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Mahaffay to become a Prairie Star this fall

Kellee Mahaffay, an outside hitter who had a team-high 255 kills last season for Coal City's volleyball team, is heading to the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Mahaffay, a social work major with a minor in elementary education, will be playing volleyball for the Prairie Stars in the fall.

Her second choice was Francis Marion University in South Carolina but the distance was too far with her third choice being Kishwaukee College.

However, Mahaffay fell in love with UIS on her visit there.

"UIS had a gorgeous campus, the coach had a real bubbly personality and I liked the girls," Mahaffay said.

She credits Steve Bailey from who she's been taking private lessons since her freshman year, with helping her become a better volleyball player.


"He knows everything about the game and has helped improve my playing," said Mahaffay.

Her favorite moment from her senior season was winning the Mendota tournament.

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