

2025

AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



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Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- Coached 3 All-Americans, 9 All-Conference, 6 All-Region, 2 PAC12 All-Freshman Team, 1 BIG12 All-Freshman Team, 1 Region Freshman of the Year.
- 1 Top 25 Recruiting Class (2025)
- 3rd place finish in the PAC12 (2021), NCAA 2nd Round
- 3rd place finish in the BIG12 (2024), NCAA 2nd Round

Coaching Roles:

- University of Utah (2021 Fall) - Volunteer Assistant
- University of Utah (2022 Spring - Present) - Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I have been blessed to be around amazing coaches my whole life. I grew up in a gym with my dad being a coach and also a player. I always knew I wanted to stay in the volleyball world and coaching always felt like the way I would do it. Being able to have a lot of coaches in my corner to mentor me and help me has really made the transition from player to coach easy. I want to give back to the sport that has given me so much.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I would love to coach for Team USA in the Olympics someday. My Dad and Brother both played for Team USA and even though my playing days may be over, I would love to pave my own path to the Olympics.

Which coaches have influenced you the most?

First and foremost, I want to thank my dad for all he does for me. He was always a dad first and then a coach. That has helped me so much navigate the dynamic of coach and friend and when to be one or the other. Shawn, Luka, Jay, thank you for taking a chance on a kid from Oahu and helping me learn how to play and see the game. Lastly, Beth Launiere, thank you for taking me under your wing and showing me the ins and outs of how to be the best coach possible.



What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I enjoy watching our athletes develop throughout their time with us. Seeing them come in as 18 year old kids and develop into well-rounded and battle-tested adults is such a cool thing.