

# 2017 USA WOMEN'S DEAF NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TEAM



**John  
Kessenich  
Assistant Coach**

Name: John Kessenich  
Birthplace: Kalamazoo, MI  
Hometown: Milford, CT  
High School: Richard Montgomery HS  
College: Vassar  
Major: BA – Mathematics, Religion

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2016 - World Deaf Volleyball Championship - Washington, DC (gold)... 2016 - Pan Am Volleyball Championship - Washington, DC (gold).

#### BIOGRAPHY:

Kessenich has grown up around volleyball and spent most of his life playing or coaching the game. In high school, he led his team to their first ever county championship, garnering player of the year accolades for his contribution. At Vassar College, Kessenich was a 2-time NCAA Division III All-American and led Vassar to the NCAA Division III men's volleyball championship match in 2008. After college, Kessenich continues to play at an elite level, competing in the AVP tour, USAV Open Nationals, and the New Zealand Professional Tour. Kessenich was an assistant coach for the Eastern Michigan Eagles starting in 2012. He played a key role in the programs appearance in the MAC Conference finals after a 23 year drought. During his time at East Michigan, Kessenich specialized in coaching the attacking and blocking techniques of the team. Following his time at Eastern Michigan, Kessenich coached four teams at the New Zealand Beach National Championships, winning 3 gold medals and 1 bronze.

QUOTE: "You were born with wings. Why prefer to crawl through life?" -Rumi

