

Volleyball shines bright at Durham  
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Durham College's men and women's volleyball teams both came away with strong seasons, which are shining a spotlight on the college. Many of the players were chosen for the championship all-star teams after the women's team won silver at their provincial championship and the men's team was the top seed in the East Division with a perfect record.

The majority of the women's team will be losing players to graduation and Tony Clarke, head coach of the women's volleyball team, believes the biggest challenge for the upcoming season will be bringing in new players.

This is Clarke's first year coaching at Durham and he is excited about the team winning silver, the first in nine years, and ending the drought.

"I want to be recognized provincially and nationally, year in and year out, so hopefully we're in that exact same position we were this past season to next year and seasons on," said Clarke.

The men's team will be losing their core leadership group and making way for a new one and will have to take a more hands-on approach with the team next year, according to George Matsusaki, head coach of the men's team.

"Though we're losing some players we're excited for the new players who have already committed to the program next year and we're optimistic that we can be just as good, if not better, next year than we were this year," said Matsusaki.

Matsusaki was named the OCAA coach of the year and contributes the team's success to having an experienced team and not having to change much compared to the previous season.

With both teams facing many changes in the upcoming season, both coaches are determined to gain national attention. While both coaches acknowledge it will take some time to get there with almost entirely new teams, they are committed to recruiting new players and are confident in their programs.