

2024 AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



Mackenzie Chrisman

Northeastern JC
NJCAA Division I
Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- Current Record of 136-49
- 5x National Qualifier: 2019: 8th, 2020: 10th 2021: 11th, 2022: 13th, 2023:5th
- 2019: AVCA National Assistant Coach of the year
- 2021: AVCA West Region Coach of the year and Region 9 Coach of the year
- 2023: AVCA West Region Coach of the Year and Region 9 Coach of the year
- 4 All-Americans, 16 All Region Players, 2 Region 9 players of the year, 2 Region 9 libero of the year, 1 Region 9 Setter of the year, 1 Region 9 Freshmen of the year
- Current member of the AVCA 2 Year- Head Coaches Committee

Coaching Roles:

- 2019- Interim Head Coach for 16 matches, then assistant coach at Northeastern Junior College
- 2020-Present Head Coach at Northeastern Junior College

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

After college my plan was to become a Behavior Analysis, but certain circumstances brought me back to my home town. There was a coaching position open and I thought why not. I have loved it ever since and couldn't imagine myself in any other career.



What are your career goals in the sport?

My main coaching goal is to positively affect as many players as possible. I want all of my athletes that come through my program to have a position experience. I want to create a culture that allows volleyball to be apart of who these athletes are but not define them entirely.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

The coach that has influenced me the most is Melissa Wolter. She was my Head Coach at the University of West Florida and she really showed me what it took to be a successful coach. The passion she has for this game, no one else can match. I also owe how I coach to my dad. At a young age he taught me that there is so much more to coaching than the wins and losses and I still keep that in my coaching philosophy to this day.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I value the relationships I have made through my career, whether it be my players, colleagues, mentors, or coaching friends. This career has brought so many amazing people in to my life. Coaching can be a strenuous, yet rewarding career, and I wouldn't be here today without all of the amazing people in my corner.

