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NAKANO COMPLETES VOLLEYBALL CAREER AT CEDARVILLE

CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Michelle Nakano was the primary setter for the Cedarville College (OH) volleyball team for the third straight season. Nakano was a senior co-captain of the 1989 team that posted a best-ever 34-13 record. Michelle is a graduate of Waiakea High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nakano of Keaau.

Nakano is asked many times why she left home to go so far away to college. "My family is very supportive and helpful," notes Michelle, whose father works for the Hawaiian Telephone Company and her mother is a nurse. "By going away to college in Cedarville, Ohio, I've learned to appreciate them even more. I wanted to go to a Christian college and some friends told me that it was good school."

Nakano led the team in assists with 757 in 2,184 attempts, averaging a school record 6.01 per game. She recorded 43 service aces with a .936 serve percentage. She was one of only two players on the team to play in all 126 games in the 47 matches this fall.

Yellow Jacket volleyball coach Elaine Brown states, "Michelle provides a silent leadership among team members. I respect her volleyball skills and so do her teammates. Her talents have contributed a lot to the team over the last three years."

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Nakano has played volleyball since 7th grade. She attributes much of her success in the sport to Louella Aina and to Elijah and Susan Maluo, who coached her in intermediate and high school.

Nakano is an Elementary Education major and she plans to return to Hawaii to teach after graduation. Michelle carries that particular major because she says she loves to work with children.

Cedarville is a Baptist liberal arts college located in southwestern Ohio, 25 miles east of Dayton. The school has an enrollment of approximately 1900 students.

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