Petrusia Kotlar arrived at Rutgers-Newark after leading her Clifton High School volleyball team to a state championship.

Because of her talent and experience as a competitive volleyball player she was a predominant force in leading a club volleyball team to Varsity status within one year at Rutgers. Petrusia Kotlar was truly a “Pioneer of the women’s volleyball program at Rutgers-Newark.”

Within their first year as a varsity team, Kotlar, who played as a setter and outside hitter, helped to lead the Raiders in qualifying for a spot in the Regional tournament.

The three-letter varsity winner played from 1975 through 1978. She also served as captain of the volleyball team for two years and was known for her superior leadership and team spirit.

Petrusia Kotlar is married to Nestor Paslawsky and still continues to manifest the same passion for the sport of volleyball.

She has two sons and two daughters and is a chiropractics doctor in New York City.