

2024 AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



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Career Accomplishments to Date:

Shelby Valley: 1st time in school history District Champions 2022, winning school record 2022, 1st time in school history being in All A Regional Championship 2023, had not had winning record since 2013 and in second year being there broke school winning record and had winning records 2 out of 3 years there.

Letcher County Central High School: went to 2A Sectional 8 championship for the 1st time in school history, District Runners Up, 14th Region Semi Finalist, had winning record of 21-16.

Coaching Roles:

- BVA Co-Founder & Coach: 2018-present
- Shelby Valley High School Head Volleyball Coach: 2021-2023
- Letcher County Central High School Head Volleyball Coach: 2024-current

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

My love for the game started as a player, and I never thought that I would coach. When my step-mother and I founded BVA, that's when I really started to fall in love with coaching. In the summer of 2021, someone reached out to my step-mom wanting me to apply for the volleyball position at Shelby Valley, so I did. I had just turned 22, lived an hour away, and truly didn't think I would get it. Sure enough I did, and made those hour long drives to and from practice, and have been coaching ever since.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I want to build a name and legacy of my own, just like the many people in my area have done in their years of coaching. I want to build a culture for my program that remains even when players graduate, while also being the best program in the area. My goal is to win district championships, region championships, and to make Letcher Central known as competitors to people all over the state.

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

My step-mother, Kayla, who was the assistant coach while I was in high school. We never thought that a year after my graduation that we would attempt to start a club, which started off with 6 players and now has over 200 players. She is a major part in why I started coaching. Another coach that has influenced me is my former assistant coach at UPIKE, Haley. She now coaches at the high school level and has been very successful there. I admire her coaching style and the way she teaches each of her players fast offense.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I love being able to "be who you needed when you were younger." I love being a small part of each players life and building relationships with them that will last a lifetime. When my players feel like I am more than just their coach, that I am someone safe that they can cry to, or someone they can have conversations with about things that are going on in their lives. I love building their confidence and letting them know that they always have someone that believes in them and someone that will always be there for them.

