

# Rice Owls

## 2016 VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

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### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location:	Houston, Texas
Founded:	1891
Enrollment:	6,621
Nickname:	Owls
Mascot:	Sammy the Owl
Colors:	Blue and Gray
	Pantone 281c and Pantone 428c
Conference:	Conference USA, since 2005
Facility:	Tudor Fieldhouse (5,750)
President:	David W. Leebron (Harvard, 1976)
Faculty Representative:	Rob Griffin (Tufts, 1993)
Sr. Associate AD/SWA:	Stacy Mosely (Cal Poly, 1993)
Website:	RiceOwls.com

### VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

2015 Record:	21-10
2015 C-USA Record/Place:	11-5, 3rd
2015 Postseason:	C-USA (0-1)
Starters R/L:	5/2
Letterwinners R/L:	12/3
Newcomers:	4
Conference Affiliations:	Conference USA (2005-present)
	Western Athletic Conference (1996-2004)
	Southwest Conference (1982-1995)
All-Time Record:	650-591 (35 years)
All-Time C-USA Record:	108-73 (11 years)
All-Time C-USA Champ. Record:	8-8
C-USA Championships (1):	2009
All-Time WAC Record:	69-57 (1996-2004)
All-Time WAC Champ. Record:	3-6 (6 appearances)
All-Time SWC Record:	33-104 (14 years)
All-Time SWC Champ. Record:	0-4 (4 appearances)
NCAA Appearances (3):	2009 (0-1); 2008 (0-1); 2004 (0-1)

### VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach:	Genny Volpe (13th season)
Alma Mater:	Texas A&M, 1995
Record at Rice:	221-150 (12 seasons)
Overall Record:	Same
Office Phone:	(713) 348-8884
Assistant Coach:	Zheng Xiang (3rd season)
Alma Mater:	Indiana, 2000
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Assistant Coach:	Ariel Apolinario (1st season)
Alma Mater:	King, 2010
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Alma Mater:	Rice, 2015
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## 2016 RICE VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown/Last School	Rice College
2	Meghan Patterson	DS	5-7	Sr./1L	Pearland, Texas/Elkins HS	Jones
3	Madison McDaniel	S	6-0	Jr./1L	The Woodlands, Texas/Arizona St.	McMurtry
4	Leah Mikesky	OH	6-1	Sr./2L	Schulenburg, Texas/Florida St.	Sid Richardson
5	Lee Ann Cunningham	DS	5-7	Fr./HS	Louisville, Ky./Assumption HS	Duncan
6	Maddi Holman	DS	5-9	Sr./3L	Normandy Park, Wash./Seattle Prep	Will Rice
7	Grace Morgan	MB	6-2	Fr./HS	Crowley, La./Notre Dame HS	Hanszen
8	Chelsey Harris	RS	6-0	Sr./3L	Houston, Texas/Humble Summer Creek HS	McMurtry
10	Yonca Bartu	OH	5-11	Fr./HS	Geneva Switzerland/School of Geneva	Jones
12	Miranda Rogers	MB	6-1	Sr./3L	Houston, Texas/Bellaire HS	Martel
13	Stephanie Mendivil	OH	6-3	RSr./1L	Tucson, Ariz./Cienga HS	Sid Richardson
14	Andi Bawcum	OH	6-0	RSr./3L	Paris, Texas/Paris HS	Baker
15	McKay Kyle	MB	6-0	So./1L	San Antonio, Texas/Alamo Heights HS	Lovett
16	Julianna Dole	S/DS	5-6	So./1L	Santa Clara, Calif./Saugus HS	Lovett
18	Adria Martinez	S	5-11	Fr./HS	Spring, Texas/Concordia Lutheran HS	Duncan
21	Shelby Livingstone	OH	6-2	Jr./2L	Malibu, Calif./Oaks Christian HS	Will Rice
22	Portia Okafor	MB	6-2	Jr./2L	Lewisville, Texas/Lewisville HS	Brown

### Coaching Staff

Genny Volpe (13th season, Texas A&M '95) - Head Coach

Zheng Xiang (3rd season, Indiana, '00) - Assistant Coach

Ariel Apolinario (1st season, King, '10) - Assistant Coach

Daniela Arenas (1st season, Rice, '15) - Volunteer Assistant Coach

# 2015 SEASON STATS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	21-10	10-2	6-6	5-2
CONFERENCE	11-5	6-2	5-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-5	4-0	1-3	5-2

