

## Two Delaware All State Players to Play for the Hawks



DOVER – Head Coach Cindy Savage will start her second volleyball season at Delaware Tech with two high-powered additions to the roster: Samantha Immediato of Middletown (St. George’s Technical High School) and Samantha Pedicone of Wilmington (A.I. Dupont High School). Both girls were Delaware All-State players.

“Having two student athletes of this caliber commit to our institution only re-enforces that Delaware Technical Community College offers the best opportunities in the state,” said Athletic Director Anthony Edwards. Immediato was a solid all-around player while in high school and was named First Team All Conference and Second Team All State during her senior season. Pedicone also was a First Team All Conference and Third Team All State player in high school.

Coach Savage points out that Immediato is “a multi-dimensional player who will allow us to run various offensive and defensive schemes,” while Pedicone “will provide us a solid back-line presence that is key for both the offense and defense.”

Immediato said that when Coach Savage came to one of her games and encouraged her to come to Delaware Tech, she was very interested. “I already knew (Delaware Tech) had one of the best nursing programs in the entire state, but I didn’t know they had a volleyball team that won the (NJCAA Region 19) championship last season!” Pedicone agreed: “I was already excited about the nursing program, and when I met Coach Savage and found out I could play volleyball, too, that was just another plus!” Both girls have played volleyball since grade school. Not only do the athletes share the same first name and love the same sport, but they also both received academic honors in their high schools.

“It is important to the coaching staff for our student athletes to also excel academically,” says Marc Laslow, assistant coach. “Choosing a college is a major decision and we want them to enjoy the full college experience of academics and sports.”

Coach Savage tells her players that the day the ball stops bouncing and the games end, they need to move on with their lives and be productive citizens. “These two exceptional young athletes are definitely up to the challenge,” she adds. “They will be positive role models on campus and will no doubt go on to achieve great things.”

**Pictured in photo: (l-r) Kristine Ingram, student records technician; Head Coach Cindy Savage; Samantha Immediato, Samantha Pedicone, and Marc Laslow, assistant coach.**

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