

## **Jorja Nackard, Volleyball Team, 1996-1998**

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**Years Attended:** 1996-98

**Area of Study:** Volleyball/Spanish/Health

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Jorja writes: “After Yavapai, I returned to Flagstaff and attended Northern Arizona University. While studying at NAU, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Mexico and Spain. I completed my education in 2002 with a BA in Spanish and a BS in Health Promotion. I have been coordinating the Maternal and Child Health programs at North Country HealthCare the past five years. I also coach high school and club volleyball.

I have so many wonderful memories about Yavapai. It seems like yesterday we were there going to school. At the time, I had no idea how much that experience would impact my life. Yavapai is where I learned to be independent, adventurous, and responsible. I made some of my best friends there and still keep in touch with many of them. I have a lot of memories related to driving around Prescott. My experience at Yavapai would be insignificant if it weren't for my volleyball teammates. I learned something special from every one of them. Also, our coaches Dalton Overstreet and Fay Matsumoto taught us so much about volleyball, but more importantly they taught us about life. I am nobody's wife or mother. I own a house and live in Flagstaff. Life is great! Hope everyone is doing well.”