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LINCOLN, NE — The Nebraska School Activities Association is proud to recognize Ms. Natasha Haupt of Leyton Public Schools as this week's Above and Beyond Award nominee. A dynamic educator, coach, and parent, Natasha exemplifies what it means to go above and beyond—not only for her students and athletes but for her entire community.

In just three short years at Leyton, Natasha has created a lasting impact that reaches far beyond wins and losses. As head volleyball coach, she led the Lady Warriors to a historic 35-1 season and a State Runner-Up title—a first in school history. But Natasha's influence doesn't stop on the court. She's a champion of innovation and opportunity, spearheading new programs and initiatives that give students real-world experience and lifelong skills.

Under her leadership, the school's Entrepreneurship class launched The Warrior Coffee Station, which serves the community three days a week and operates at school events. The yearbook program was reimaged, now featuring interactive elements with QR codes linking to student and team videos. When students expressed interest in bringing back cheerleading, Natasha made it happen. She also helped lead a shift from a traditional trip to New York City to an immersive travel experience in Costa Rica—one that now includes members of the broader community.



What makes Natasha special is not just what she does—it's how she does it. She leads with heart, grit, and the belief that kids deserve more. She stepped in as an assistant boys' basketball coach when there was a need. She teaches Foods, Business, Personal Finance, and Yearbook, with each class reflecting her drive for excellence and innovation. She uplifts students in every setting, equipping them with the confidence and resilience to succeed well beyond high school.

And Natasha didn't stop there. After driving her daughter to a volleyball tryout in Colorado, she saw a need for more local opportunities. Rather than settle, she created the 308 Elite Volleyball Club, which now supports three competitive teams for athletes aged 13–18. Through this venture, she's giving kids in her area a chance to train, grow, and shine—on the court and in life.

Natasha's passion for coaching was shaped by her own high school experience, where a coach left a lasting impression on her. Today, she passes that gift forward, building a volleyball program rooted in skill, leadership, and love for the game. Her teams are strong, yes—but more importantly, they're made up of confident, driven, and compassionate young women who are ready to make a difference in the world.

The NSAA is proud to recognize Ms. Natasha Haupt for her dedication, creativity, and unwavering belief in her students. She is a shining example of what it means to go above and beyond.

The NSAA's Above and Beyond Program is designed to recognize the hidden gems of communities across Nebraska. [Click here to nominate someone today!](#)