

2024

AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



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Nixa High School
JV Head Coach/Varsity Assistant

Career Accomplishments to Date:

I have coached three JV seasons for women's volleyball (19-2-1, 13-6, 17-5), overall coaching record at JV 49-13-1.

As a varsity assistant for three seasons (29-8, 28-7, 32-4)

Club coaching I have coached 11's, 12's, and 16's.

Coaching Roles:

- Nixa High School Women's JV Head Coach/Varsity Assistant- 2022-Current(3 Seasons)
- Nixa High School Men's JV Head Coach/Varsity Assistant- 2024-Current(1 Season)
- Tamales Volleyball Club- 2018-Current(6 years)
- Orlando Volleyball (Small Business dedicated to private trainings for volleyball players of all ages)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I played collegiately at Missouri State University, which definitely was a driving factor. I tore my ACL's in both knees throughout my career, and became a coach on the sidelines. With the knowledge gained from observing and watching, I was able to find a deep love for helping others be successful on and off the court.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I would love to eventually coach D1 volleyball or open a facility to start a new club in the Springfield, MO area.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Coach Annie Zimmerman(Nixa Varsity Coach) because she understands the importance of teaching volleyball basics even at the highest level. She works overtime to make sure our practices are planned out and productive every single day, starting in the summer through post season.

Coach Zach Young(my high school coach) because he was a huge advocate for team chemistry and. Even if a team has talent, it will not go far if they can't work together. We spent countless hours doing non volleyball related games and activities to help us form this chemistry. Lafayette's program would not be as successful without him.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I love being able to see the light bulb go off when an athlete masters a skill at any level. I also love coaching the higher levels of strategy and watching the team be able to execute the game plans.

