

# 2024 AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



## **Arica Nassar**

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NCAA Division I

Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator

### **Coaching Roles:**

- University of Oregon - Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator (2023-Present)
- University of Nevada, Reno - Associate Head Coach and Recruiting Coordinator (2023)
- Oregon State University - Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator (2020-2022)
- Oregon State University - Graduate Assistant (2018-2020)
- University of California, Los Angeles - Volunteer Assistant Coach (2017-2018)

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

My passion for coaching volleyball stems from my own playing career and the profound impact my coaches had on me. Transitioning from an accomplished player to a coach felt like a natural progression. My experiences as a player in the US and internationally exposed me to diverse coaching philosophies and techniques, deepening my understanding of the game and inspiring me to give back to the sport by shaping the next generation of players.

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

My career goals in volleyball are to continue developing as a coach, particularly in strategic game management and player development. I aspire to lead a collegiate team as a head coach and eventually contribute on the international stage, perhaps with USA Volleyball. Enhancing my skills in recruiting and team building is also a priority, as these are crucial for cultivating a successful program.



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

I've been fortunate to be mentored by several outstanding coaches, including Taras Liskevych and Mark Barnard, who have profoundly shaped my coaching philosophy. Their dedication to the sport and their athletes' holistic development taught me the importance of balancing technical skills with mental toughness and strategic play. Their mentorship has been invaluable in shaping my approach to coaching.



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

What I enjoy most about coaching is the opportunity to impact athletes' lives positively, both on and off the court. Witnessing their growth, not just as players but as individuals, is incredibly rewarding. I also thrive on the strategic aspects of the game, such as scouting opponents, designing play strategies, and adapting tactics during matches. The dynamic nature of volleyball coaching keeps me engaged and continuously learning.

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