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UGF Volleyball Adds JUCO All-American

Great Falls, MT – University of Great Falls volleyball coach **Arunas Duda** has announced the signing of 5'10" middle blocker **Taylor Lucero** to a NAIA/Frontier Conference Letter of Intent today. Lucero comes to UGF after a highly successful two-year career at Fresno City College (CA) where she earned 1st Team All-American honors in the junior college ranks this past season. She will enroll in classes and begin competition in the upcoming fall season of 2010.

"We are incredibly excited about Taylor's decision to play for the Lady Argos next season," Duda said. "She is a player that will make an immediate impact on the court, with our team, and in our conference. Her junior college coach **Tracy Ainger-Schulte** has done an excellent job in training her and giving her the tools to succeed at any level. Taylor was highly recruited from her junior college and chose UGF over several other very successful programs. As a team, we love to run the middle and Taylor is no stranger to that. In her sophomore season at FCC, she racked up 278 kills, hitting .364 and averaging 3.35 kills per game. Her academic achievements have been equally impressive and we are thrilled to add another quality student-athlete to our program. Needless to say, we are proud to welcome Taylor to the Argo Family."

Lucero's list of achievements beyond her status as an All-American is a lengthy one, filled with honors and accolades from her time on the court as well as in the classroom. On the court, she's been recognized as team MVP (2009), California City College Athletic Association (CCCAA) All-Northern California (2009), CCCAA All-State (2009), CCCAA All-Tournament Team (2008) and 1st Team All-Conference (2008).

In addition, she has also been on the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters and was awarded with the Kiwanis Torch of Excellence Award, given to student-athletes with high academic marks in 2009 and 2010.

Prior to her time at FCC, Lucero prepped at Fresno's Central High School and she joins a Lady Argo squad which earned a share of the Frontier Conference Championship in 2009.

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