

A letter from Coach Chisum

I've been blessed for the past 40 years to have been able to lead the Bobcat volleyball program. Surrounded by some of the best in the industry, we have brought this program to an elite level. It is time now for me to step aside and enjoy the next chapter of my life.

To me, there is no greater place than Texas State University. I am, and always will be, a Bobcat through and through.

To all my student-athletes who have helped build this program, thank you. A part of you is embedded in my heart; you have enriched my life!

To all Bobcat parents, you have trusted me to take care of your daughters, mentor them, and to love them as I do. Thank you.

To all my assistants and staff, I have said it many times, "This is our program, not just mine." Thank you for helping me and holding me up when times were tough! However, there have been so many more great times than not. I will always be grateful for you.

To the fans, alums, boosters, to all of Bobcat Nation, you have been the best. I have established some great relationships and personal friends. Thank you for all you have done for this program, and for me personally! Please continue to support the next coach, and these great young ladies, as you have me.

To all the administrators in this university and the athletic department through my time, I thank you. I have worked under several athletic directors and along with many head and assistant coaches. I will forever be indebted to you and we will be lifelong friends.

Most importantly, thanks to Erin and my entire family, who have lived this coaching life with me through the celebrations and the tears. I love you all.

This is not the end. I am healthy and have met my professional goals. My life has been enriched by all whose paths I have crossed as a student at Southwest Texas and throughout my career here at Texas State. I am confident that this Bobcat volleyball program will continue its winning way. The program will flourish under new leadership and will continue to bring pride and positive visibility to Texas State University.

Once a Bobcat, Always a Bobcat.

Love you all!

Karen A Chisum