

# 2024

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 Beach



### **Kelsee Montagna**

Fresno City College / Fresno Pacific University  
Head Coach

#### **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

- AVCA Thirty Under 30: 2018
- Coach of the Year 2018/2019
- Coast Conference Champions:
- Cabrillo 2018/19/20
- Fresno City 2024 undefeated
- 3rd place finish @ Cabrillo College in 2019, top 8 of top 16 pairs tournament
- First-ever appearance at the CCAA State Championship, 2nd place finish

#### **Coaching Roles:**

- University of Providence, Grad Assistant and Recruiting Coordinator - 2016-2018
- Cabrillo College Head Coach (beach and indoor) - 2018-2022
- Santa Cruz Beach Club Club Director - 2019-2021
- Fresno City College Associate Head Coach (beach and indoor) - 2022- current (beach only)
- Valley Volleyball Academy Director - 2022-2024
- Fresno Pacific University Head Coach (indoor) - 2024 - current

**What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?**

Coaching is such a powerful way to influence others, and volleyball in particular has so many layers—physical, mental, and emotional. The sport itself can help shape character, build confidence, and instill lessons about teamwork, discipline, and perseverance.

**What are your career goals in the sport?**

To start beach volleyball at Fresno Pacific University and continue to impact and provide a learning environment for every player I am fortunate to coach.

**Which coaches have influenced you the most?**

Kieran Roblee, Kelly Winter, and Mark Rosen have all been such huge influences not only in coaching but in my life. I cannot thank them enough for all the conversations, support, and people I can always count on.

**What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?**

Helping others tap into their potential and find the motivation to push beyond their limits can be incredibly rewarding. There's something special about seeing someone transform, not just in terms of skills, but in their confidence and mindset. Allowing players to grow throughout the process and seeing them interact with others as a wife, mother, coach, peer, and leader in the community is the most enjoyable part.