

# Jasmine Bennett

To whom it may concern:

My name is Tim Whitis. I was the head coach at Lone Oak High School for 9 years. When our county consolidated, I became the head coach at McCracken County High School where I coached until my retirement. I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to coach Jasmine for a total of 5 years. Three of those years were at Lone Oak and the last two were at McCracken. Four of those years she was a varsity starter. Jasmine was a 4.0 student and a valedictorian of her senior class. She achieved KHSAA Academic All State 3 years in a row. Jasmine has always been a leader in the classroom, community, and on the court. She would always take time to speak to all the little girls that would come to watch her play. She was a role model at McCracken County High School and continued that trait during her college years and now into her professional career.

While playing in high school she held the single game kill record of 29 kills. Jasmine had over 1600 kills in her career and 187 blocks. She led the team in kills, blocks, and kill percentage. She was named All Region and All District all four years she played varsity volleyball. She was named the Region 1 Player of the Year in 2014 and earned a position on the KVCA All State team 3 years in a row. In 2014 she was named to the KHSAA All Tournament Team.

She played her college career at the University of Louisville. Jasmine was part of 2 ACC Championships and 3 NCAA tournament showings. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and was All ACC Academic Team for 2 years, Hono Roll for 3 years, and ACC Honor Roll 3 years. In 2017, Jasmine was picked for the USVA Collegiate National team. She was also named 2<sup>nd</sup> team All ACC. She ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in kill percentage in 2018.

I highly recommend that Jasmine be considered as a Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame Athlete. She exemplifies the qualities of a what every coach hopes for in an athlete in their program, every parent wants as a role model for their own child, every school wants as an example of leadership in the classroom as well as on the court, and every teammate wants standing beside them.

Sincerely,

Tim Whitis

Former Lone Oak High School and McCracken County Volleyball Head Coach

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