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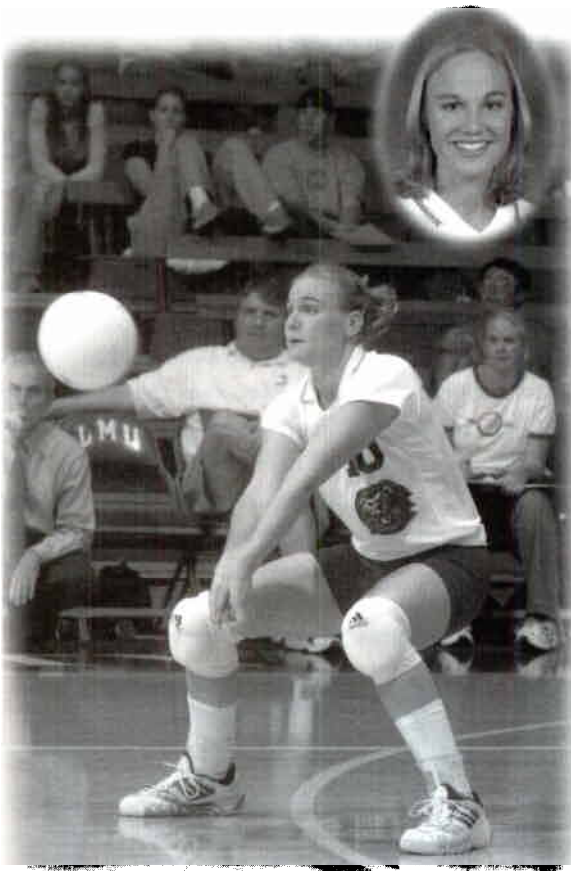


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Laura Gustorf, a native of Stockton, Calif., has concluded her third season with the Loyola Marymount University women's volleyball team. As the team captain, Gustorf has been part of one of LMU's more successful programs. However, her achievements off the court have been just as successful. Gustorf has the numbers that put her at the top of the West Coast Conference. In her three years with the Lions, the team has accumulated a 55-30 record and advanced to two NCAA. However, the numbers that make her a true student-athlete within the mission of Loyola Marymount is the WCC All-Academic honors she received in 2000. Gustorf, a business administration major has a 3.64 cumulative GPA and was awarded the Fr. Alfred Kilp, S.J. Leadership Award in the spring of 2001. The award is presented to first, second and third year students in good academic standing who during the current academic year have excelled as leaders.

Gustorf has been instrumental in initiating change, taking leadership roles that have motivated her peers to change themselves and challenge others, a criterion of the Kilp Award. She has also served within the community as part of the Big Sister Program, assisting the Amanda Foundation and serving with the local YMCA. The Big Sister program was established by volleyball Head Coach Steve Stratos as a way to help first year athletes adapt to the new life at Loyola Marymount and the volleyball program. It is a volunteer program that pairs upperclass teammates with the younger students to guide them through their first year of college.

The program has worked, as the women's volleyball team is traditionally ranked among the top of the team GPAs. From these activities, it is clear that Gustorf has given selflessly of her time and energy in an attempt to make the world and LMU a better place.