

How George Santos Made Baruch Volleyball Famous

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A bizarre claim by Congressman George Santos — that he had starred on Baruch College's volleyball team — briefly captured headlines. But beyond the falsehood, the spotlight turned to Baruch's *real* volleyball players: hardworking, low-income students excelling both on the court and in the classroom.

Baruch's True Champions

- The men's volleyball team, largely made up of first-generation and low-income college students, was in the midst of a strong season.
- Players balanced rigorous academics with demanding practices, showing the dedication that defines Baruch's student-athletes.
- The team's success reflected the college's broader mission of fostering opportunity and achievement, regardless of background.

What the Story Became

While the media started with a focus on political scandal, the narrative shifted — celebrating the genuine accomplishments of Baruch students who are making the most of their opportunities. Baruch's volleyball team became an emblem of perseverance and quiet excellence.

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