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AVCA Thirty Under 30 Beach



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Wave Beach Volleyball Club
10u - 18u
Beach Volleyball Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- Head Coach of the Tamarack Blue Beach Volleyball Team from 2022-2023
- Head Coach of the Tamarack Regional Beach Volleyball Team from 2023-2024

Coaching Roles:

- Beach Volleyball Coach: Tamarack Beach Volleyball Club: June 2022 - August 2024
- Beach Volleyball Coach: Wave Beach Volleyball Club: August 2024 - Present

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Beach volleyball has always held such a special place in my heart and has made me the person that I am today. Being able to give other people the opportunity to fall in love with the sport that has shaped me as an individual was a no-brainer to me. I am beyond blessed to give this opportunity to so many kids and am very thankful to my previous coaches for providing me with the opportunity to teach others.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I would love to help as many kids as possible develop a love for this incredible sport. Becoming a great beach volleyball player takes more than just skill; to succeed, someone needs passion, dedication, and an incredibly strong mindset. All of these skills are critical when it comes to succeeding in life outside of this sport, so to help people develop these skills while learning to play beach volleyball has always been my number one career goal.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

I have been blessed with many amazing coaches in my life, however, I would have to say my most influential coaches have been Mike Placek and Jenny Johnson Jordan. While developing my love and skill early-on, Mike was able to show me what true dedication and grit looks like. Without him, I doubt I would even still be playing, let alone coaching, today. Once I had arrived at UCLA to play collegiately, Jenny helped me more than words could ever describe. Whether I was struggling mentally or physically on or off the court, she was always there to help.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

Watching someone have that "lightbulb" moment on the court has to be one of my favorite parts of coaching. When someone puts the time in to master a skill and you get to see it in action for the first time, it's truly special. Knowing that they have worked so hard, and it's finally paying off is truly one of the best feelings. Another part of coaching that means the world to me is watching players at all different levels having fun and falling in love with the sport. Seeing passion and dedication being passed through generations is incredibly special.

