



GMVA is very excited to announce three recent signings of Victorian Volleyballers to great college situations in Canada and the USA. These recent signings just reinforce that the school, club, state team and academy pathway is open and available to both genders. With Volleyball Victoria involved in each of these levels of participation a big thanks must go to the opportunities they provide.

Kell Lean has signed to go to Parkland College in Illinois. Parkland is a Division 2 Junior College which last season was ranked number 2 in America with a 45 and 2 win loss record.

Kells volleyball begun at Upway High School and developed further through the EIV program and the Victorian State Team program where she played in the under 19 White team in 2013. Now in her 2nd year with GMVA Kell will training with us and playing this season with the Yarra Ranges before heading overseas in July.

Congratulations to Kell on all her hard work and overcoming her knee problems from last year to realise one of her volleyball goals. Finally, a massive thanks to Matt and Dave at Strive4College for their work in setting up Kell to head to the USA, their expertise was invaluable in the process.

Sam Brisbane has recently signed with Mount Royal in the Canadian CIS, which is the top division in the Country. Sam has spent 2 seasons at Red Deer coming 2nd in the nation last year and currently fighting for the number 1 placing this season.

Sam has always been a committed trainer and competitor playing for the Victorian State Team for 6 years now, GMVA for 5, club volleyball (Falcons & Yarra Ranges) for 5 and his school, Eltham High.

Luke Brisbane is heading over to Red Deer to replace his brother Sam. This is an exciting signing as it cements a relationship with Red Deer that will hopefully continue into the future for Victorian players. Luke is currently overseas with the AIS team touring through Asia and Europe but will return to play for Cobras in the State League, Victoria at Nationals for the 5th time and continue his training at GMVA heading into his 4th year.

In other news Trent O'Dea is also away with the AIS team on the same tour as Luke Brisbane. Trent is getting some well earned recognition for his dominant displays at Nationals over the past 2 years representing Victoria. Trent plays State League for Melbourne Uni Renegades and recently moved to Canberra on scholarship with the Australian Men's Team.

Finally, GMVA has started a Youth Program for 12 to 15 year olds. This is a very technical training run by expert coach Anne Roberts who played in the National Team in the year 2000 era and went on to a 4 year full athletic scholarship in the USA. For more information please contact Luke Campbell at lukegmva@gmail.com or on 0414 633 837.

