

Carrie Rowley Bennett

Class of 1999



Carrie Rowley Bennett is a graduate of the 1999 class at Cardinal Gibbons, lettering in 3 varsity sports. Growing up in a tennis centric family, she transitioned into volleyball after attending a Gibbons volleyball camp the summer before her 8th grade year. Inspired by the legacy of Coach Crocco's volleyball program, she made it a goal to play high school and collegiate volleyball from that point forward. During her freshman year she was brought onto the varsity team and experienced her first state championship title by growing and learning under a team of high caliber athletes.

She went on to co-captain the team in the following years, winning 2 more state titles and achieving 4-A State Player of the Year her senior year. She achieved First Team All-State three of her four years, as well as Tampa Invitational All Tournament Team. In the spring she lettered in both softball and tennis, and played club volleyball, where she was recruited by Furman University and the University of Kentucky.

Carrie went on to play Division I collegiate volleyball at Furman, where she started all four years and majored in fine arts. While at Furman, she led the Paladins in kills her freshman year, and achieved Player of the Week in 1999. In 2000 she earned Southern Conference preseason All-League Team, and holds the all time #1 ranking for service aces with 183 for the program. She ranks 3rd in digs and all time attack attempts.

Upon graduating from Furman University, Carrie accepted the job as art teacher for grades k-8 at St. Coleman School, and has since developed public art initiatives collaborating with local cities to bring kids art to public spaces. In 2010 she married her husband Chad Bennett, a native New Zealander and videographer, sharing equally in her passion for the creative arts. Together they bring their creative passions to their local churches and community.



Carrie currently resides in her hometown of Lighthouse Point, close to her family and relatives where they remain closely knit. Carrie travels locally and internationally for street painting events and continues to teach the next generation of artists and dreamers.