

KANSAS CITY, Kan. - The Kirkwood women's volleyball team is headed back to the NJCAA Division II national tournament in West Virginia.

The 14th-ranked Eagles swept Metropolitan Community College, 25-17, 25-20, 25-23, in the district finals Saturday to continue their postseason surge.

Kirkwood (26-14) advances to the national tournament at the Charleston Civic Center in Charlestown, W.Va., Nov, 21-23. The Eagles finished fourth at nationals last year and will be making their sixth trip to the national tournament in 15 years under Coach Jill Williams.

Anna Gorsich sparked Kirkwood with 13 kills against Metropolitan (13-24). Peyton Brokovich and Abbie Ericson had nine kills. Aubrin Dittmer and Taylor Carey contributed five kills in the sweep.

Rachael Nelson provided 20 assists and Madi Wagaman had 18. Maranda Wheelock served five aces and had 19 digs. Gorsich made 11 digs, Wagaman six, Nelson six and Olivia Richards five. Gorsich, Carey and Maggie Peters had three blocks.