

2025

AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



Paige Phillips
Grambling State University
Head Volleyball Coach

Coaching Roles:

- Grambling State University: 2022-Now (Head Coach)
- North Carolina Central University: 2019-2022 (Assistant Coach)
- North Carolina Central University: 2018-2019 (Graduate Assistant)

Local club teams:

- TC Elite Volleyball Club: 2023-2024 (Head Coach)
- Carolina Edge Volleyball Club 2019-2021 (Assistant Coach)
- Jammers Volleyball Club 2018-2019 (Head Coach)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Volleyball has been apart of my life since I was 12. Its a sport that has my heart and I couldn't imagine my life without it. I have been coached by many great coaches that have motivated me a lot as a player. Those coaches help me make the decision to get into the coaching field because of how much they were an inspirtation in my playing career.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goal wherever I am is to build a winning program and improve team culture. Winning is at the top of my list. A huge career goal that I have is to leave a legacy. Not just wins, but building players and relationships, creating a family, and building a community through the sport.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Coach Jody Brown, I worked under him at North Carolina Central and played for him at NCCU. He is a big part in my decision to want to pursue college coaching and wanting to become a head coach. There are many coaches that have coached me at the club and collegiate level that are now head coaches and assistant coaches at large division 1 programs and influenced me in my career and are people that I look up to now.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

My favorite part about coaching is the relationships that you build with players, coaches, and administrative staff that you get to work alongside everyday. The people that you get to meet along the journey. I also really enjoy player development on and off the court. That shift when something clicks and they suddenly see a path forward that they didn't see before. I also really enjoy winning. I know most coaches will say the same. Winning isn't always easy to come by but the feeling after a great win really motivates me to keep going and brings so much joy.