

ALFRED AGCAOILI NAMED HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH

Portland, Oregon (August 12, 2021) – Columbia Christian is proud to announce the hiring of Alfred Agcaoili as Head Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach.

A Hawai'i native, Agcaoili brings 30 years of extensive volleyball coaching experience and accomplishments to Columbia Christian at the high school prep, junior club, professional indoor and NCAA collegiate levels, including coaching at one of the premier military service and academic institutions in the nation at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado, where the men's volleyball team won back-to-back conference championships in 2012 and 2013 during his time there. Agcaoili has developed and worked with many of the greatest volleyball coaches in the history of the sport, including 19-time NCAA national champion UCLA head men's volleyball coach Al Scates, who is enshrined in seven Volleyball and Athletics Halls of Fame including the prestigious International Volleyball Hall of Fame.



Respected as a teacher of the sport, Agcaoili has trained and coached 21 volleyball All-Americans, 68 high school prep and collegiate all-conference award winners, 17 Volleyball magazine "Fab 50" national honorees and 7 junior national championship medal teams. Many of his former players continue to give back to the sport and are successful in life as community citizens. For the past 25 years, he has traveled across the United States and worldwide to share his knowledge and love for the sport of volleyball.

Agcaoili will be assisted by Natalie Bishop, who returns as Assistant Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach. Bishop is a teacher for the middle school and serves as the Middle School (7/8) head volleyball coach.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT COACH ALFRED AGCAOILI:

"Alfred, if you want someone to do the job, ask a busy man. You sound like that man. I am glad you are going to be rewarded for your outstanding contributions to our sport. Thank you for your skill and efforts!"

Al Scates, International Volleyball Hall of Fame, AVCA Hall of Fame, USA Volleyball All Time Great Coach award, Pac-12 Men's Volleyball Coach of the Century, legendary 19-time NCAA national champion head men's volleyball coach, UCLA

"I have known many coaches at all levels in my 40-plus years as a head coach. I don't think I have ever met anyone more dedicated to young people and more enthusiastic about developing players. I would trust Alfred with the responsibility to carry out any task. His loyalty and commitment is second to no one. Alfred, thank you for your support and good luck to you. Your work is amazing! Very, very impressive!"

Brian Gimmillaro, AVCA Hall of Fame, USA Volleyball All Time Great Coach award, first coach in the U.S. to win national championships at the high school, junior club and NCAA Division I levels, legendary 3-time NCAA national champion head women's volleyball coach, Long Beach State University

"Alfred, thank you for all you do and continue to do. Let me know what I can do to help you. Thank you, again, for all you are giving to the sport of volleyball—your efforts and knowledge are remarkable."

Sharon Peterson, Legendary 7-time national champion University of Hawai'i-Hilo head women's volleyball coach, USA Volleyball All-Time Great Player Flo Hyman Award recipient, Olympian, USA women's indoor volleyball and current varsity boys volleyball and varsity girls volleyball head coach, Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Kamuela, Hawai'i

"Alfred, congratulations on all of your coaching opportunities and challenges. Good luck to you. Your profile is quite impressive from the standpoint of all the good things you have done in your life."

Fred Sturm, USA Olympic indoor men's volleyball head coach, 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympic Games bronze medal, USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach award, Stanford University men's and women's head volleyball coach

"Alfred, I know your love, enthusiasm and knowledge of the sport and commitment to young people will continue to take you far. Continue to do great things. You have a gift of teaching more than volleyball. Our children need you. Communities need you. You are an inspiration."

Nino Fennoy, Mentor to Olympic gold medalists Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Dawn Harper-Nelson, record 17 Illinois High School Association Girls Track & Field state championships in legendary 44-year coaching career, three Halls of Fame and national coach of the year awards

About Columbia Christian

The mission of Columbia Christian School is to provide a Christ-centered education focused on excellence in faith, character, and academics to students from Pre-K through 12th grade. Located in NE Portland, Oregon, Columbia's core values include fostering relationships, pursuing truth, and preparing students for an abundant life of Christian leadership and service. Established in 1947, and with national accreditation, Columbia equips students for success. The caring faculty and friendly community make Columbia a welcoming place for young people. Beyond the classroom, students have the opportunity to participate in field trips, volunteer projects, class retreats, and extracurricular activities like band, choir, yearbook, drama, and sports.