



2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: [Candice Williams](#)

Professional Background: Candice currently works as the Business and Accounting Consultant for the I'On Club (Mt. Pleasant, SC), Sales and Marketing Manager at Swim & Play Nashville and is an Executive Consultant with Rodan + Fields. In the past she has worked for Southeast Renovation Resources as an Office Manager and Florida's First Coast YMCAs as a Sports and Aquatics Director. She was also the Assistant Club Manager and Director of Aquatics at the I'On Club from 2010 to June 2013. In June of 2013 she and her family moved to Mt Juliet for her husband Greg's job.

Personal: Candice married her husband Greg (former JU soccer player) in November 2012 in Charleston, SC. Greg is a Project Manager with Balfour Beatty Construction which has taken them from Jacksonville to Charleston to now Nashville. They have 2 sons, Brody (4) and Colton (9 months).

Education: HS Diploma from Chopticon High School (MD) in 2001. BS in Sports Administration from Jacksonville University (FL) in 2005.

Coaching: Candice has 13 years of club coaching experience in the 15 and 16s age groups. She coached 5 years at the National and Regional level with Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association in Jacksonville, FL. In 2010 she moved to Charleston, SC and coached 4 years at the National level with Carolina Islanders Volleyball Club in Charleston. Since living to Nashville, this will be Candice's fifth year coaching for Alliance Volleyball Club. She has also coached many developmental camps in her career including Chopticon High School, Florida State College of Jacksonville, University of North Florida, Christ Our King Catholic School in Mt. Pleasant, SC and the YMCA in Jacksonville, FL.

Coaching Philosophy: Candice's former players would describe her coaching style as a collaborative student/player centered approach. She encourages them to learn through play and be involved in decision making on the court. Her positive reinforcement and critiques help players stay focused during practice and games. Candice is highly competitive and encourages her players to challenge themselves and their teammates to get better with every touch of the ball. She also loves to laugh so you will always see her trying to create a fun and relaxed environment for her players to learn with ease.

Playing Experience: Candice, a native of Mechanicsville Maryland, grew up playing volleyball for Chopticon High School and Southern Maryland Juniors Volleyball Club. She was a 3-year varsity starter at Chopticon. Williams accepted a full scholarship to attend and play volleyball at

NCAA Division I Jacksonville University (FL). Candice was a standout hitter for JU playing middle her freshman year, then moving to right side and outside her sophomore to senior year.

Top Volleyball Highlights: While in high school, Candice earned first team all-county honors as a junior and senior, and was named Southern Maryland Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete in those years as well. Williams also was selected as First Team All-Southern Maryland Athletic Conference and Washington Post All-Extra honors. In her final high school season, Candice was named Captain and Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete of the Year. While as JU, Candice was named Academic All-Conference in 2003 and 2004 as well as JU Sports Administration Student of the Year in 2005. The 2004 season featured Williams leading her team to a first ever Atlantic Sun Conference Championship automatically gaining a berth in the NCAA tournament. During her four year playing career, JU qualified for the Atlantic Sun Championship tournament each year. Her final game was against Stanford University who ended up winning the Division I National Championship that year.

Candice's coaching career has featured many highs. Her final 16s team in Charleston, SC posted five tournament wins in one season and finished 4th at the Palmetto Regional Championships. Each Alliance team that she has coached has won at least one tournament in each of their seasons. Her 2014 Alliance 16-2 team finished 4th at SRVA regionals in Atlanta, GA. Alliance's 2016 15-2 team won the JVA World Challenge in Kansas City, MO along with the MLK Kick Off tournament in Nashville, TN in the 17s division. Last year's 15-2 team won the 15 Club Division at JVA Summerfest. Candice has coached over 55 athletes that have gone on to play at the collegiate level.