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AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



David Nguyen
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NCAA Division I
Head Volleyball Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

As a head coach:

- 2x Northeast Conference Coach of the Year (2022, 2023)
- 2023 Regular Season Champion (First in program history)
- 2022 Northeast Conference Tournament Champion (First in program history)
- Led program to first ever NCAA tournament appearance (2022)
- Took program to back-to-back NEC tournament championship matches
- Developed 2023 NEC Player of the Year and AVCA All-American
- Coached 4 all-conference players, 5 all-tournament team award winners and 1 second team all-ECAC

Coaching Roles:

- VCU - Volunteer Assistant - August 2013 - January 2018
- UVA - Director of Volleyball Operations - August 2018 – March 2019
- William & Mary - Assistant Coach - March 2019 – February 2021
- Coastal Carolina - Assistant Coach - February 2021 – January 2022
- Fairleigh Dickinson University - Head Coach - January 2022 – Current



What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I love the game and teaching, so I decided to combine the two. Also, I have been fortunate enough to work with some amazing coaches that made me want to pursue coaching as a career.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career volleyball goal is to be able to lead a consistently competitive program that is surrounded by players/staff that loves each other and the game.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Tim Doyle (VCU head coach), Chad Gatzlaff (UCSB Associate head), Janelle Sykes (VCU Assistant coach), Jozsef Forman (Former Coastal Carolina head coach), Deitre Collins-Parker (SD Mojos assistant) and Jody Rogers (Former VCU head coach). I have taken a little bit from all of these coaches. From building a strong culture to building a winning program. I appreciate everything that these coaches have taught me.



What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

There is no better feeling than getting a group of people/players on the same page, striving for the same goal and then completing said goals.

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