



2017-2018 Alliance Coach Bio

Name: [Elizabeth Malom](#)

Professional Background: I currently work at The Stillery, a restaurant off of Broadway in Downtown Nashville, as a server. I have previously worked for two different interior design firms, and several other restaurants.

Personal: I'm originally from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, but moved to the St. Louis metro area when my parents divorced when I was 3. I was an only child until I was 8, & am now the oldest of seven! My mom's kids are 15, 12, & 12, & my dad's kids are 11, 9, & 7. My mom still lives in STL, while my dad lives in Franklin, TN. My boyfriend & I have been dating long distance for four years & just recently moved to Nashville at the beginning of the summer! I'm a huge country music fan, love sports, traveling, adventures, & spending time with my friends, family & one year old pup!

Education: I graduated Cum Laude in the Honors College from Missouri State University in May 2016, after only three years, with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design.

Coaching: This will be my third year coaching volleyball and first year with Alliance. I first player-coached my club team at Missouri State University in 2015/2016. Last year I coached 14s, 15s, and 17s for Team Elite St. Louis.

Coaching Philosophy: I want my players to learn just as much about life as they do volleyball, and I look forward to sharing my passion, energy, and competitive side with all of them! I have high expectations for my players and will always push them to be the very best they can be in all aspects of life, even if that means they hate me sometimes!

Playing Experience: I started playing when I was 11 years old at a rec league at a local middle school where we just passed back and forth like ping-pong. From there my love for volleyball grew, & I played on the 8th grade team all three years at Wolf Branch Middle School & played my freshman and sophomore year at Belleville East High School before coaching politics forced me to leave High School volleyball. I played club volleyball my 12s-18s years, playing for SouthWestern Illinois for 4 years, before switching to Team Elite St. Louis for my last 3 years. I founded, played for, and coached the Missouri State University Club Volleyball team. I continue to play volleyball as much as I can, often playing in sand tournaments at Nashville Beach.

Top Volleyball Highlights: I was team captain at my high school both freshman and sophomore year & received the award for Most Aces my sophomore year. My 14s year of club, we got 4th place at a National Qualifier, being one win away from going to Nationals. It was very emotional and taught me many life lessons. Founding the club team at Missouri State University that has continued to thrive even after I left will always be one of my top volleyball achievements as well.