

# 2025 AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



**Jazmine Craig**

Bryant University  
Assistant Coach

## **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

- 2025 AVCA 30 Under 30 Honoree
- 2024 AVCA Diversity Award Recipient
- 2024 NCAA Women's Coaches Academy 2.0 Graduate Class #7
- 2023 America East Volleyball Co-Coaching Staff of the Year (Bryant)
- 2023 NCAA Women's Coaches Academy Graduate Class #52
- 2023 Marine Corps Recruiting Command Coaches Workshop Graduate

## **Coaching Roles:**

- Mercy College (Now Mercy University) - Women's Volleyball Assistant Coach, July 2021-January 2022
- St. Francis College Brooklyn - Women's & Men's Volleyball Assistant Coach, January 2022- May 2023
- Bryant University - Women's Volleyball Assistant Coach, July 2023 - Present

**What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?**

I decided to coach volleyball because it provided me with an opportunity to be an integral part of volleyball student athletes, mental, emotional, & physical development. Although volleyball provides some professional playing opportunities for student athletes, providing life, social, and interpersonal skills for student athletes to use in their lives, families, and careers is what drives me to keep pursuing and furthermore add to this career. Plus, I love coaching!

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

My career goals in volleyball are to become an Associate Head Coach and/or a Recruiting Coordinator!



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

Gary Preston, provided me with my first collegiate coaching opportunity at Mercy College and has now become my forever friend and peer. Amable Martinez, provided me with my first Division 1 collegiate coaching job, and believed in me enough to give me a chance which lead me to Theresa Garlacy. My current head coach at Bryant has demonstrated leadership, respect, community, culture, poise, and when I make a mistake, she provides me the opportunity to learn from them. I am honored to be able to work and learn from her, and especially to call her my boss & friend.

**What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?**

I enjoy the relationships that I am able to have my players & peers the most in coaching. No day at "work" is ever the same because of the interpersonal relationships I have. I have laughed until I cried, I have cried until I laughed, all while being able to complete my tasks.