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AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



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Girls Varsity Volleyball Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

With Burlingame High School:

- 14-0 season in league with the freshman team in 2022
- 27-6 in 2023 (first year varsity coach), won Central Coast Section (4th ever title in program history), advanced to Division 1 state tournament
- 20-6 in 2024, qualified for the Central Coast Section Open Division (top 8 teams in the section regardless of school size), advanced to Division 2 state tournament
- Coached 12 all-league selections, 1 league MVP
- Won Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division in 2024 with a 13-1 record.

Coaching Roles:

- Mountain View Volleyball Club - head coach, 12-2s and 13-2s, 2020-2022
- Encore Volleyball Club - assistant coach and head coach, 17-1s and 12-1s, 2023-current
- Burlingame High School - head girls varsity coach (2023-current), freshman girls volleyball coach (2022), boys JV volleyball coach (2023).

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

As I pursued a career as a high school teacher, I knew I wanted to be involved with my school community by coaching volleyball and sharing the love of the sport. Volleyball is the ultimate failure-based sport - and helping athletes cope with not succeeding is such an important life skill. I think volleyball is the best team sport, and I love connecting with athletes and helping them develop a love of the game that hopefully is a part of their life for a long time.

**What are your career goals in the sport?**

As a high school teacher and high school coach, I value leading a program where players develop as athletes, leaders, and people over the course of 4 years in the program. I hope to build a program where players are supported, leave the program loving volleyball, get better, and learn how to work hard on and off the court. I feel fortunate to already have won a section title, and winning a state title is another goal of mine eventually. I appreciate high school sports for more than big wins, like the lessons it can teach athletes over the years.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

My college coaches at Johns Hopkins - Tim Cole, Jenn Feldmann, Matt Troy. All of these coaches cultivated both a love for volleyball and a love for coaching. As a college player, I faced several major injuries that sidelined me for months at a time. My coaches kept me very involved, allowing me to help make scouting reports, practice plans, give

feedback to players during practice, etc. This showed me the behind-the-scenes of coaching and I fell in love with coaching when I wasn't able to play. They have all encouraged and supported my coaching career too.



What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I enjoy helping players develop as both athletes and people through volleyball. Volleyball can teach so many important lessons - how to deal with failure, working with other people, staying positive and focused through ups and downs, taking risks, and more! It also is a joy to work with young people who make me optimistic about our future. There is never a boring moment in the sport, and I am very grateful for everything volleyball brought me in life. I enjoy how coaching allows me to share that joy with others.

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