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(Neb.) - CSC volleyball team adds two more

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CHADRON – Chadron State College volleyball coach Natasha Marquis announced Thursday two more student-athletes have signed National Letters of Intent.

Arielle Boone of Buffalo, Wyo., and Justine Ackie of Ahwatukee, Ariz., which is a suburb of Phoenix, will both continue their volleyball careers for the Eagles in the fall of 2012.

The two join four others – Danielle Hundley, Shannon Durck, Shelby Austin and Allison Munk – who all signed NLI's in April.

"Both of these players are hard-working and driven," Marquis said. "We are excited to have them join the Eagle volleyball family."

Boone, a 6-foot middle blocker from Buffalo, Wyo., joins the Eagles with two years of eligibility remaining. She played one season at Dawson Community College and another at Williston State in North Dakota.

At Williston last season, she had 130 kills while hitting .270 and added 30 blocks and 29 digs. She was named to the all-tournament team at the junior college Division I tournament. At Dawson, she had 110 kills and 101 digs. She also served 27 aces and finished the season with 96 total blocks.

Boone is also a stellar student. She was placed on the all-academic teams for both volleyball and basketball in high school and has been on the Dean's List three out of four semesters.

"Arielle has jumped around a bit her first two years and we are glad to give her a place to settle in," Marquis said. "She is a dedicated athlete who loves the game and I expect that to serve her well."

Ackie, a 5-8 setter, had 455 set assists, 170 digs and served 82 aces at Mountain Pointe High School last fall. Her assist total ranked her in the top 40 in Arizona and she helped lead her squad to a 24-9 record and a seventh place finish at the state tourney.

She was named to the 5A-1 East Valley All-Region Second Team following the season.

"Justine is a dynamic setter with some great playing experience," Marquis said. "If she utilizes her athleticism and court sense, she has the ability to run a successful offense for our team."

Chadron State will open its 2012 season Aug. 31 at the Northern State Tournament in Aberdeen, S.D.