

## **Jaymie Swift, Class of 2004**

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Jaymie shares with us this story that I know you will find interesting. “My two years at Yavapai College seemed like, well minutes. My time in Prescott flew by so quickly, but was a vital part of my life. It was my first years living the college life on my own and away from home. Not only did I gain knowledge as a student but also as an athlete. I signed my letter of intent on signing date of December, 2001, on a full scholarship to the Lady Roughriders volleyball team. So my experience at Yavapai was fun and new.

All my professors and coaches were great people who really cared and respected you as an individual. Fay Matsumoto was the most helpful of them all. She was one of my best mentors at YC. Fay really helped me to grow as a person and player. Another person that I really looked up to was LouVina Maho, she was always there with a smile to help with any question that I had. As a Native American mentor, Ms. Maho was understanding and encouraging during my years at Yavapai. Yavapai helped me to grow in all aspects educational, athletically, and socially. It really helped me adjust to the whole college life experience.

After finishing at Yavapai, I moved to El Paso, Texas and attended The University of Texas. I received my bachelor’s degree of Health Science in Health promotion with a concentration in Kinesiology. I completed my degree in June, 2007.

Finishing my time in El Paso, I moved back to the rural area I grew up in and lived from about a month. I was a college graduate and I wasn’t sure what I wanted to. I ended up taking a leap to an unknown area across the country. I was offered an assistant coaching position at Dartmouth College. I had never been to New England and didn’t know much about the Ivy League. I was thrilled that the volleyball program considered

and wanted me as part of their coaching staff. It took me a few days to think about it but I really wanted the experience.

I took the job; this is where I am today. I am very glad that I did accept this position; I learned so much about coaching at the Division I level. We finished our season November 10th, finishing 4th in Ivy League. We did well and I am looking forward spending another season here with the Big Green of Dartmouth!"