#	Player	sp	Attack					Set		Serve			Dig			Blocking						points
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe	
4	Mikesky, Leah	124	466	3.76	163	1344	.225	28	0.23	16	29	0.13	25	332	2.68	8	37	45	0.36	4	3	508.5
8	Harris, Chelsey	111	346	3.12	140	772	.267	4	0.04	3	7	0.03	1	75	0.68	0	45	45	0.41	4	3	371.5
1	Whitlock, Noelle	124	279	2.25	106	815	.212	33	0.27	18	31	0.15	26	350	2.82	13	31	44	0.35	9	3	325.5
15	Kyle, McKay	113	232	2.05	83	489	.305	7	0.06	0	4	0.00	0	25	0.22	9	65	74	0.65	4	1	273.5
22	Okafor, Portia	120	223	1.86	51	477	.361	8	0.07	0	5	0.00	1	34	0.28	25	102	127	1.06	25	0	299.0
13	Mendivil, Stephanie	49	67	1.37	31	209	.172	5	0.10	0	1	0.00	1	22	0.45	5	13	18	0.37	0	0	78.5
3	Madison McDaniel	93	61	0.66	16	155	.290	1020	10.97	15	28	0.16	0	296	3.18	9	41	50	0.54	1	14	105.5
5	Reed, Kyle	52	56	1.08	19	139	.266	3	0.06	10	15	0.19	0	22	0.42	1	10	11	0.21	2	0	72.0
12	Rogers, Miranda	22	25	1.14	9	62	.258	1	0.05	0	0	0.00	0	2	0.09	1	13	14	0.64	1	0	32.5
16	Dole, Julianna	112	7	0.06	5	25	.080	432	3.86	23	41	0.21	8	238	2.12	0	6	6	0.05	4	11	33.0
21	Livingstone, Shelby	121	6	0.05	6	34	.000	20	0.17	24	17	0.20	6	161	1.33	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	30.0
6	Holman, Maddi	30	0	0.00	1	1	-1.000	2	0.07	1	12	0.03	1	23	0.77	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	1.0
7	Vaio, Kimberly	96	0	0.00	1	4	-.250	104	1.08	17	23	0.18	26	375	3.91	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	17.0
2	Patterson, Meghan	33	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	6	12	0.18	0	10	0.30	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	RICE	124	1768	14.26	631	4526	.251	1667	13.44	133	225	1.07	109	1965	15.85	71	363	252.5	2.04	54	37	2153.5
	Opponents	124	1550	12.50	615	4436	.211	1454	11.73	110	208	0.89	133	1807	14.57	62	375	249.5	2.01	101	47	1909.5

