

2024 AVCA Thirty Under 30 Beach



Jordan Herrington

Mesa Community College
Head Indoor and Beach Volleyball Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- 2019-Arizona 4A State Runner Up
- 2020- CAL PAC Conference Runner Up
- 2023-Finished 6th in the Country at the NJCAA Beach Volleyball National Tournament
- 2024- Finished 5th in the Country at the NCJAA Beach Volleyball National Tournament
- 7-NJCAA Academic All-Americans (5 indoor, 2 beach)
- 2-NJCAA Beach Volleyball All-Americans

Coaching Roles:

- 2019- Assistant Indoor Coach/ Head Beach Volleyball Coach at Estrella Foothills High School
- 2020-2021 Head Beach Volleyball Coach at Benedictine University, Mesa
- 2022-Present Head Indoor/ Beach Volleyball Coach at Mesa Community College

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

During my collegiate career, I faced a lot of adversity with knee injuries, I had knee surgery every off season at New Mexico State University (Indoor) and at the University of Arizona (Beach), therefore I spent a lot of time observing on the bench next to my coaches listening to their perspectives and began connecting that as a way for me to contribute to my team by becoming a bridge between my coaches and teammates. From that point on, I knew I wanted to be a coach.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I want to make the program or athlete better than when I arrive. In any sports career you have the ability to touch and influence a lot of young adults. I am about empowering young women and bridging the gap between high school and adulthood helping them develop and become overall good human beings. All this can happen while chasing a national championship!

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

I have had the opportunity to be coached by some of the greatest. Mike Jordan and Keith Rubio at New Mexico State played an enormous role in my development of wanting to become a coach as I had a first hand experience on what a successful program at a high level looks like. Ben Wallis who is now at the University of El Paso, Texas has been a key component of my continuous learning and how to create change in a program. Lastly, Steve Walker at the University of Arizona as he helped me develop as a Beach Volleyball Coach.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I enjoy getting to be a part of the future generation whether it be for a semester, year or two here at Mesa Community College. Student-athlete's are a small percentage of the population and I have the opportunity to work with them everyday and guide them to not only being good volleyball players but also human beings. All in all, I love building relationships and being the person that these individuals look up to on and off the court.