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OAC Announces 2001 Volleyball Special Awards and All-OAC Teams

John Carroll's Weitbrecht Named OAC Coach of the Year

John Carroll 12th-year Head Coach **Gretchen Weitbrecht** has been chosen by her colleagues as the 2001 OAC Coach of the Year. Weitbrecht led the Blue Streaks to their first 20-win season and semifinal appearance in the OAC Tournament since the 1996 season. Entering the tournament, JCU was 21-9 overall. Weitbrecht has 433 career victories to rank in the top-20 all-time among active Division III coaches. This is the third time Weitbrecht has received this award.

Ohio Northern's Stover Named the OAC Sheila Wallace-Kovalchik Player of the Year

Ohio Northern senior setter **Brandi Stover (Rockford/Parkway)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2001 OAC Player of the Year. This is the second straight year that Stover has been awarded this honor. Stover is just one of two athletes that has won this award twice. John Carroll's Stacey Mullally won the award in 1992 and 1993.

She is the fourth Polar Bear to earn the award, since its inception in 1990. Stover recorded 304 assists, 54 digs and 14 aces against OAC opponents this season and added 41 kills (24 games). Stover holds the OAC career mark for assists with 5,487 through October 30.

Capital's Heppner Named OAC Freshman of the Year

Capital freshman outside hitter **Brittany Heppner (Louisville)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2001 OAC Freshman of the Year. It is the third season the OAC is presenting this award.

Heppner hit .240 against OAC opponents this season with 111 kills in 271 attacks and 121 digs. Overall, Heppner had 306 kills and 339 digs to rank second on the team in both categories. She also added 15 service aces.

**Ohio
Athletic
Conference**

Baldwin-Wallace College

Capital University

Heidelberg College

John Carroll University

Marietta College

Mount Union College

Muskingum College

Ohio Northern University

Otterbein College

Wilmington College

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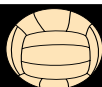
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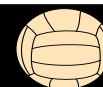
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Volleyball



2001 All-OAC Team

Selected by the league coaches

First Team

<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Megan Earley, Ohio Northern ^\$#	Sr.	MH	Jamestown/Greeneview
Beth Grzybowski, John Carroll !%	Jr.	OH	North Olmsted/St. Joseph Academy
Ashley Layman, Muskingum ^\$	Sr.	MH	Norwich/John Glenn
Cassie Palmer, Baldwin-Wallace !	So.	MH	Greenwich/South Central
Brandi Stover, Ohio Northern ^*~	Sr.	S	Rockford/Parkway
Nici Workman, Capital !	So.	OH	Chillicothe/Unioto

Second Team

Tara Anderson, Ohio Northern &%	So.	MH	Springfield/Northwestern
Sarah Gordon, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	OH	Wooster
Kerry Helm, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	S	Luckey/Eastwood
Erin Hiser, Heidelberg	Sr.	OH	Tiffin/Hopewell-Loudon
Mandy Simmerman, Otterbein ~	Sr.	OH	Westerville/South
Katie Snyder, Mount Union !	So.	S	Mentor

Honorable Mention

Emily Bowen, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	OH	Tiffin/Columbian
Holly Coleman, Mount Union	Sr.	OH	Canfield
Jodie Cress, Marietta	Sr.	OH	Louisville
Brittany Heppner, Capital	Fr.	OH	Louisville
Hannah Kanuckel, Ohio Northern	Fr.	OH	Warsaw/Riverview
Erin Perry, Marietta	So.	S	Athens

Key:

^2000 First Team &2000 Second Team !2000 Honorable Mention *1999 First Team
 \$1999 Second Team %1999 Honorable Mention ~1998 Second Team #1998 Honorable Mention

2001 Academic All-OAC Volleyball Team

First Team

<u>Player, School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Jackie Kaup, Ohio Northern	DS	Sr.	pharmacy	3.65	Fort Recovery
Ashley Layman, Muskingum !*%	MH	Sr.	business and psychology	3.90	Norwich/John Glenn
Mary Pierce, Baldwin-Wallace	MH	Sr.	accounting	3.68	Norwalk
Holly Robertson, Otterbein \$%	RSH	Sr.	middle childhood education	3.73	Newark
Mandy Simmerman, Otterbein !*~	OH	Sr.	education	3.94	Westerville/South
Brandi Stover, Ohio Northern !\$%	S	Sr.	early childhood education	3.69	Rockford/Parkway

Honorable Mention

Megan Earley, Ohio Northern	MH	Jr.	pharmacy	3.61	Jamestown/Greeneview
Beth Grzybowski, John Carroll	OH	Jr.	business	3.50	North Olmsted/St. Joseph Academy
Leighan Monroe, Heidelberg	OH	Sr.	biology and chemistry	3.55	Russia/Covington
Molly Schrader, Ohio Northern	DS	Jr.	middle childhood education	3.91	Lakeview/Indian Lake
Sarah Simpson, Capital	MH	Jr.	elementary education	3.78	Marion/Ridgedale
Nici Workman, Capital	MH	So.	accounting	3.88	Chillicothe/Unioto

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!Unanimous selection *2000 First Team \$2000 Honorable Mention %1999 Honorable Mention ~1998 Second Team