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**Head Coach** 

One of the most successful coaches in collegiate volleyball history, Debbie Hill enters her 30th season at the helm of the Tribe program.

With an impressive all-time record of 552-392 (.585), Hill ranks 23rd in NCAA history in career victories. A five-time Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year honoree, Hill guided W&M to seven straight conference championships from 1985-91 and recorded an amazing 56 consecutive league wins in the process. Additionally, she has led the Green and Gold to 20-win seasons 12 times, including a school-record 34 triumphs in 1980.

Recent evidence of this success came during the 2005 season, as the Tribe posted a 22-9 record overall and a 15-3 mark in CAA play. En route to finishing second in the conference, the College registered winning streaks of eight and seven matches as Hill earned CAA Coach of the Year accolades.

In 2001, Hill led W&M to one of its most successful seasons in school history. In addition to winning 22 matches, the College claimed a CAA title and earned its first invitation to the NCAA Tournament. In doing so, Hill was recognized as the Virginia State Coach of the Year.

In addition to the NCAA bid, Hill has led the Tribe to postseason competition on three other occasions with appearances in the National Invitational Volleyball Championship. In 1991, the Tribe proudly claimed the Steve Lowe Award at the NIVC for "competitive excellence, inspiration and fair play."

Hill has coached numerous players who have garnered individual awards, as 29 student-athletes under her watch have been named to all-conference teams. The list includes current Tribe



The Hill/Buchanan Family

standout Kim Mount, who was honored as the CAA Rookie of the Year in 2005. During her tenure, she has coached four individuals to seven CAA Player of the Year honors, with Heidi Erpelding taking the award home three straight years and Jennifer Torns winning the award twice. Erpelding was inducted into the William and Mary Hall of Fame in 2002 and is one of the program's finest players. Jane Fanestil-Peterson, a two-time National Coach of the Year at Central Lakes Community College, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005, while Torns joined them with her induction last spring.

Demanding success both on and off the court, Hill and her staff recruit true student-athletes on a national basis. Hill's teams have been ranked as high as 28th on the National Rating Index while meeting the challenging academic standards of the College. Many William and Mary volleyball players (Anna Finley and Anna Agbe-Davies, to name two) stand as a tribute to the total development Hill emphasizes. Both earned Phi Beta Kappa, Academic All-America and all-conference honors, with Agbe-Davies also receiving an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. In 1995, the Tribe was honored with the AVCA Team Academic Award while posting the College's highest cumulative team GPA (3.45).

A native of Miami, Fla., Hill is a graduate of Miami Dade Community College-South Campus, where she earned an A.S. in physical education in 1972. At Dade-South, she was a five-sport athlete, leading the volleyball team to a fifth-place finish at the national tournament her freshman year. Hill continued her volleyball career at the University of Houston, where she graduated with a B.S. degree in physical education in 1974. During her junior year, Hill helped lead the Cougars to a sixth-place finish in the national tournament.

A physical education instructor upon her arrival at William and Mary in 1976, Hill earned her master's degree in physical education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in

Hill resides in Williamsburg with her partner of 25 years, Dr. Camilla Buchanan, and their daughter, Camilla Lee Hill, a freshman field hockey player at W&M. Hill and her family enjoy traveling twice a year to Kenya, where they volunteer with a community development project near the Maasai Mara Game Reserve.



Hill's Career (	Coaching	Record
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Year	School	Record (Pct.)
1976	William and Mary	15-9 (.625)
1977	William and Mary	13-24 (.351)
1978	William and Mary	17-13 (.567)
1979	William and Mary	27-13 (.675)
1980	William and Mary	34-11(.756)
1981	William and Mary	19-18 (.513)
1983	William and Mary	33-12 (.734)
1984	William and Mary	18-22 (.450)
1985	William and Mary	27-6 (.818)
1986	William and Mary	27-11 (.711)
1987	William and Mary	23-7 (.767)
1988*	William and Mary	25-5 (.834)
1989	William and Mary	28-4 (.875)
1990	William and Mary	21-12 (.636)
1991	William and Mary	24-7 (.774)
1992	William and Mary	19-14 (.576)
1993	William and Mary	12-16 (.429)
1994	William and Mary	17-12 (.586)
1995	William and Mary	15-17 (.469)
1996	William and Mary	17-15 (.531)
1997	William and Mary	10-22 (.312)
1998	William and Mary	19-16 (.543)
1999	William and Mary	16-15 (.516)
2000	William and Mary	15-14 (.517)
2001	William and Mary	22-6 (.788)
2002	William and Mary	7-22 (.241)
2003	William and Mary	10-17 (.370)
2004	William and Mary	15-12 (.556)
2005	William and Mary	22-9 (.709)
2006	William and Mary	10-16 (.385)
Career Totals: 552-392 (.585)		

\* Steve Stovitz coached the team while Hill served as Director of Volleyball while on maternity leave.

