

## Salima Rockwell

Salima Rockwell was a three-time All-American at Penn State under coach Rose from 1991-94, picking up four All-Big Ten honors, including three first team selections and Big Ten Player of the Year honors in 1993. She also earned back-to-back NCAA Tournament All-Tournament team honors at the 1993 and 1994 national finals. She graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in speech communications.



Following her time in the Blue and White, she played with the United States National team from 1995-99, serving as an alternate on the 1996 squad at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia. Rockwell captained the USA National Team in 1997 and 1998 and served as the starting setter for the Americans. She earned the Coaches' Award, MVP and the Team Award in both seasons.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Rockwell was an assistant at the University of Pittsburgh from 2001-03 where she worked primarily with the Panthers' setters. She also was the Panthers' lead recruiter and signed four of their top five recruits in 2002.

Widely regarded as one of the nation's top assistant coaches, Rockwell spent five seasons as an associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Texas before returning to Penn State. While with the Longhorns, Rockwell helped guide Texas to three NCAA national semifinal appearances, including a national championship in 2012. She also helped sign the No. 2 recruiting class in 2012, which included three top 10 recruits. Most recently, Rockwell was the recipient of the 2013 AVCA National Assistant Coach of the Year Award.

Rockwell helped guide the Nittany Lions to their seventh NCAA national championship in program history. Rockwell also mentored setter Micha Hancock to AVCA DI National Player of the Year honors. During her second season back, she helped guide the team to the NCAA regional semifinals, while mentoring setter Bryanna Weiskircher to AVCA All-Region distinction.

She still ranks fourth all-time on Penn State's career assists list with 5,455, and sits fourth on the career assists per game list (12.34). She ranks sixth on the career digs charts with 1,278 and sits 15th all-time on the career hitting percentage list (.301). An all-around player, Rockwell also ranks 11th on the career total blocks chart with 382 and was inducted into the Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Rockwell also spent three years in the ultra-competitive world of pharmaceutical sales, consistently ranking as a top-selling representative.

Rockwell and her husband, Jeff, have two sons, Logan and Rylan.