# 2025 AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School

## Kellyn Lipasek

Riverton High School High School Head Volleyball Coach &

Star Aquila 18 Premier

### **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

- Assistant Coach (RHS):
  - 2021-22 Worked aside Head Coach, Becky Lipasek. Class 3A Substate Champions, Conference Champions. Helped lead the team back to another state tournament.
  - 2022-23 Class 3A Substate Champions, Conference Champions, 4th Place finish at the State Tournament.
  - o 2023-24 Class 3A Substate Champions. State Appearance.
- Head Coach (RHS):
  - 2024-25 First Regional Championship Title (3A), 2nd in Conference, Substate Runner-up.
  - o Current Record as Head Coach: 31-11

### **Coaching Roles:**

- Riverton High School
  - o Assistant Coach: 2021-2023
  - Head Coach: 2024-Present
- Star Aquila (Club)
  - o Head Coach 2021-Present
  - o 18-1 (Present) 17-1 (2023-24) 16-1 (2022-23) 14-1 (2021-22)



# What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Volleyball has always been more than a sport to me—it was my escape. During some of the toughest times in my life, the game gave me peace. It blocked out the stress, the heartache, and everything else going on. That love for the game carried me through, and now, I want to be that steady presence for others. I coach not just to teach skills, but to help my athletes grow both on and off the court.

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

To continue to build a strong, connected team culture rooted in trust, effort, and accountability. To help each player grow not just as an athlete, but as a person. To continue to grow the program in Riverton and to lead them to more state appearances and their first state championship. I wish to be known as a coach who made a lasting impact—not just in wins, but in lives.

# Which coaches have influenced you the most?

My biggest coaching influence has always been my mom, Becky Lipasek. Watching her lead with strength, patience, and passion showed me what it truly means to be a coach. She didn't just teach skills—she built character, believed in her players, and created a space where athletes felt seen and supported. That kind of impact stuck with me. Now, as a coach myself, I carry those same values. My love for volleyball runs deep—it's helped me through some of the hardest moments in my life and taught me lessons I'll carry forever.



What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

What I enjoy most about coaching volleyball is watching growth—both on and off the court. Being able to guide athletes through challenges and watch them rise above them is incredibly rewarding. It's also the connection. The bond you build with a team, the trust, the shared wins and tough losses—that's something special. Volleyball has given me so much throughout my life, and coaching is how I give that back. Watching my players become better athletes, better teammates, and better people—that's what keeps me coming back.

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