Team Statistics	RICE	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
ATTACK			Aug 28	at Texas	L 0-3	12-25,23-25,14-25	2406
Kills	1768	1550	Aug 29	vs LSU	w 3-2	24-26,21-25,25-17,25-16,15-10	0
Errors	631	615	Aug 29	vs UCI	w 3-1	25-23,27-29,25-12,25-22	0
Total Attacks	4526	4436	Sep. 1	LAMAR	w 3-1	26-28,25-19,25-17,25-16	291
Attack Pct	.251	.211	Sep 04	vs UC Santa Barbara	L 1-3	26-24,15-25,19-25,26-28	150
Kills/Set	14.3	12.5	Sep 05	vs Rhode Island	w 3-1	25-22,21-25,25-19,25-19	225
SET			Sep 05	at Yale	w 3-2	25-16,28-30,29-31,25-22,15-12	434
Assists	1667	1454	Sep 11	LOUISIANA	w 3-0	25-17,25-22,25-20	343
Attempts	4478	4415	Sep 12	SAM HOUSTON ST.	w 3-2	27-25,25-16,21-25,22-25,15-11	320
Assist Pct	.372	.329	Sep 12	COLORADO	w 3-1	25-23,25-17,19-25,25-21	650
Assists/Set	13.4	11.7	Sep 15	at AMCCVB	L 1-3	25-14,15-25,19-25,25-27	1074
SERVE			Sep 18	vs UNC Greensboro	w 3-0	25-16,25-22,25-22	127
Aces	133	110	Sep 19	vs Stephen F. Austin	w 3-0	25-18,25-14,25-18	114
Errors	225	208	Sep 19	at Baylor	L 1-3	25-16,15-25,24-26,16-25	893
Attempts	2796	2617	*Sep 25	FIU	w 3-0	25-9,25-16,26-24	348
Serve Pct	.920	.921	*Sep 27	FAU	w 3-0	25-20,26-24,26-24	284
Aces/Set	1.1	0.9	*Oct. 2	at North Texas	L 2-3	25-23,28-30,19-25,25-14,12-15	347
SERVE RECEPTIONS			*Oct 04	at Charlotte	w 3-2	25-23,23-25,25-16,18-25,15-11	638
Errors	109	133	*Oct 11	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	L 2-3	25-20,20-25,20-25,29-27,17-19	587
Errors/Set	0.9	1.1	*Oct 15	UTSA	L 2-3	25-20,21-25,17-25,25-22,12-15	287
Attempts	2405	2566	*Oct 18	at UTEP	w 3-0	25-21,25-18,25-19	675
Reception Pct	.955	.948	*Oct 21	NORTH TEXAS	w 3-2	24-26,25-22,19-25,25-17,15-10	293
DEFENSE			*Oct 23	at Middle Tennessee	w 3-0	25-20,25-21,25-19	345
Digs	1965	1807	*Oct 25	at Louisiana Tech	L 2-3	21-25,25-12,25-16,26-28,13-15	246
Digs/Set	15.8	14.6	*Oct 29	SOUTHERN MISS	w 3-0	25-22,25-21,25-22	313
BLOCKING			*Oct 31	WKU	w 3-2	25-23,25-21,22-25,23-25,16-14	441
Block Solo	71	62	*Nov 04	at UTSA	L 1-3	25-27,25-21,19-25,18-25	518
Block Assist	363	375	*Nov 8	at Marshall	w 3-0	25-17,25-19,25-20	432
Total Blocks	252.5	249.5	*Nov 12	UTEP	w 3-2	25-11,26-28,25-13,20-25,16-14	298
Blocks/Set	2.0	2.0	*Nov 14	at UAB	w 3-0	25-17,25-15,25-19	253
Block Errors	54	101	Nov 20	vs Southern Miss	L 1-3	25-17,15-25,18-25,19-25	0
Ball handling errors	37	47					
ATTENDANCE							
Total	4455	8261					
Dates/Avg Per Date	12/371	12/688					
Neutral site #/Avg	7/188						

Record in 3-set matches: 10-1  
Record in 4-set matches: 4-5  
Record in 5-set matches: 7-4



# GENNY VOLPE

## HEAD COACH

**13TH SEASON AT RICE**

**13TH SEASON OVERALL**

**RECORD AT RICE: 221-150**

**OVERALL RECORD: 221-150**

Entering 2016, her 13th season at Rice, Genny Volpe has established the Owl volleyball program as a power in the Southwest. The Owls, with Volpe as head coach, have now been to three NCAA championships (2004, 2008, and 2009), the only three appearances in Rice's history.

Volpe, the sixth head coach in Rice history, has the highest winning percentage (.596) in school history and has compiled a 221-150 record.

In addition, Volpe serves as the Conference USA representative on the AVCA Division I Head Coaches Committee.

Volpe, the 2008 Conference USA Coach of the Year, coached teams that earned at-large berths to the NCAA Tournament in 2004 and 2008, and a team that won an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament by winning the 2009 C-USA Tournament Championship. Under Volpe, the Owls have finished in the top four of their conference six times, including three second-place finishes (2004, 2011 and 2012).

While at the helm for the Owls, Volpe has coached nine All-Americans, and 38 all-conference selections. Under Volpe, Rice players have received a C-USA Player of the Week award 59 times since joining the league in 2005.

In 2015 the Owls defeated two Top-25 programs in No. 23 Colorado and No. 22 WKU en route to a 21-10 record, which marked the fifth 20-win season under Volpe.

A standout setter at Texas A&M, Volpe has seen three of her setters at Rice lead the league in assists per set, and has had helped two of her players earn C-USA Setter of the Year honors, Meredith Schamun in 2009 and Megan Murphy in 2012.

