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AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



Maribeth Powers

Prodigy Volleyball Academy
Club Director/18 Premier Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

Developed and led programs at the high school and club levels, producing college-bound athletes and award-winning teams. Nominated for Section one Coach of the Year in 2021 and helped the Brewster volleyball program earn the Section one Sportsmanship Award. Created a Dig Pink campaign that raised over \$12,000 and earned three philanthropic awards. As part of our club's leadership team, we've directed clinics, leagues, and showcases serving hundreds annually, mentored coaches, built inclusive programming, and guided athletes through the recruiting process—helping shape confident, competitive young women and young men on and off the court.

Coaching Roles:

- Prodigy Volleyball Academy – Director & Coach (2024–Present)
- Hendrick Hudson High School – Head JV Volleyball Coach (2023–2024)
- Brewster High School – Head Varsity Volleyball Coach (2019–2023)
- Mount Saint Mary College – Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach (2016–2019)
- Downstate Volleyball Club – Head Coach & Site Director (2019–2024)
- Whoosh Volleyball Club – Head Coach (2018–2019)
- New York Elite Volleyball – Head Coach (2016–2018)
- St. Patrick's Elementary School – Volunteer Volleyball Coach (2009–2013)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I began coaching and building school programs at 14 years old and quickly realized how much I loved helping athletes grow. Volleyball gave me confidence and a sense of belonging, and I wanted to create that same feeling for others. I coach to build programs where every athlete feels valued, seen, and part of something bigger than themselves—where they know they matter both on and off the court.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My goal is to continue building a nationally recognized club and training program that develops confident, college-ready athletes and strong female and male leaders. I hope to expand into nationwide camps, mentor young coaches, and create more opportunities for underserved communities. Long-term, I want to open my own multi-sport facility, empowering athletes of all levels and backgrounds through skill development, culture-building, and community engagement.

**Which coaches have influenced you the most?**

John Cook, Mary Wise, and Joe Felipe have all had a profound impact on my coaching journey in different ways. Cook's ability to build a championship culture rooted in discipline and tradition is something I deeply admire. Wise has been a powerful inspiration as a woman leading at the highest level, paving the way for so many of us. And Felipe, my high school coach, taught me the value of hard work, pride, and passion. Over my 16-year coaching career, every coach I've met—regardless of background—has left a mark on who I am today.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

Watching athletes grow in confidence, character, and skill. I love being part of their journey, helping them overcome challenges, and building relationships that last beyond the court.