

2024

AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



Allison Camp

The Hockaday School
Program Director and Varsity Volleyball Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- 2020 Undefeated Season
- SPC North Zone Champions 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
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- 2024 30-0 in conference sets in debut head coaching year
- USAV Nationals 2024 - 3rd place in 17 USA
- Assisted 9 high school athletes thus far in their commitment towards playing in the next level, as well as those I serve in club
- Coached multiple All-Americans (AVCA, Under Armour, and MaxPreps)
- Being invited as a guest to the AVCA Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2023 to support my Junior Female Athlete of the Year - Avery Jackson

Coaching Roles:

I have been at Hockaday since July 2019. I served as the Varsity Assistant for five seasons and took over in May of 2024 as the Program Director and Varsity Head Coach. I also coached club Volleyball at Dallas Summit for two years before moving to the club I played for growing up, Dallas Premier. I am now entering my third season with Dallas Premier, where I also serve as a Recruiting Director.

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

The game of volleyball has given me so much throughout my childhood and adult life. I fell in love with the game itself at a very young age, and the only things that ever deterred me from it or broke that love were adults who took the joy out of the game. I decided to coach in order to keep love, family, and culture in the game - and to ensure that athletes could keep their joy in the sport and relationships built within it. Volleyball should be fun.



What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goals in volleyball are to continue bridging collegiate recruiting with passionate athletes. My full-time job lies within College Counseling and helping young people prepare for the next level of academics, and I find significant joy in pairing that with volleyball. I want each athlete I coach to love the game enough to consider

continuing it in college - whether they choose to or not. I hope to keep up the culture of joy and family amongst my club and high school teams and to emphasize that over wins and losses.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

The two coaches who have influenced me most are Geoff Kiessling and Andy Gass. Geoff Kiessling owns and coaches for Dallas Premier, the club I currently work for, and was my favorite coach when I was younger. He reminded me that volleyball was supposed to bring joy and was the reason I stuck with the sport. Andy Gass was the first coach I ever assisted and who gave me my shot in high-school volleyball. He taught me to emphasize relationships and support over any skill and continues to mentor me. He created the Hockaday culture I now cultivate and uphold.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

What I enjoy most about coaching is watching athletes develop as people. Seeing volleyball skills develop is rewarding and a good reminder of how I got to where I am, but watching young people develop life skills, morals, relationships, etc. that will carry long past their volleyball careers is what brings me the most joy. I've learned that state titles and medals at nationals mean so much more when every player feels valued, respects the game, and loves their time on the team - no matter their role.

