

Abby Chancey joins 850 Elite as a head coach after assisting and volunteering with the club for 4 years. She hopes to not only develop skills for her players but also improve their individual leadership. With a range of coaching and playing experience from youth through college and adult levels, she brings a wealth of experience to the court. She is Indoor CAP 1, Impact, SafeSport, and CPR/First Aid certified. She is also fluent in Gold Medal Squared teachings as she received training as a player under its late founder, Carl McGowan, during her collegiate career and again as Coach under Chris McGowan and other GMS staff.



Chancey comes to 850 after a stellar collegiate and post-graduation career. Considered one of the most decorated players in program history, during her four years at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, she led the Eagles to four regular season conference titles and two conference tournament championships, as well as, their first two National Championship appearances, including an Elite Eight appearance in her senior season. Chancey was the first player in program history to be named to an All-American Team, collecting First Team honors in 2011, Second Team honors in 2010 and honorable mention accolades in 2009. Other national recognitions for Chancey include being selected to the 2010 NAIA National All-Tournament Team and being named to the NAIA All-Southeast Region Team in 2009, 2010, and 2011 by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.



A First Team All-Sun Conference selection all four years, Chancey was the conference Player of the Year for three consecutive seasons. She currently holds school records for career kills (1,713), attack attempts (4,316), and points (1,993). She is also ranking among the top 10 in attack percentage, digs and service aces. For all her accomplishments at ERAU she was the first volleyball athlete to be inducted to the ERAU Athletic Hall of Fame Class in 2017.

At the conference level, she is still ranked among the top 5 in 3 statistical categories, Kills over a single season, kills over her career, and service aces in a season, and only recently was she unseated from the top position from both kill categories. Finally, she is ranked #9 in conference history for service aces in a career.

As a senior, Chancey was part of the 2011 Embry-Riddle squad that is considered the most successful in school history. The Eagles ran through the conference schedule and tournament without dropping a set (42-0), the first time that feat had been accomplished in Sun Conference history. Embry-Riddle also received its highest rank in the polls ever at #2 that season, finishing sixth in the final polls - still its highest-ever finish.

Earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from Embry-Riddle in 2012, Chancey was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the United States Air Force (USAF). After graduation, she was stationed in Mississippi where she started coaching club. Under the guidance of former Mississippi State volleyball coach Tina Seals, Chancey volunteered with the Mississippi Juniors Volleyball Club, coaching 17's for one season.

In 2014, Chancey moved to Dayton, where she was head coach of the Carroll High School Junior Varsity team for one season before being named the Volunteer Assistant Coach at NCAA Division 1 Wright State University (WSU), whom she was with for 2 seasons through 2016. Named the blocking



coach at WSU, she was charged with transforming the program from static blocking to swing blocking beginning in the Spring of 2015. Over the course of the fall 2015 season, WSU showed monumental improvement in the blocking categories moving from last in the Horizon Conference in 2014 to top three by the end of 2015. Statistically, the Raiders improved 61 total blocks on the season, amounting to about 2 additional blocks per match over the previous season, a 38% increase.

In the spring of 2015, Chancey continued her playing career when she was named to the All-Air Force team where her team placed second amongst the US Armed Forces and 10th overall in the USA Volleyball Adult Championships. She was subsequently named to the US Armed Forces Team, a team that defeated Canada in the bilateral North America match.

In 2016 Chancey was selected to play for the United States Air Forces in Europe Team for the NATO Air Command Tournament held at RAF Halton, United Kingdom where she Captained the team to a first-place finish as a setter and was crowned NATO Champions.

in 2017 she moved to Fort Walton Beach to begin work on Eglin AFB. In an impressive display of breath of skill, she was once again selected to the All-USAF team, this time as a Middle Blocker. Leading the USAF to its first Armed Forces championship in 5 years and subsequently chosen to represent USA on the All-Armed Forces Team at the Military Volleyball Championships. Competing at the highest level for the Armed Forces, Chancey, as Team Captain and setter, led team USA to a 2nd Place finish, highest finish in 25 years, and earned the team Sportsmanship Trophy, a first for USA All Armed Forces Volleyball. For this performance, Chancey was named USAF Female Athlete of the Year in 2017.

In 2019, she was selected to both the USAF and All Armed Forces teams again. Once again, the USAF captured Gold at the Armed Forces Championships. This year was special however, as those who were selected for the All-Armed Forces Team, were training to compete in the World Military Games in China, an event that only occurs once every 4 years. While USA All Armed Forces finished just out of medal contention in China at 5th, it was a great showing for the team who competed against many of the same players that would go on to compete at the 2020(One) Tokyo Olympics.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Chancey was a four-year letter winner at Mercy Academy and played club at KIVA for 9 years. Chancey was a 3-time AAU All-American at KIVA, where in her final year she won the 2008 AAU National Championships and was named MVP.

Off the court, she's a founding member of the Air Force ROTC Detachment 157 Alumni & Cadet Association, a robust organization of over 1,800 alumni that works to develop an involved, supportive network of AFROTC Det. 157 alumni and cadets to share and preserve their heritage, foster lifelong unity among the membership, and support Det. 157 cadets and alumni in their careers. She has been on the Board of Directors for 10 years and has served in a variety of roles including President. During her tenure, she founded the organization's first scholarship and raised over \$15,000.

In 2018 Chancey earned her Master's of Science in Unmanned Systems from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Following 8 years of Honorable service, she left active duty in 2020 and currently works as a civilian Program Manager on Eglin Air Force Base. She is married to Jonathan Chancey and has 2 dogs, Tigger and Snow. She enjoys cooking and still coaches and plays volleyball in her free time, she currently resides in Niceville, FL.

