



## 2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: [Ellen Mullins](#)

**Professional Background:** I am the Office Manager for a locally owned company called TurfCare Landscapes and 2 franchises called Mosquito Squad and Sport Court. I have been working there for a little over 3 years.

**Personal:** I am very thankful to have a large family. I have 2 amazing parents (Steve and Sarah), 4 sisters (Lynne, Ann, Marie, and Maggie), 2 brother in laws (Chad and Michael), and 6 nieces and nephews! We all live in the Nashville area and get together often.

**Education:** I graduated from the University of Tennessee in May 2014 with a business degree in Marketing.

**Coaching:** This will be my fourth season coaching at Alliance. I have coached with Jeff Wismer and John Blair. Prior to coaching at Alliance, I worked at the University of Tennessee summer camps and gave private lessons.

**Coaching Philosophy:** I was a player who brought energy, passion, and competitiveness to the floor. I look forward to sharing my experience and skill set with future Alliance players. I am excited to give back to the sport I love!

**Playing Experience:** I started playing at the age of 9 at Impact Volleyball Club. At Impact, my team qualified for the USAV National Tournament for 6 consecutive years, winning the championship at the 15 and 17 age group. My last 2 years of club, I played for Nashville One Volleyball Club, and qualified for nationals both of those years. I started for 4 years at Father Ryan High School from 2006-2009, playing in the state championship finals all 4 years, and winning it all in 2006. I received All-State honors all four years. I went on to play in college as a libero for The University of Tennessee. During my career at UT, my team won the SEC championship in 2011, and had 3 NCAA tournament appearances from 2010-2012. I was chosen to be a part of the 2013 USAV A2 National Team, competing at the USA Volleyball National Championship in Dallas, TX where I gained valuable experience.

**Top Volleyball Highlights:** Father Ryan honored my playing career by retiring my jersey on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. At the University of Tennessee, I was awarded the following: 7-time SEC Defensive Player of the Week, 2-time All-Southern region and 2- time AVCA All American awards. I set the all-time career dig record at Tennessee with 1,801 digs, which ranks fourth all time in the Southeastern Conference.