

My name is Natalie Ott. I was born and raised in O'Fallon, IL so I have been in the Gateway region from what seems like birth! I attended and played at O'Fallon HS and went on to play club at Loyola University Chicago. While there, I served as our club president for 3 of my 4 years on the team. I began coaching boys and girls volleyball at the largest private grade school in Chicago and coached a season of club for Wildcat Jrs., the affiliate club of Northwestern University. After a few years, I moved back to the area and pursued a Master's degree in Education. During this time, I coached for O'Fallon High School and began coaching for Blue Steel. I have coached for Blue Steel the past 6 seasons, earning national births the past 3 years. Currently, I am in my second year as director for Blue Steel and coach girls high school ball at Highland High School in Highland, IL where I also teach high school biology and chemistry.

I would like to serve as an At-Large member on the board because I can contribute a unique perspective. I hope to represent some of the smaller, competitive clubs in the area. One of my biggest areas of interest is the collaboration among clubs. Even though we are all competitors, we have the same goal in mind - to help our athletes reach their goals and improve the game we all love so much.