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## News Release

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### K.V.A.'s Hall of Fame

May 15, 2017, Topeka, KS -- The Kansas Volleyball Coaches Association is proud to announce the KVA Hall of Fame Class for 2017. This year the KVA is inducting 4 outstanding individuals for their contributions and achievements during their illustrious careers. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> KVA Hall of Fame Class, and they will be recognized in conjunction with the All- Star banquet June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This years' class includes:

**Stefine ( Pease ) House:** Stefine was a standout player for Shawnee Heights High School, playing for fellow Hall of Fame coach Kerry Kapfer, from 2004-2006 where she accumulated numerous awards. She was a KVA Academic All-State member all 3 years she was on varsity. She was 1<sup>st</sup> team All-City and All-Centennial League her junior and senior years, earning League MVP honors her senior year. She was also named to the 5A All-State Team her junior and senior years, and earned Gatorade Player of the Year her senior year. She went on to play at Lipscomb University, where she immediately propelled Lipscomb into the national spotlight her freshman year. A natural leader, she was a 3-time Atlantic Sun Conference Champion, a 3-time NCAA tourney participant, 3-time Atlantic Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, 2-time AVCA Honorable Mention All-American, and was the Atlantic Sun Player of the Year. She is Lipscomb's all-time assist leader and leads all players with number of wins in a career.

**Natalie Uhart:** Natalie was a standout player for Lansing High School, playing for fellow Hall of Fame coach Julie Slater. Natalie was All-League all 4 years of her high school career, was a 2-time all-state selection, and a 2-time Gatorade Player of the Year in 2001 and 2002. Natalie was also the KC Metro Player of the Year her junior and senior seasons. She helped lead her teams to 3 sub-state championships and, in 2002, to a 38-2 record and Lansing's state championship. Natalie then played at Long Beach State and was named to the 2003 Big West All- Freshman team. After a few seasons and some injuries Natalie transferred to KU and played for the Jayhawks for the 2007 and 2008 seasons. She was an All-Big 12 Academic performer, and was named to 2 all-tournament teams her senior season.

**Kimbrook Tennial:** Coach Tennial began his coaching career in 1976 as a football and wrestling coach in Grinnell. Two years later he began coaching junior high volleyball and fell in love with the sport. In 1988 Coach Tennial was named the head coach at Nemaha Valley. In his first year, the Lady raiders went 35-1 and won the school's first ever state championship in any sport. During his tenure as head coach they would finish 2<sup>nd</sup> once, 3<sup>rd</sup> once, and go on to win 6 state championships in 8 years. Five of those teams finished undefeated. They also set a state record winning streak of 137 match wins that still stands today. Coach Tennial was hired in 1997 to coach with his wife at Centralia, where they won a state record 8 state championships in a row, with 3 of those teams finishing undefeated and putting together a 126-match win streak, second best in the state. He became head coach at Centralia in 2007 and has led the Lady Panthers to 3 state

championships and 4 state runner-up finishes. He has also coached state championships in girls' basketball and track. His career volleyball record as a head coach stands at 701-48, a 93.5% win percentage.

Chris Herron: Coach Herron began his coaching career in 1984 and spent two seasons as coach at Golden City High School in Missouri, before becoming the head coach at Tonganoxie High School. In his 13 seasons at Tonganoxie he led his teams to 4 state tournaments while accumulating a record of 366-88. In 1989 and 1996 his teams were named the "Program of the Year" by the KVA. He then moved to the college ranks when he took over at Benedictine College for 3 seasons, guiding them to their first ever HAAC title in 2000 and a 30-8 record. The following season the Ravens went 32-6, won their first ever HAAC tournament championship and cracked the top 25 for the first time ever. Coach Herron was named HAAC Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2001. In the spring of 2002, Coach Herron was named the head coach at Washburn University. In his 15 seasons with Washburn, he has led them to 13 total trips to the NCAA tournament, won 5 MIAA titles, and has amassed a record of 453-84, an 84.4 % win percentage. He has coached his players to 28 All-American awards and 31 first team MIAA selections.

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