



2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: [Dani Howe Trent](#)

Professional: Dani is currently the assistant varsity volleyball coach at Father Ryan High School. She is in her second season with the team – she coaches under 14 Mizuno head Coach Ann Mullins. She enjoys her time with Father Ryan because she feels she learns so much under Coach Mullins and has really improved her coaching abilities.

Dani also works at Opryland Hotel in their Food & Beverage department.

Personal: Dani was born and raised in Nashville, TN. Her parents Bill and Dottie played a crucial role in her love for sports. She was “raised” at a softball park in Hermitage where she enjoyed playing and watching her sister play. In the summer of 2017, Dani married her college sweetheart, Derek. Derek and Dani began dating their sophomore year of college. After college graduation, Derek was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates, spending 3 years in their farm league. Dani loved watching Derek play and enjoyed traveling with her parents to watch him. Derek and Dani currently live in Mt. Juliet with their fur-baby, Nash.

Family is a huge part of Dani’s life. Her family gets together with the nieces and nephews every Sunday for a family dinner. You will often see her parents at local tournaments and the bigger away tournaments (Big South and AAUs.)

Education: Dani was recruited to play DS/Libero for East Tennessee State University and in May 2011, she graduated from ETSU with a bachelor’s degree in communications specializing in sports broadcasting with a minor in Sports Management

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Playing Experience: Dani has been involved with volleyball since she was in 7th grade. Growing up, she was a basketball and softball player until she decided she wanted to try out for her middle school volleyball team. Armed with google and a brand new volleyball, Dani and her dad went into the front yard to learn the basics of volleyball and it was love at first touch. Dani attended high school at Father Ryan where her love for the sport grew – she played all 4 years, was a 2 time State Champion and was named to the all mid- state and all – state during her senior year. She played for Impact Volleyball Club and participated in the national tournament while playing for the Impact 18-1 team.

Dani went on to play collegiately at East Tennessee State University as a defensive specialist and Libero. During her 4 year playing career, ETSU qualified for the conference tournament 3 times, advancing to the finals her senior year. During her sophomore season, she was named to the all-tournament team at the Marshall University tournament, and was named to the Atlantic Sun Conference All-Academic team

her Junior and Senior Seasons. During her junior year, she was ranked in the top 10 in the Atlantic Sun Conference in aces per set and one of only two to finish the season with more aces than errors.

Top Volleyball Highlights: One of Dani's biggest highlight is winning state her high school senior year – it is a memory and a moment that can never be taken away – the feeling it left is something she will never forget. In college, Dani was named to the all – tournament team and the Marshall University Tournament – she also ranked in the top 10 in the A-Sun in aces per set.