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Volleyball: UAA's Scott Voted Top Player, Green Coach of the Year

SPOKANE, WA – Alaska Anchorage setter Calli Scott has been selected the 2009 *Great Northwest Athletic Conference Volleyball Player-of-the-Year*.

Scott, who leads the GNAC in assists averaging 10.79 per set, helped lead the Seawolves to a 22-7 record and their first-ever Great Northwest Athletic Conference volleyball title this fall.

UAA second-year coach Chris Green was selected the *GNAC Coach-of-the-Year*. The 1991 graduate of the University of Nebraska has a 37-21 record in two seasons after taking over a program that had posted just 17 wins combined in the three previous seasons.

Also winning special awards were Seattle Pacific middle blocker Amber Johnson and Western Washington outside hitter Marlayna Geary.

Johnson was nearly a unanimous choice for *GNAC Newcomer-of-the-Year*. She finished the regular-season ranked second in hitting percentage (.347) and fifth in blocks (0.98 per set). Geary, who finished the season ranked third in the conference in kills (3.87), was voted the *GNAC Freshman-of-the-Year*.

Scott was one of three unanimous selections to the all-conference team along with outside hitters Devon Crotteau of Montana State Billings and Sarah Risser of Seattle Pacific. Crotteau, who leads the GNAC in kills (4.47), and Central Washington libero Brandie Vea were the lone first-team repeaters from a year ago. Also named to the first team were Geary, outside hitter Jackie Matthisen of Alaska Anchorage and middle blocker Megan Thigpen of Alaska Fairbanks.

Cammy Dranginis of Northwest Nazarene was selected to the second team earning her fourth consecutive all-conference selection. She was a first team pick each of the past three seasons.

2009 GNAC ALL-CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Player-of-the-Year – Calli Scott, Alaska Anchorage. **Newcomer-of-the-Year** – Amber Johnson, Seattle Pacific. **Freshman-of-the-Year** – Marlayna Geary, Western Washington. **Coach-of-the-Year** – Chris Green, Alaska Anchorage.

First Team - *Calli Scott, UAA (S, 5-7, Sr., Scottsdale, AZ); *+Devon Crotteau, MSUB (OH, 6-0, Sr., Casper, WY); *Sarah Risser, SPU (OH, 5-9, Jr., Santa Barbara, CA); Jackie Matthisen, UAA (OH, 5-10, So., Anchorage, AK); Megan Thigpen, UAF (MB, 5-10, Sr., Spokane, WA); Marlayna Geary, WWU (OH, 5-10, Fr., Tacoma, WA); +Brandie Vea, CWU (L, 5-3, Jr., Honolulu, HI).

Second Team – Carlee Marble, CWU (S, 5-8, So., LaConner, WA); Amber Johnson, SPU (MB, 6-2, So., Mt. Vernon, WA); Emily Jepsen, WWU (MB, 5-11, So., Kennewick, WA); Cortney Lundberg, UAA (MB, 6-0, Jr., Hardin, MT); Cammy Dranginis, NNU (MB, 6-0, Sr., Nampa, ID); Lisa Martini, WOU (MB, 6-0, Sr., Philomath, OR); Anna Herold, SPU (L, 5-8, So., Bothell, WA).

Honorable Mention - Alexa Sherman, UAF (S, 5-9, Sr., Calabasas, CA); Hillary Morrison, MSUB (S, 5-10, Sr., Casper, WY); Laurie Yearout, WWU (S, 5-9, Fr., Spokane, WA); Jen Boe, MSUB (OH, 5-8, Jr., Casper, WY); Erin Norris, CWU (OH, 5-10, Sr., Spokane, WA); Megan Amundson, WWU (OH, 5-11, Jr., Stanwood, WA); Kady Try, CWU (OH, 6-0, Jr., Brentwood, CA); Lindsay Forseth, NNU (OH, 6-0, Sr., Nampa, ID); Jessica Bettencourt, SPU (Opp, 5-11, Sr., South Lake Tahoe, CA); Laura Sakala, WOU (MB, 6-0, Sr., Beaverton, OR); Teilissa Tua, SMU (MB, 5-11, Fr., Kahului, HI); Jody Lutz, MSUB (MB, 6-1, Fr., Dugald, Manitoba); Allie Gotz, WWU (L, 5-3, Jr., Bothell, WA); Stacie Meisner, UAA (L, 5-8, Sr., Gering, NE); Haley Hevern, NNU (L, 5-3, Jr., Central Point, OR).

*Unanimous + - Repeater