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LHS Volleyball Coach Joins Luallen at Seward

Following a successful three year stint as the Head Coach for the Liberal High School Volleyball program, Thais Baziquetto-Allen will join the Seward County bench in 2014 as Bert Luallen's assistant.

Baziquetto-Allen was 69-43 in three seasons as the Head Coach for the Lady Redskins. Last season Baziquetto-Allen guided Liberal to a 23-18 record and a second place finish in the Western Athletic Conference. In 2012 Baziquetto-Allen led Liberal to a 28-14 season and just one win short of a WAC Championship. For her efforts in 2012, Baziquetto-Allen was named the WAC Coach of the Year.

Along with her three years of experience at Liberal High School, Baziquetto-Allen has also been instrumental in the development of the Liberal Volleyball Club in the offseason. Baziquetto-Allen has coached an LVC team for each of the past three years and has worked with a number of other coaches inside of the club as well as at the Kids Inc. level during that span.

Prior to her three year stint at Liberal, Baziquetto-Allen was an Assistant Coach at Lamar Community College in Colorado. In her only season with the 'Lopes, Baziquetto-Allen helped Lamar to a 26 win season which included her recruitment of three All-Conference players. While at Lamar, Baziquetto-Allen was also in charge of the 'Lopes strength and conditioning program.

Baziquetto-Allen also brings four years of teaching to SCCC/ATS. At Liberal High School she worked as a Chemistry teacher and was recently named the LHS Teacher of the Month. At Lamar Community College she worked in LCC's math department.

As a player Baziquetto-Allen starred at Western New Mexico University at St. Petersburg College. At Western New Mexico she was named to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Academic Team during her senior season and graduated with honors from WNMU. At St. Petersburg she helped the Titans to a 26-9 record during her sophomore season and was on the President's Honor Roll.

A native of Guarulhos, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Baziquetto-Allen brings a strong international background to the Seward program. Before coming to the United States as a collegiate student-athlete, Baziquetto-Allen played at the highest club level of amateur volleyball in Brazil and still remains with a number of strong connections in the Sao Paulo area.

Head Coach Bert Luallen on Baziquetto-Allen "I'm extremely excited about having Thais become a part of the Lady Saints Volleyball program. We couldn't have been more fortunate to find someone with her background and experience. I'm looking forward to working with Coach B-A and taking our program to the next level."

Baziquetto-Allen will finish the year as a teacher and the Head Swimming Coach at Liberal this Spring while still working with the Seward program on a daily basis. Upon completion of her contract at Liberal High School, she will join the Seward County staff full time.

Baziquetto-Allen lives in Liberal and is married to Seward County Sports Information Director Roy Allen.

Roy Allen

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