals.

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**STUDENT ASST. JOINS MINERS**
Head coach Jason Holt is getting some other assistance this upcoming fall season. In addition to first year assistant, Sige Mueller [see page 2], he will be adding a student assistant coach in Daniel Landwehr [St. Louis, Mo.].

Landwehr, who’s sister Alison is the starting setter for Big 12 power Iowa State, is entering his sophomore year at Missouri S&T, where he is studying chemical engineering. He is a member of the S&T Men’s Volleyball team and will assist the Miners in on-court practices, primarily helping train the Miners young outside hitter corps. Welcome Daniel!!

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**OPERATION MINER VOLLEYBALL**

Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball begins its 6th Annual OPERATION VOLLEYBALL: ‘Support The Miners’ fundraising program for the ’12-’13 year. The objective is to raise support & build opportunities for the success of the volleyball program. In order to secure the best possible playing environment for our program, we are asking supporters to donate to the Miner Volleyball program through tax-deductible monetary donations (receipts for taxes/records will be sent).

Funds raised through this program will be used to offset costs for the program: special trips & other travel, uniforms, equipment, locker room/office space renovations, team building activities & more. Supporters who donate can choose to receive support awards in return for their donation to the program depending upon the level of sponsorship. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

### Support Levels

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| L2: $50 | • ‘12 Team Photo Card |

**Above Plus:**
- 2012 Miner Volleyball Media Guide
- Miner Volleyball T-Shirt (FMV $35)
- Framed/Personalized Team Photo (FMV $39)
- Miner Volleyball Long Sleeve T-Shirt (FMV $19)
- SST Miner Volleyball (FMV $15)
- Miner VB Sweatshirt (FMV $25)

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