

2025

AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



Steven Soriano
Barry University
Associate Head Coach

Coaching Roles:

- 2018-2019: Syracuse University Student Manager; Volleyball Team
- 2019-2022: Syracuse University Head Student Manager; Volleyball Team
- Summer 2021: Puerto Rico U23 Summer Training Camp Assistant
- 2022-2023: Volunteer Assistant Coach Barry University
- 2023-2024: Assistant Beach/Indoor Volleyball Coach Barry University
- 2024-Present: Associate Head Volleyball Coach Barry University
- 2022-2024: Travel Team Club Coach; Miami Wave Volleyball Club
- 2024-Present: Travel Team Club Coach and Back Office Manager; Miami Wave Volleyball Club

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Drawing from my time as a student manager at Syracuse, I witnessed firsthand how coaches empowered and challenged student-athletes to reach their full potential. This experience solidified my aspiration to dedicate my career to helping athletes become the best versions of themselves.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goal is to lead my own volleyball program as head coach and/or establish or lead a thriving volleyball club. I am passionate about fostering athletic development and building a strong team culture. I aspire to create an environment where athletes can excel and grow, both on and off the court.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

I am deeply indebted to Leonid Yelin, Head Volleyball Coach at Barry University, who has shaped my entire career. Former Syracuse Assistants Andrea Beaty (Head Coach @ Saint Louis University) and Derryk Williams (Head Coach @ William Smith College) exemplified exceptional work ethic for me to mirror. Marco Paglialunga (Former Italian National Team Coach) and Mia Causevic (Former Serie A Professional Athlete), Club Directors and Owners of Miami Wave Volleyball, have also been influential figures in my development within the sport.



What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

The most rewarding aspect of coaching is witnessing our team execute our strategies flawlessly at peak performance. Equally fulfilling is observing the tangible growth of our athletes, both in their skills on the court and their development as individuals off the court. These moments of collective achievement and personal progress are what drive my passion.