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# SKYLINE CONFERENCE

## VOLLEYBALL REPORT

### 2009 ALL-SKYLINE CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL

#### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**VICTORIA KALVERT • Polytechnic Institute of NYU**  
Sophomore • Middle Blocker • Missouri City, Texas (Elkins HS)

Polytechnic Institute of NYU sophomore middle blocker Victoria Kalvert was selected as the Skyline Conference Player of the Year in women's volleyball. Kalvert, who earned Rookie of the Year honors as a freshman last season, ranked in the top-10 in the conference in four statistical categories this season. She ranked second in hitting percentage (.304), third in kills per set (2.75), fifth in blocks per set (0.61), and tenth in service aces per set (0.49). Kalvert was a two-time selection as Skyline Conference Player of the Week this season while helping the Fighting Blue Jays to a program-best 25-9 overall record and a first-ever NCAA Tournament bid.

#### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

**COREY LOUPEE • Polytechnic Institute of NYU**  
Freshman • Middle Blocker • Crown Point, Ind. (Boone Grove HS)

Polytechnic Institute of NYU freshman middle blocker/right side Corey Loupee was selected Skyline Conference Rookie of the Year. Loupee is the third straight NYU-Poly player to earn Rookie of the Year honors, following teammates Victoria Kalvert (2008) and Meredith Shipman (2007). Loupee, who hit .254, ranked third on the team in kills per set (2.16), led the team and ranked third in the conference in service aces per set (0.66), and ranked second on the team in blocks per set (0.41). She earned Skyline Conference Rookie of the Week honors on three occasions this season.

#### SKYLINE CHAMPIONSHIP MVP

**MEREDITH SHIPMAN • Polytechnic Institute of NYU**  
Junior • Outside Hitter • Sugarland, Texas (Elkins HS)

Polytechnic Institute of NYU junior outside hitter Meredith Shipman was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the Skyline Conference women's volleyball tournament as she led the Fighting Blue Jays to their first Skyline title and first NCAA Tournament bid in any sport. Shipman averaged 4.88 kills per set while hitting .473 (39-4-74) in the two matches. In the championship against Sage, she had 25 kills and just three errors. Her biggest kills came in the deciding fifth set with the NYU-Poly trailing 14-11 and facing three match points. The Fighting Blue Jays scored three straight points and six of the next seven to rally for the conference championship.

#### COACH OF THE YEAR

**LISA GALLAGHER**  
The Sage Colleges

Despite losing two all-conference players to graduation from the 2008 Skyline Conference championship team, ninth-year Sage head coach Lisa Gallagher had her team in position to contend for another conference title. Faced with the task of replacing 2008 Skyline Player of the Year and career assist leader Kaitlin Olmstead as well as two-time All-Skyline first-team selection Krista Provost, Gallagher directed her squad to a 7-2 mark during Skyline regular-season play. The Gators also knocked off second-seeded St. Joseph's in the conference semifinals. Sage then dropped a hard fought 3-2 decision to top-seeded NYU-Poly in the championship match.

#### SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

**THE SAGE COLLEGES**

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## 2009 ALL-SKYLINE CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

### **PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Victoria Kalvert      So.    MB      NYU-Poly      Missouri City, Texas / Elkins

### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

Corey Loupee      Fr.    MB      NYU-Poly      Crown Point, Ind. / Boone Grove

### **SKYLINE CHAMPIONSHIP MVP**

Meredith Shipman      Jr.    OH      NYU-Poly      Sugar Land, Texas / Elkins

### **COACH OF THE YEAR**

Lisa Gallagher, The Sage Colleges

### **TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

The Sage Colleges

### **FIRST TEAM ALL-SKYLINE CONFERENCE**

Nicole Corbett	Jr.	MB	Sage	Castleton, N.Y. / Maple Hill
Shannon Dempsey	Jr.	LIB	St. Joseph's-L.I.	Lake Grove, N.Y. / Sachem North
Marwa Elembaby	Sr.	OH	St. Joseph's-L.I.	Holtsville, N.Y. / Sachem East
Corey Loupee	Fr.	MB	NYU-Poly	Crown Point, Ind. / Boone Grove
Meredith Shipman	Jr.	OH	NYU-Poly	Sugar Land, Texas / Elkins
Katie Toole	Sr.	S	Mount Saint Mary	Walkkill, N.Y. / Walkkill Senior
Rachel Van Horn	So.	OPP	Bard	Lawrence, Kan. / Lawrence

### **SECOND TEAM ALL-SKYLINE CONFERENCE**

Nicole Breitbart	Fr.	S	NYU-Poly	Ridgewood, N.J. / Ridgewood
Dominique Cunningham	So.	OH	Farmingdale State	Amityville, N.Y. / Copiague
Elizabeth Douress	Jr.	MB	Mount Saint Mary	Rahway, N.J. / Union Catholic
Taylor Edelmann	Fr.	MB	Purchase	Bethel, Conn. / Bethel
Kristina Giordano	So.	S	Old Westbury	Huntington Sta., N.Y. / Walt Whitman
Kellie Jones	Sr.	OH	Sage	Troy, N.Y. / Troy
Melissa O'Connell	So.	M/OH	St. Joseph's-L.I.	Amityville, N.Y. / St. John the Baptist
Renee Reynes	So.	LIB	Mount Saint Vincent	Bronx, N.Y. / Aquinas