

2024

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Beach



Vanessa Burwick
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Head Beach Volleyball Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- The growth and development of junior athletes.
- Helping the CUI Beach Volleyball team to a 3rd place finish at D2 Nationals.
- Guiding ACU Beach Volleyball to Conference Championships.
- Guiding ACU Beach Volleyball to a 3rd place finish at NAIA Nationals.
- Nominated for Team of the Year at ACU Westphal Awards
- 2024 GSAC Coach of the Year

Coaching Roles:

- One Beach (club) - assistant and head coach for ages 10-18 (2019-current)
- Graduate Assistant Coach for Concordia University Irvine Beach Volleyball (2022-2023)
- Head Beach Volleyball Coach for Arizona Christian University (2023-current)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I coach beach volleyball to make a positive impact on young female athletes. My passion for the sport and Christian faith drive my daily decisions and future goals.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I would love to consistently see positive growth both mentality and physically in all of athletes that I coach. Also, I would like to continue returning to Conference Championships and NAIA Nationals to hopefully bring home some first place finishes for ACU.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Jenny Griffith and Brian Failinger. I was coached by them and with them as they guided me into incorporating my faith in beach volleyball. I will forever be grateful for the positive impact they made on me, and hope to do so for more athletes.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

The thing that I enjoy most about coaching is getting to see the excitement of my players. Seeing techniques click, habits break, or joy being shared.