



Top Select Volleyball Academy is proud to announce and congratulate Erika Figueroa for committing to East Carolina University to play Division 1 volleyball as a libero / defensive specialist.

Erika started playing middle school volleyball in 5th grade. She played club for two years before joining Top Select. Erika played setter position for 5 years. When she was on the 17 Elite team, she decided to switch her position to libero and she love it! Since it was a new position for her, she had to train very hard. Besides practicing a few times a week, and attending position training, she also took private lessons weekly.

East Carolina University is a beautiful campus located in Greenville, NC. They are a Division 1 school and are in the same conference as UCF, so she will be playing in Orlando during the season. As soon as she went to visit ECU, she knew that it was the right school for her. Erika loves everything about it. The head volleyball coach is Coach Pati Rolf. She had talked to Coach Rolf many times on the phone prior to her visit and knew she will enjoyed her as a person. During her visit, Erika was able to meet many of volleyball players and had a great time with them, too. She still keep in contact with them and they send her video clips of their workouts and of some of their practices. Erika can't wait until she visit in October to stay for the weekend!

When Erika joined Top Select, she wanted to become a better volleyball player and Coach German was highly recommended to her. Coach German was able to teach her so much about technique and strategy. One of the things that impressed her most about his club is that their goal is not only to develop elite volleyball players, but also develop character. We are pushed to the highest standards as a player, but also as a person. Every coach that she has worked with at Top Select has touched me in a different way and she has learned something from each and every one of them.

“The best advice that I can give to younger players at Top Select is to take full advantage of every practice and training session. Top Select has the best coaches in this area. Learn everything that you can from them. Participate in position training and take private lessons whenever possible. It is important to train with your team, but it is also important to train for your position”.

