

Hi, my name is Savannah Shiaelis, and I'm from Cyprus, a beautiful island in the Mediterranean. Growing up in a culturally diverse family, with my mother being Australian and my father being half Cypriot and half German. I come from a very athletic family with my older sister being a tennis athlete and my older brother a former volleyball player.

I started playing volleyball at the age of 10, and it quickly became an integral part of my life. I love the camaraderie that comes from being part of a team and the sense of achievement from working together towards a common goal. For the past six years, I've been a member of the Limassol Volleyball Club and attend an athletic high school in Limassol. My primary position is outside hitter (OH), although I've also played as a Libero. My strengths are in defence and serving, but I'm always working to grow in all areas of my game through dedication and hard work.

The skills I've gained through volleyball, such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance, have also shaped my academic journey. I approach my studies with the same focus and determination I bring to the court, always striving to improve and take on challenges.

Volleyball has taught me to stay composed under pressure, communicate effectively, and remain focused in any situation. Over the years, I've grown as both a player and a person, taking on leadership responsibilities and supporting my teammates through victories and setbacks.

In 2024, I was proud to be named captain of my high school team and was selected to compete in the women's Division 1 league for Limassol Volleyball Club, two milestones that were pivotal in my volleyball journey.

Academically, I am committed to achieving strong results and preparing for university, where I aspire to continue playing volleyball at a competitive level while pursuing my degree. Balancing school and club volleyball has been a challenge, but it has helped me develop strong time management skills and a sense of responsibility.

What sets me apart is my openness to feedback and my drive to improve. I love getting honest opinions and feedback from coaches which will help me improve as a player. I always try to give my best effort both on and off the court, staying positive and encouraging my teammates, even during tough moments.