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AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



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Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

In my first year with the Cardinals, I led the team to an 11-4 record, 2nd in Class D IGC League, and a first time appearance at the competitive NEPSGVA Tournament Quarter-Finals. In my second and current season with the Cardinals, I helped them achieve a 12-5 record, 3rd place in the Class D IGC League, and an appearance in the NEPSGVA Tournament Semi-Finals. The season before I arrived at Newman, the team had a record of 0-12. I have been honored to help the team achieve their true potential along with Assistant Coach Collin Richardson.

Coaching Roles:

I officially began coaching in the 2023 Fall Season with The Newman School's Girl's Volleyball Team, and I am currently in my second season with the Cardinals. Before coming to Newman, I assisted Coach Morgan Selby in organizing practice plans and tournament rotations for the Colby College Men's Club Volleyball team in the spring of 2022.

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

After playing competitively for eleven years, I couldn't experience a fall season without volleyball being part of it. Positive feedback for young women in sports is very important. My coaches helped make me who I am today. Additionally, I have experienced the rewards of giving back by fostering an interest in volleyball for three sisters Lacy, Hannah, and Hailey Tinnell over the course of many years and have watched them develop into successful young women and great volleyball players. I knew I wanted to continue on that path.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I am enjoying coaching and look forward to many more seasons. I would love to help the Cardinals reach the top of the Class D IGC League and the NEPSGVA Finals.

**Which coaches have influenced you the most?**

I have been fortunate to learn from many incredible coaches throughout my volleyball career, but I am especially thankful for the guidance of Coach Marie Andersson and Coach Bill Reynolds. They were incredibly influential during my high school club years. I am also grateful for the invaluable coaching and support I received from Coaches Candice Parent, Lindsay Johnson, and Julie Hall of the Colby College Volleyball program.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I really enjoy seeing the girls light up when they win a game or grasp a new concept or skill. I'm grateful to be able to foster a love of volleyball in the next generation of players.