

coach's *Gym floor named in Glover's honor* COURT

She walked onto the court and her own name brought her to tears.

This past summer, volleyball coach **Alexis Glover** received the honor of having the gym court named in her honor. Glover has been coaching for over 40 years and has created a legacy at Wando as the winningest coach in South Carolina history.

But she has also made the team a family.

"When I started coaching, my goal was to keep the competition alive and now I have the best student athletes," Glover said.

Emily King, 12, is the senior captain of the varsity team and has grown extremely close to Glover over their years on the team together.

"Coach Glover is someone special and deserves this more than anyone," King said.

As Glover came to the end of her coaching career, she went out to the courts one summer morning, and saw an unexpected sight.

"A fellow coach told me something happened to the court, thinking it was bad, I walked out there and looked and got so emotional," Glover said.

The court came into view and Glover saw her name adorning the floor.

"I immediately got so emotional and still tear up talking about it," Glover said. "I am very humbled and shocked, but I have to [let] this happen as generations of kids will look at this and see my name on the courts," Glover said.

Glover was honored by this opportunity and wants to be able to leave as someone no one will forget.

"I think the best part of all of this is the

legacy it will leave. When I first got here it was just to not screw up. I know we are not only competitive, we are good people," Glover said.

Over the years, Glover has been able to create bonds with many students along with another varsity player, **Emma Cormack**, 11, who has known Glover over her years in high school, but has watched her coach as she went to the high school games since the 7th grade.

"Coach Glover deserves this so much; she puts in so much hard work not only into the team but in the whole school," Cormack said.

The court naming is one of Glover's just another of many accolades to her coaching career, including her admission into the South Carolina Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2013 and National Coach of the Year in 2017.

"Over the years it is just the relationships that I have made with tons of young women, some of them are my friends now and it's not a coach-player relationship. It's a friendship," Glover said.

Glover has been coaching longer than she remembers, when she ends her time at Wando she wants to leave it with a message.

"My athletes are great, but also they are great students and people who always do the right thing," Glover said.

Glover has changed so many people's perspectives on not only volleyball, but on life as well, and she is changing many lives.

"She is the reason I love volleyball so much," King said.

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Emma Sanders, 11, prefers her pink jersey and the meaning behind it



"I love it! It's my favorite jersey. I feel empowered and just because it's something women suffer so it's a tribute to them. It supports all the women who've had breast cancer and it represents surviving it and to those suffering through it right now, and it helps us giving back something even though we can't do much."



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