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## **WeCOACH Announces Brianna Barry Memorial Scholarship**

July 21, 2021 – WeCOACH has announced the creation of the Brianna Barry Memorial Scholarship. Brianna, who tragically passed away last month due to a medical event, was an assistant volleyball coach at George Washington University, a 2016 WeCOACH/NCAA Women Coaches Academy Graduate, and served a two-year term on the WeCOACH Coaches Council as the volleyball representative.

With the blessing of Brianna’s parents, the Brianna Barry Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to an assistant woman volleyball coach at the NCAA Division I, II, or III level to attend the WeCOACH/NCAA Women Coaches Academy, which is the premier development program for NCAA women coaches of all sports. The memorial scholarship includes full tuition to attend the multi-day Academy and a travel stipend. The next Academy will take place in May 2022.

“Bri’s passion for life and for coaching was absolutely infectious. She touched so many lives with her kind heart and captivating smile. It is an honor and privilege that WeCOACH can create this scholarship in her remembrance and to pay it forward to another woman coach,” said Megan Kahn, CEO of WeCOACH.

Brianna’s love of volleyball started at an early age, serving as a ball girl at Florida State University before going on to a successful career with the Seminoles, where she garnered 2nd team All-American and ACC Player of the Year honors her senior season. Brianna’s coaching career included serving as graduate assistant coach and head coach at Southeastern Oklahoma State before transitioning in 2019 to assistant coach at George Washington University.

The Brianna Barry Memorial Scholarship will be funded through the generous contributions of two lead donors: Dr. Cecile Reynaud, founding board member of WeCOACH and former Florida State volleyball coach (1976-2001), and Elizabeth King, current president of the WeCOACH Board of Directors.

“I first met Brianna Barry as young girl when she volunteered to be a ball girl at our FSU volleyball matches. She later came to FSU as a student-athlete. As a fan I was thrilled to watch her compete at the highest level. I kept in touch with her over the years when she entered the field of coaching. I am so proud of her and where she was going in her career as a coach.” said Reynaud.

Additional donations in Brianna’s honor to support this scholarship can be made at [wecoachsports.org/donate/](http://wecoachsports.org/donate/).

### About WeCOACH

Founded in 2011, WeCOACH has become the premier membership organization committed to recruiting, advancing, and retaining women coaches across all sports and levels. Previously known as the Alliance of Women Coaches, the organization reinvigorated its brand in August 2018. By providing a supportive and unified network, educational programs and resources, and access to in-person and digital resources, WeCOACH is changing the landscape for women coaches. Visit [wecoachsports.org](http://wecoachsports.org) for more information.