



2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: **Candice O'Brien**

Professional Background:

Division I

Asst Coach Baylor University 2004-2014
Asst Coach University of Wyoming 2002-2004
Asst Coach Lamar University 2001-2002

Junior College

Head Coach Niagara County Community College 1997

High School

Head Coach Independence HS 2016-present

Club

Alliance VBC 17 Mizuno 2015-present

Personal: Husband Pete and daughter Logan is a Sophomore at Independence HS

Education: BS Kinesiology from the University of Buffalo '97

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Coaching Philosophy: I strive to coach the complete athlete. There are numerous life lessons to learn through sport. To me, it is not about winning and losing. It's about competing with grace and sportsmanship. It's about learning how to work with others to reach a common goal. It's about learning how to deal with adversity and finding a way to get the results that you want. It's about finding joy in what you are doing. It's about surrounding yourself with people that make you a better version of you and you making people around you a better version of them. I hope to instill in the girls a sense of pride and confidence in competing the same for each point regardless of the perceived outcome. Who they are is not summed up in the wins and losses...it is in how they handle themselves in both victory and defeat. My hope is to better prepare your daughter for "life" through this game that we all love so much!

Playing Experience: University at Buffalo 1992-1996

4-year 1st team all conference Outside Hitter. Still hold all time records for kills for season and career and in top ten in digs and aces

Top Volleyball Highlights: Taking Baylor to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2009 and finishing in the Top 20