

“Take 10” with Bella Chan



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Welcome to another sensational edition of Take 10, where we ask players to select and answer 10 of 25 intriguing questions about themselves. Look for this feature every week! Today, we have the honor of introducing **Bella Chan**! Chan is a class of 2021 libero/DS from **Torrey Pines High** in San Diego, California. She also plays her club ball for **WAVE Volleyball Club**. Let's meet **Bella Chan**!

What kind of coach gets the best out of you as a player?

They have to have a burning desire to win but a clear plan how to help the players as individuals and a team as a whole to get there. Another crucial thing for me is that they have to foster positive team dynamics and good team culture because without that, players will play for themselves, not the team — hurting the team's chance of success.

What's the wisest thing a parent ever said to you?

"Everything I say to you is wise!" – Mom

What is one interesting or unusual thing people don't know about you?

I was a ballerina for twelve years. I quit about two years ago to focus on volleyball. I could've danced professionally if I had continued for two more years, and at one point, I had the chance to study dance at Oxford University.

How did you get your start in volleyball?

Well, it was kind of an accident. My older sister was playing in a local clinic when the coach asked me to jump in and even out the number of players. I passed, served, and hit a few balls. From there, I just fell in love with the sport.

What's the single funniest thing you've ever seen in volleyball?

A few years ago, my team was at a college showcase tournament and my middle was serving for me. She ran to follow a ball, lost it in the light, and over ran it. It dropped about ten feet behind her. One of the college coaches watching us had to walk away since he was laughing so hard.

You have to cook dinner for yourself and any three people in the world currently living. With whom do you dine and what are you serving?

It would have to be my family. My mom, dad, and sister. I would make appetizers for my mom, steak for my dad and sister, and a big bowl of caesar salad for everyone to share. Although there are a lot of famous people I'd love to chat over dinner with, nothing beats a family dinner — something about having everyone sit around the table, eating and laughing, is priceless to me.

What about going to college scares the bejeebers out of you?

It is such a pivotal point in my life. My decisions on what I study and what I choose to pursue will change the course of my life. At the same time, I guess that's also what excites me about college — the freedom to choose what I want to do with my life.

What Olympic sport do you think you'd be the worst at?

I would probably be the worst at synchronized swimming. Why? The nose plugs. Whenever I watch videos or see a pictures, I can't *not* laugh. I find them so funny looking. I would probably end up putting one on and laughing so hard I would ruin the routine or drown.

Where is the best place outside the States you've ever been?

This is hard. I've been fortunate enough to travel extensively with my family. Food is a *big* part of my life and I think I would have to say Singapore. The food is amazing, the shopping is great, and it's just such a beautiful city to walk around and sightsee.

What is your favorite class in school and why?

I think my favorite class is science. I've always been fascinated with learning how and why things are the way they are. It's the little things we learn about that I usually wouldn't think about on a regular basis, like splitting cells or changing chemicals, that I find really captivating.

Bella Chan was a ballerina. She's big on family but not on nose plugs. She is captivated by science and has a burning desire to win. Good luck to Bella and Torrey Pines this season!