

2025

AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



Darci Pollock

Wellsboro Area High School
Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- District Champions (2024)
- All-Region Top 12 Coaches of the Fall (2024)
- Northern Tier League Coach of the Year (2024)
- All-Tioga County Coach of the Year (2024)
- Tioga Publishing Coach of the Year (2023)

Coaching Roles:

- Wellsboro High School - Head Coach (2023-current)
- CRUSH Volleyball Club - Club Director/Coach (2023-current)
- Wellsboro High School - Assistant Coach (2022)
- Wellsboro High School - Volunteer Coach (2020-2021)
- South Williamsport High School - Volunteer Coach (2019)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I always knew I wanted to coach volleyball when I finished college. I started coaching as a volunteer in my last season of college volleyball. I fell in love with helping youth athletes understand the game, while building leadership and teamwork skills. After college, I returned to my hometown and became involved in the program that made me fall in love with the sport. My goal was and still is to support youth athletes in accomplishing their goals and becoming responsible leaders on and off the court.



What are your career goals in the sport?

As a coach, my goal is to help my athletes become the best they can be on and off the court. We work on more than just volleyball skills, including responsibility, leadership, teamwork, and mental toughness. We have started a club program to also support our players who want to play at the next level. I love being able to use my experiences as a student-athlete to support my players and reach their goals. Eventually, I would like to coach at the collegiate level.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

One of my biggest influences is Katie Schumacher-Cawley (Penn State Women's Volleyball Coach). She has been a great role model for all coaches as she led her team to a national championship while fighting her own battles off the court. It is a reminder that sports are bigger than just a game and can provide an outlet for both coaches and players.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

One of the best parts of coaching has been the relationships I have made with both my players and their families. I focus a lot on life lessons and what we can take away from the volleyball court and apply to our lives. It has been such a positive experience watching my players grow and learn from volleyball and become active members in their school community. I will always be thankful for the memories I had as a player, and I hope to provide experiences for my players that they will cherish forever.