

### KARLA FAIRBANKS

### "Bulldog All-America Performer"

Karla Fairbanks became the latest FSU women's volleyball standout to achieve All-America accolades as she was named to the 2003 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Honorable Mention All-America Team.

Fairbanks, who will be a senior during the 2004 campaign, also became the 11th player in the eight-year tenure of FSU head coach Tia



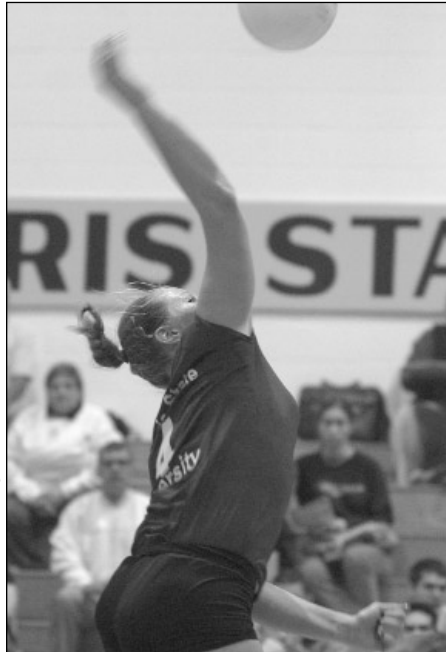
Brandel-Wilhelm to earn AVCA All-Great Lakes Region First-Team recognition. She was among 63 individuals garnering honorable mention accolades.

Fairbanks, who was named a co-recipient of Ferris' 2003 Most Valuable Player Award, registered a team-high 516 kills and 336 digs during the 2003 campaign.

She also became the 13th player in school history to register 1,000 career kills and presently ranks 12th among the school's all-time leaders with 1,111 career kills. The 5-11 Fairbanks recorded 26 double-figure kill outings and totaled 17 double-double (kills & digs) performances while earning first-team All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) kudos during the 2003 season.

Fairbanks claimed GLIAC North Division Player of the Week kudos twice (9/8 & 10/5) in 2003 and finished the season ranked third in kills (4.57 kpg) and fourth in service aces (0.51 apg) among the league's leaders. The 2002 GLIAC All-Academic Team pick also received all-tournament team recognition at the Grand Valley State Days Inn Classic (Sept. 5-6) in Allendale, Mich.

Eight Bulldog volleyball players have achieved either first or second team AVCA All-America recognition, including Alaina Olds (2002-2nd), Kathy O'Connor (1992, 1993-2nd), Stephanie Chaffin (1992-2nd), Karen Volkers (1990-2nd), Lori Blair (1990-2nd), Patty Theis (1986, 1987-1st; 1985-2nd), Wendy McCann (1987-2nd) and Sharon Sanders (1984-2nd).



"I have made many lifetime friendships and will always cherish my time as a Ferris State volleyball player. My teammates were not only great players, but also great friends. Go Bulldogs!"  
 - Sheri Harris  
 1987-88, '96, '98

"I learned to build strong relationships during my time as a Bulldog student-athlete. Because of that, I interact easily today with a variety of different personalities in my career path."  
 - Lacey VandeStreek  
 1997-99

"I had the time of my life playing at Ferris State and could not imagine my life today without that experience. I learned things about myself that would not have been possible any other way."  
 - Morgan Buckner  
 1997-2000

"Ferris State volleyball was my home away from home. I learned a lot about teamwork, time management and what it's like to have 13 sisters. It was a rewarding experience."  
 - Erin Minnis  
 1998-2001

"It was a great experience playing volleyball at Ferris State. You really feel like you're welcome and there's a family-type atmosphere. I loved every minute."  
 - Alaina Olds  
 1999-02

- BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL**
- GLIAC Championships**
- 1990
  - 1989
  - 1987
  - 1986
  - 1985
  - 1984
  - 1983
  - 1982
- NCAA Tourney Appearances**
- 2002
  - 1999
  - 1992
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### Bulldog Hall Of Fame

#### "KATHY DEBOER HONORED"

Former Ferris State head coach Kathy DeBoer (1980-83) will become the fourth member of the FSU volleyball program to be enshrined into the Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame this fall, joining former players Sharon (Sanders) Bade (1981-84) and Patty (Thies) Feldpausch (1984-87) in addition to former coach Monica Folske (1974-83).

Ferris' third head volleyball coach, DeBoer is best known for guiding the Bulldogs to their first two NCAA Tournament appearances. DeBoer registered a 107-63 (.629) mark in four seasons at the helm. During the 1982 campaign, DeBoer led the Bulldogs to a 43-14 mark, which included a first-place 8-0 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) finish. In her final campaign (1983), DeBoer helped FSU finish 33-12 overall and reach the regional finals.

Besides running her own summer camps at Ferris State, she also taught nationally, including two summers serving on the volleyball staff at the National Sports Festival - an Olympic training ground for America's top junior athletes.

A two-time (1981-82) GLIAC "Coach of the Year," DeBoer led Ferris to its first two league titles (1982-83) and held an active 22-match conference winning streak when she left. DeBoer firmly established Ferris State as a top 10 team in the national polls as the Bulldogs claimed two-straight GLIAC Tournament titles (1982-83) and recorded two consecutive eighth-place national finishes (1982-83).