Success for Volpe's athletes is not limited to the volleyball floor, as 12 Owls have been tabbed as C-USA All-Academic Team selections, since the start of that honor in 2006. In addition, Jessica Boulavsky was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America First Team in 2009.

In 2014 Volpe led the Owls to 23 wins, the fifth-most in school history. Rice advanced to the C-USA Championship game and along the way collected 16 shutouts while earning five C-USA All-Conference selections.

Rice went 19-12 in 2012, and were led by four All-C-USA selections, including Rice's first three-time All-American, Nancy Cole, and C-USA Setter of the Year, Megan Murphy. Rice posted a 12-4 Conference USA mark in 2012, including a 7-1 record at home.

The 2012 season also marked the first time that Volpe faced off against one of her former assistants, with Trent Herman visiting Tudor Fieldhouse as head coach of Houston Baptist, after spending 2004-07 as an assistant to Volpe at Rice.

The 2011 edition saw Rice with an 18-13 overall mark and a 13-7 second-place record in Conference USA. The Owls also produced AVCA All-America Honorable Mentions Cole and redshirt-sophomore Murphy. Cole was a first-team All-C-USA honoree, while Murphy was a second-

team pick. Freshman Jillian Humphrey was selected to the All-C-USA Freshman squad.

During 2009, the Owls won their first-ever conference championship when they defeated Tulsa 3-2, to earn Conference USA's NCAA automatic bid. Rice also sported a final RPI ranking of 37, its highest ever, out of 330 institutions, to lead C-USA. In 2009, Rice produced the C-USA Setter of the Year in Meredith Schamun and the C-USA Libero of the Year in Tracey Lam. Those two along with Ashleigh McCord and Natalie Bogan were All-C-USA First Team selections as well as AVCA All-America Honorable Mentions. Volpe also collected match victory number 100 with a 3-1 win at UAB on Sept. 28, 2009.

In 2008, Rice posted a 23-7 overall record, while winning a school-record 12 of 16 matches in C-USA play that placed them third in the standings, their highest finish to date. The Owls also cleaned up several C-USA awards. Tracey Lam was named as the league's Libero of the Year, while Karyn Morgan, Meredith Schamun, and Natalie Bogan were selected to the C-USA First Team. Lam and Jessica Holderness were named to the C-USA Second Team, while Ashleigh McCord made the C-USA All-Freshman Team. In 2004, her first season at Rice, Volpe led the Owls to a 25-5 overall record and the team's first ever NCAA tournament appearance. Volpe's squad finished the season with marks in the top 30 nationally in assists per game, blocks per game, kills per game, and hitting percentage. The Owls were ranked 15th in the nation in assists and kills, recording 15.54 assists per game and 16.9 kills per game. Even more impressive is the fact that the Owls were competitive with the very best teams in the nation, taking then third-ranked Hawaii to four games on the Wahine's home court and forcing a fifth game against then top-ranked Minnesota.

Prior to the 2004 season, only eight Owls had ever been named to the All-WAC team, but in 2004 six Owls received All-WAC honors. Rebecca Pazo, Olaya Pazo, Hoban, and Kuykendall were named to the first team and Lindsay Carter and Rebecca Kainz were selected for the second team. Rebecca Pazo was also an AVCA all-region honorable mention recipient, the first Rice player to receive this honor since 1995. Kuykendall was fifth in the nation in blocks with 1.74 blocks per game.

Volpe started her career by winning Rice's first 14 home games, including all 11 home contests in 2004. In total Volpe's teams have an 88-45 record while playing at home.

In her tenure at Rice, Volpe has coached the Rice career leaders in kills (Rebecca Pazo, 1969), assists (Meredith Schamun, 5190), digs (Tracey Lam, 2399), and blocks (Tessa Kuykendall, 546).

Prior to her earlier days at Rice, Volpe served as student assistant coach under the Corbellis at A&M in 1994 as the Aggies made their second consecutive NCAA tournament appearance and advanced to the second round. An all-around talented athlete, Volpe was a four-year letterwinner as a setter and outside hitter at Texas A&M from 1990-93. She quickly developed into one of the best defensive players in the Southwest Conference and led the Aggies in digs for three consecutive seasons. A two-year team captain, Volpe capped her stellar A&M playing career by leading the Aggies to a 27-8 record and the second round of the NCAA tournament as a senior.