

2024 AVCA Thirty Under 30 Beach



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NCAA Division I
Head Beach Volleyball Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- 2023 C-USA Semi-finalists
- Coached the C-USA Freshmen of the Year Jasmine Haas
- Two First Team All-Conference players in 2023
- 2024 Pre-Season C-USA All Conference player
- Most Wins in program history at UAB

Coaching Roles:

- UAB Head Beach Volleyball Coach 2023-present
- UAB Assistant Beach Coach 2023
- Eckerd Volleyball and Beach Volleyball Assistant Coach 2021-2022
- Optimum Beach Volleyball Coach 2020-2022



What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I had an incredible experience as a student-athlete playing indoor and beach volleyball in college. My coaches had a significant impact on my development as a person and an athlete at that time and I am forever thankful for them. I witnessed first hand on how a new coach can change a culture and a program for the better and I decided I want to have that impact on a program as well.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My goal as a coach is to win conference and to take my team to the NCAA tournament!

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Dan Fisher from Pitt Volleyball

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I love coaching the whole person and getting to play a small role as they grow and develop at such a transformational time in their lives. Connecting with the girls on what's going on in their life and if I can teach them something on the court that applies to their life off of the sand, then that's a huge win in my book.