

2025

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



Jaren Graham

Grandview High School - Assistant Coach
&
Elevation Volleyball Club

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- Grandview High School Girls State Runner Up 2021
- Grandview High School Girls State Final Four 2022
- Grandview High School Boys State Final Four 2024
- National Bid Winner 13-1 (2022), 14-1 (2023), 15-1 (2024), 12-1 (2025)

Coaching Roles:

- Grandview High School Girls Assistant 2021-present
- Grandview High School Boys Assistant 2022-present
- Elevation Volleyball Club Assistant/Head 2021-present

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I started coaching because of my dad. He has been coaching since before I was born, so growing up I was always around the game. I also played lots of sports growing up, and my life revolves around sports. Being directly involved in a sport is the best it gets, and I knew coaching would be perfect to allow me to compete and help others!

What are your career goals in the sport?

Right now I am super happy where I am coaching. High school sports are such a pure form of sport, where people play for their home schools with the people they have grown up with. This creates such a community feel and an energy that is so real during games. However, I would love to work with the USA Men's National team at some point. This has always been a dream of mine.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

My dad has definitely been my biggest coaching influence. I have learned around 90 percent of what I know from him. When he was younger, he did a lot of work to have a super deep understanding of the game, and passed it all on to me. I asked as many questions as I could from my first day coaching. I also learned a lot from the other coaches I coached under.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

My favorite part of coaching is being able to compete with people that share my same passion. There is something so great about prepping your team for a big moment or game and watching them succeed that makes me so happy. I also remember some of the great coaches I had in my life, and I want to give players a great experience too!