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Bailey Below "Seals the Deal" with Volleyball Signing for John A. Logan College

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Bailey Below signed to play volleyball at John A. Logan College on November 27, 2018 at Bloomfield High School.

John A. Logan College is a public community college in Carterville, Illinois.

Bill Burnside is the head coach for the Vols. Last year marked his ninth season as head volleyball coach at John A. Logan College. Over the previous eight years, the Vols have put together a 169-98 record, including a 20-10 mark this past year. The Vols also have three Great Rivers Athletic Conference championships and four Region 24 championships in the Burnside Era, including the 2016 Region championship last season.

"I think she is a good fit for us," stated Burnside. "She is aggressive at the net and I like the way she positions her hands as a setter. We will look at her more and see where she will play as an outside hitter or setter or maybe elsewhere. We are glad to have her."

Bailey chose John a Logan because it felt like home and most importantly because she enjoyed playing with the other athletes on the court.

"I visited John A Logan and it really felt like home. I really didn't want to make my decision on my first college visit, but it felt right," commented Below. "I then visited a second time and got to play with the girls. I had fun and I really liked it. That sealed the deal!"

"Hopefully I will be an outside hitter and setter at the college level,"

With her senior year coming to an end she has little time to reflect; however when asked about special memories she laughed a little and remembered the hamster!

Below's most memorable moment at high school was her junior year. "We got a hamster on senior night for Jewel. That was fun and crazy!"

"My most memorable sports moment was our Districts this year. It is my senior year and I got my sister here playing too. It was both emotional and fun!"

She was also named to the 2018 Class 2 All-State Team!

Below's future plans are to play volleyball and major in physical therapy or sports therapy.

Pictured front row from left to right are her family Allen Below, Jenny Thomas, Bailey, and Molly Below.

Back row from left to right: Bloomfield Volleyball Coach Haley Silman, John A Logan Head Volleyball Coach Bill Burnside, and Bloomfield Asst Coach Jessica Roper.

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