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AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



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Graduate Assistant/Assistant Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

I served as an assistant coach and helped our program achieve the following:

- A part of OCUVB's most wins in a season since 2013.
- 1st Regional tournament appearance
- 1st team All-Region player
- 2nd team All-Region player

Coaching Roles:

- Mission Volleyball Academy- Head 14's Regional Coach
- Head 16's American Coach
- Ohio Christian University Graduate Assistant/Assistant Coach

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

My graduate assistant/assistant coaching position allowed me to see the true joy of coaching volleyball. I got to see a whole new side of the sport that I had never known. I was able to see and experience firsthand the amount of love and work that goes into running a college program. I want to be able to pour out knowledge, joy, and competitiveness to young athletes. I have always had such a passion for the game, so now moving into coaching, it's been really amazing to see the transition.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I would love to coach at the collegiate level and help develop and be a part of a competitive program. I want to be able to create a program with a great competitive environment. I want to be the best coach I can be, who is constantly learning and evolving.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

I would say my college coach, Coach Ally Coyle: helped show me my worth was not just based on what I did on the volleyball court, it was found in Jesus. She is one of the biggest reasons I found my love for coaching. Coach Bailey Walker is someone who I can call day or night, and she will pick up and talk me through any situations I could be going through, coaching or personal. They are the ones who showed me how fulfilling coaching can be and have helped me walk through many different journeys.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I enjoy the opportunity to pour into athletes, show them that you can be a Christian who is competitive in their sport, and help them find their worth outside of volleyball. I think using volleyball as a way to pour into and prepare athletes for the next phases of their lives is one of the most fulfilling things to see and be a part of. Seeing the physical and mental growth of the game in athletes, and allowing them to reach their full potential, is also a really cool thing to see.

