

What They're Saying About Katie Schumacher-Cawley

Russ Rose, 43-Year Head Coach of Penn State Women's Volleyball

I would like to congratulate Katie on her well-deserved appointment as the head coach at her alma mater. Her experience as a student-athlete in both volleyball and basketball at Penn State, as well as her loyal commitment to the program as a staff member, certainly prepared her to lead the Nittany Lions in the future. I am happy that Katie, Mike and their daughters will be able to experience being a part of the Penn State family in this special way.

Steve Aird, Indiana Head Coach, Former Penn State Assistant Coach

I have been lucky enough to know Katie since 1997 and she is as good as it gets. She's an incredible athlete, coach and friend. Katie is a loyal Penn Stater and someone who I know will give that program her very best every day. I am certain alumni are proud that she has been given the opportunity, and she will make the best of it. She is tough, she is a hard worker and I could not be any happier for her and her family!

Cathy George, Michigan State Head Coach

Congratulations to Penn State University for recognizing Katie Schumacher-Cawley's ability to impact the lives of their student athletes. Katie has long been instrumental in collegiate volleyball as a player, head coach, and as a valuable and loyal assistant to one of volleyball's best in Russ Rose. All of Katie's past experiences coupled with her competitiveness, work ethic and character will serve her well as she carries the torch for Penn State Volleyball. Personally, I wish her the best as she has always been a great friend!

Nadia Erickson '01, Former Teammate, Including on 1999 National Championship Team

Katie brings quite a unique perspective as a former decorated player and assistant coach for Penn State. As a player, she played with grit and held herself to a high standard. As a coach, she leads with integrity, class and distinction. Katie truly embodies the rich and extraordinary culture created by her own coach and mentor, Russ Rose. I am confident she will continue to build upon the strong foundation and deep-rooted legacy of the program.

Reed Sunahara, West Virginia Head Coach

Penn State made a great hire in Katie. She has a vested interest in the University and volleyball program. Katie has experienced the first class and legendary success that Russ Rose has built over the years as both a player and coach. She will connect with recruits and will guide them to become better athletes and, more importantly, better people. Katie understands what the program needs and will do everything in her power to achieve that goal. I wish Katie and Penn State the best of luck.

Doug Bruno, DePaul Women's Basketball Head Coach

Katie Schumacher is a champ: A champ athlete and a champ person. She is one of the absolute greatest athletes to ever come out of the city of Chicago. What makes Katie uniquely special and what will make her a great coach is her gritty Chi-Town work ethic and competitiveness delivered with a common sense and compassionate approach. Russ Rose is one of the toughest acts to follow in all of coaching. Penn State has picked that 'one person' who can and WILL keep Penn State volleyball Rockin', Rollin' and Winnin'!

