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Shaila Camilo (front row, center) and other student athletes of the Garden State Athletic Conference were honored January 22 by the NJ Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. Photo courtesy of GSAC.

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PCCC volleyball player Shaila Camilo has been named Woman of the Year 2012 by the PCCC Athletics

Camilo is one of sixteen student athletes from colleges in the Garden State Athletic Association (GSAC) who were chosen by their schools for the award, which is based on academic and athletic accomplishment as well as community service.

"This is a really big honor for me," said Shaila. "I never expected an award. I just play to have fun and give the opponent some competition."

Volleyball Star Shaila Camilo is PCCC Athletics Woman of the Year 2012



Shaila Camilo in action on the volleyball court.

A two-year All Region/All GSAC first team selection, Shaila was instrumental in helping PCCC's women's volleyball team capture the 2011 GSAC Women's D III Volleyball Conference Championship.

Shaila and the other award winners were honored January 22 at the 20th annual New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women luncheon. More than 900 attended the event at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. This year's theme was "Title IX at 40: In it for the Long Run," a reference to the legislation that prohibits discrimination in federally funded education activities.



"We are very proud of Shaila and everything she has done to make the women's volleyball program successful " said Bernard Johnson, PCCC athletics director.

Tanash Lawrence, head coach of women's volleyball at PCCC added, "Shaila was a very valuable all-around player and she's academically strong, too. If we had ten more like her, what a team we'd have."

Left: Shaila with PCCC Women's Volleyball Head Coach Tanash Lawrence and Athetics Director Bernard Johnson at the January 22 awards ceremony.

"Learning about Title IX at the ceremony made me really appreciate that fact that women have a chance to play sports," Shaila remarked. "Just to be on the team itself is very satisfying but to be known and recognized by PCCC's coaches and the NAGWS for my accomplishments is definitely off the charts."

Shaila, who turned 20 on February 1, is a 2010 graduate of Passaic High School where she played volleyball since her freshman year and was captain in her senior year, earning 1st-team all-league and 1st-team all-county. She also played on the softball and bowling teams at PHS.

A student at PCCC since fall 2010, Shaila is studying exercise science to earn her certification as a fitness specialist. She plans to become a college physical education and health instructor and also hopes to one day coach volleyball.

"Volleyball is where my heart is," said Shaila. "I love playing volleyball. It's the only time I can actually find peace in my heart and mind, and with great teammates and coaches, its pretty amazing to play for and with them."

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