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### 2024 TEAM FACTS

**Key Returners:** Nalani Iosia (5th, DS/L), Aliyah Moore (Sr., OPP), Taylah Holdem (So., OH), Julia Bishop (Sr., S), Evie Doezema (Jr., OPP), Zuzanna Kulig (MB, So.)

**Key Additions:** Akasha Anderson (Jr, OH - Auburn transfer, 2022 All-SEC, 2022 AVCA South Region Freshman of the Year); Danyle Courtley (Grad, OH - Rice transfer, 2023 AVCA All-South Region, 2023 Second Team All-AAC, led Rice in kills (414), kills per set (3.66), points (449.0) in 2023); Taylor Preston (Jr, OH - Oklahoma transfer, 2023 was second on team in kills (354), points per set (3.56), kills per set (3.25); Mia Hood (Fr, MB - One of the top middle blocker prospects in the country for the Class of 2024)

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 13/4

- Michigan State losses just one starter to graduation from 2023 (Amani McArthur, MB).
- Michigan State returns 85.3% of its kills (1,247/1,462), 98.5% of its assists (1,317/1,337) and 91.1% of its digs (1,422/1,561) from 2023.
- Julia Bishop and Nalani Iosia return as three-time team captains, becoming the fifth and sixth players to do so in program history (Nikki Colson, Katie Johnson, Kori Moster, Rachel Minarick).
- The Spartans improved dramatically from year one (13-18, 4-16 BIG) to year two (17-14, 9-11 BIG) under Head Coach Leah Johnson.
- Defeated #13 Penn State on Oct. 28, 2023, MSU's first home victory over PSU since 2002 and first home ranked win since 2017.
- In 2023 MSU posted its most All-BIG selections since 2017 (Amani McArthur/Taylah Holdem). Holdem was MSU's first All-Freshman Team selection since 2014.
- Home match attendance has increased drastically since 2021 (44,079 in 16 matches). In 2022 the Spartans totaled 51,320 fans (16 matches, 16% increase) and in 2023 MSU tallied 61,348 home spectators (19% increase from 2022).
- Michigan State set three Top 10 program attendance marks in 2023, including a new program record of 8,789 fans on Oct. 6, 2023.



**Evie Doezema (EHV-ee DOO-zuh-muh)**

Junior / OPP/MB / Grand Rapids, Mich.

- Do-it-all utility player for the Spartans. Started her MSU career as a 6-rotation outside before transition to the right in 2023. Has also played at middle blocker.
- Made a big jump from freshman to sophomore season, hitting .257 (.090 as a freshman) with 0.56 blocks per set (57 total blocks) on the right side.



**Taylor Preston**

Junior / Outside Hitter / Union, Ky. (University of Oklahoma)

- Appeared in 55 matches and made 42 starts for the Sooners from 2022-23.
- Her 354 kills ranked second on the OU team in 2023 along with her 3.56 points per set and 3.25 kills per set. All three were career bests.
- Enrolled at MSU as a transfer in January '24 and participated with the team in Spring scrimmages.



### Leah Johnson

Head Coach / 3rd Season at MSU, 14th Overall / Missouri State '04 & '06

- Fifth-most experienced head coach in the B1G (entering 14th season as a HC)
- Led Michigan State to a 17-14 (9-11 B1G) record in 2023, improving up a 13-18 (4-16 B1G) record in her first season at the helm
- Improved MSU's total wins (13 -> 17) by 30.76% from Y1 to Y2 and B1G wins (4 -> 9) 125% from Y1 to Y2
- Made four consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament during her five seasons as head coach at Illinois State

### 2023 IN THE RECORD BOOK

- **Nalani Iosia's** 483 digs last season ranked 8th all-time in MSU program history.
- Entering the year with 950 digs at MSU, Iosia is on pace to potentially finish in the program career Top 5 for digs in just three seasons (#5 - 1,335 - Allyson Karaba - 2007-10).
- **Taylah Holdem's** 399 kills and 3.44 kills/set ranked 3rd all-time by a Michigan State freshman.
- **Holdem's** 25 kill match against Northwestern on Sept. 30, 2023 was the most kills by an MSU freshman since Erin Hartley (28) in 1998. Holdem was MSU's first B1G All-Freshman Team selection since Rachel Minarick in 2014.

# 2024 Michigan State Volleyball Roster

#	Name	Pronouns	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / High School / Last School
1	Nalani Iosia (nuh-LAW-knee / yo-SEE-uh)	she/her	DS/L	5-8	5th	Long Beach, Calif. / Redondo Union / Texas
2	Karolina Staniszezwska (care-oh-LEE-nuh / stanis-SHEF-ska)	she/her	OH	6-0	So.	Warsaw, Poland / Niepubliczna Szkoła Sportowa w Mielcu
3	Akasha Anderson (uh-KAH-shuh)	she/her	OH	6-3	Jr.	Reston, Va. / Herndon / Auburn
4	Danyle Courtley (DANIELLE / COURT-lee)	she/her	OH	6-1	Grad	Katy, Texas / Cinco Ranch / Rice
5	Ky Clayton (KYE)	she/her	DS/L	5-6	So.	Lee's Summit, Mo. / Lee's Summit
6	Nil Okur (KNEEL / oh-KOOR)	she/her	MB	6-1	Jr.	Istanbul, Turkey / Ozel Sezin Okullari
7	Taylor Preston	she/her	OH	6-2	Jr.	Union, Ky. / St. Henry District / Oklahoma
8	Mia Hood (ME-uh)	they/them	MB	6-6	Fr.	Roswell, Ga. / Homeschooled
9	Zuzanna Kulig (zoo-ZON-uh / KOOL-igg)	she/her	MB	6-4	So.	Chrzanów, Poland / Wyższa Szkoła Lingwistyczna
10	Kayla Foley	she/her	DS/L	5-4	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va. / First Colonial
11	Avery Horejsi (hor-AY-she)	she/her	DS/L	5-4	Sr.	White Lake, Mich. / Walled Lake Central / DePaul
12	Evie Doezema (EHV-ee / DOO-zuh-muh)	she/her	MB	6-3	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Grand Rapids Christian
13	Aliyah Moore (uh-LEE-uh)	she/her	Opp	5-9	Sr.	Surprise, Ariz. / Valley Vista / Illinois State
14	Taylah Holdem (TAY-luh / HOLD-um)	she/her	OH	6-2	So.	Christchurch, New Zealand / Burnside
16	Grace Kelly	she/her	OH	6-0	Sr.	Alexandria, Va. / Mount Vernon / Virginia Tech
18	Rachel Muisenga (MY-zing-uh)	she/her	S	6-1	Sr.	Wheaton, Ill. / Benet Academy / Penn State
21	Kaya Hood (KYE-uh)	she/her	MB	6-5	Sr.	Roswell, Ga. / Blessed Trinity Catholic / Samford
22	Carmen Waye	she/her	MB	6-2	Fr.	Halifax, Nova Scotia / Citadel
23	Cam Berger	she/they	S	5-11	So.	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Eden Prairie
25	Julia Bishop	she/her	S	5-11	Sr.	Dearborn, Mich. / Mercy
33	Mya Bolton (MY-uh)	she/her	DS/L	5-4	Fr.	Shawnee, Kan. / St. James Academy