### **Assistant Coaches**



## seng Chiu

**Assistant Coach** 

Having developed an extensive coaching resume at the collegiate, high school and club levels during the past 14 years, Seng Chiu begins his third stint as an assistant coach with the William and Mary volleyball program. Previously, Chiu served as an assistant coach at W&M from 1994-95 and returned as a volunteer assistant in 2000.

Chiu brings a wealth of coaching and playing experience to the College. In addition to his previous work with the Tribe, he also served as an assistant with two other Division-I programs – Hampton University and the University of Nevada-Reno. Additionally, he assisted with a pair of Division-III programs and coached a number of high school and club teams.

"We are excited to have Seng back with us," Head Coach Debbie Hill said. "He has gained an incredible amount of coaching experience at a very high level. It will be great that he can incorporate what he learned here with the knowledge he has gained elsewhere. He understands our team philosophy, and he is a perfect fit for our program."

Chiu's last collegiate volleyball coaching position was at Hampton in 2005 when he helped lead the Lady Pirates to their first winning season in school history. He was also a member of the HU staff in 1996.

Between his two seasons at Hampton, Chiu served as an assistant coach at Marymount University (2002-03) and as a volunteer assistant at the University of Nevada-Reno (1999)

In addition to his positions at the collegiate level, Chiu has been a head coach with four high school programs. He got his start at Lafayette High School in Williamsburg, where he led the Rams to their first regional championship and was honored as the Bay Rivers District Coach of the Year. Chiu also experienced great success as the head coach at Washington-Lee High School and was selected as the district coach of the year in 2001. His other head coaching jobs were at Wakefield High School (2004) and Paul VI Catholic High School (2006).

Chiu has also spent a number of years working with various club teams. Most recently, he spent two seasons as the head coach for the Northern Virginia Volleyball Association (2005, 2007). In 2005, he guided the NVVA-15 Select team to a third-place finish at the National Invitational Tournament. He also coached the DIVA Volleyball Club in 2002 after two years with the Sierra Nevada Volleyball Club (1999-00). During the 1999 season, he also held the position of program director. Prior to his work with the SNVC, Chiu served as the head coach of the Williamsburg Volleyball Club from 1994-97.

As a student at William and Mary, Chiu played on the men's club team and started all four seasons as a middle blocker and outside hitter.

Chiu earned an undergraduate degree in management from W&M in 1994 before completing a master's degree in business administration from Hampton in 1998.

Chiu currently resides in Williamsburg with his wife, Chanda, and their four-year-old son, Henry.



## RACHEL Wagener

**Assistant Coach** 

After completing an outstanding playing career as a middle blocker at the University of Maryland, Rachel Wagener begins her first season as an assistant coach with William and Mary.

While Wagener will be instrumental in all aspects of the Tribe program, including technical training, scouting, practice planning, video analysis, in-match strategy and recruiting, she will work primarily with the middle blockers.

"We are very excited about Rachel joining the staff," Head Coach Debbie Hill said. "She played in the Atlantic Coast Conference at a very high level and was extremely successful. She will be invaluable with the middle blockers and helping them improve their play. Additionally, she is a great person and very hard-working."

One of the most prolific blockers in Terrapin history, Wagener helped lead the team to three ACC championships and was selected as a honorable mention All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) following her junior and senior seasons. She finished her career as the school record holder for total blocks (649), block assists (565) and career hitting percentage (.341). Additionally, she established the program's single-season block assists record (177) as a sophomore.

Following her collegiate career, she was one of 16 athletes selected to participate in the First Annual AVP Beach Tryout. Additionally, she was one of eight players chosen for the first-time beach volleyball Collegiate Nationals.

In addition to her All-America recognition at Maryland, Wagener was also named to the 2005 Collegiate Volleyball Update Stellar Spikers Second Team. One of the ACC's top players throughout her career, she was chosen to the All-ACC First Team as a senior after being tabbed with second-team honors the previous two seasons. During her rookie season with UM, she was selected to the ACC All-Freshman Team. She also garnered AVCA All-East Region accolades in 2004 and 2005.

During her senior season, Wagener ranked 11th nationally with 1.61 blocks per game, while her .380 hitting percentage ranked 20th in the country. She also experienced great success as a sophomore when she set UM's single-season block assists record. That year, she led the ACC in blocks per game (1.50) and became the first Maryland player to register 200 total blocks. Additionally, she ranked first nationally in blocking three times during the season.

Prior to attending Maryland, Wagener had a heralded prep career at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake, Va. Highly recruited by a number of Division-I programs, she was selected to attend the USA Volleyball Camp in Louisville, Ky., during the summer of 2000. She was also a first-team all-district and all-region honoree her final three seasons.

During each of her years at Maryland, Wagener assisted with the Janice Kruger Volleyball Camp.

She earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Maryland in 2006.

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