

2024 AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



Riley Jarrett
Youngstown State University
NCAA Division I
Women's Head Volleyball Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- Jarrett leaves WLU with the highest career winning percentage of any coach.
- WLU won more than 64% of their matches with Jarrett at the helm, and they won 65 contests over the last three seasons. Last 3 seasons at the head of WLU were all 20 win seasons.
- Tenure at WLU ended with the Hilltoppers making their first two and only appearances in program history at the NCAA Division II Tournament, and the team appeared in all nine sets of regional rankings over the last three seasons.
- Coached the first 2 All Americans in program history at WLU.

Coaching Roles:

- Graduate Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach - West Liberty University 2018-2020
- Men's and Women's Full Time Assistant Coach - Penn State Behrend 2020
- Head Women's Volleyball Coach - West Liberty University 2020-2024
- Head Women's Volleyball Coach - Youngstown State University - 2024-present

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I played volleyball from a very young age, then played college volleyball and knew I could never be away from the game. I value the title coach and am so happy to get to do what I love every day!

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goals are to continue to build a successful program that has a strong family culture, a positive and competitive drive, and one that players are proud to be a part of. I strive to have a winning program that succeeds on and off the court. I want to continue to be a leader that people can look up to.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

I have had many great mentors throughout my career including my high school volleyball coach Laurie Cogan, college coaches Melissa Mahnke and Leigh Ann Swartz, as well as working with and learning from Kayla Mull. All were able to teach and show me different aspects of coaching on and off the court.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

The relationships that are made with everyone in college volleyball is what I value. I am very passionate about sharing my knowledge and experiences with my student-athletes and seeing them grow as young women on and off the court. I have been blessed to meet and work with so many talented young women who share my passion to succeed on the court and in the classroom. I also enjoy keeping a competitive spirit day in and day out with competing to be the best we can be.