2025 AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



Christian Taylor Randolph-Macon College Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

- 2025 ODAC Regular Season Champions, Tournament Champions and Coach of the Year
- Individual Player Awards: 13 All-Conference Team Members, 2025 ODAC Offensive Player of the Year, 2023 CVC Rookie of the Year, 2023 AVCA East Region Newcomer of the Year

Coaching Roles:

- Randolph-Macon College Head Coach May 2021-Present
- Randolph-Macon College Assistant Coach October 2019-May 2021
- River City Volleyball Academy Assistant Coach September 2019-Present
- Deep Run High School Assistant Coach August 2019-November 2023
- Eastern Mennonite High School Assistant Coach September 2015-November 2018

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I was blessed to have great coaches and teammates that made me fall in love with the sport. After completing my playing career, I wanted to give back to the sport that has given me so much. I have been very blessed to have the opportunity to do that at the collegiate level.

What are your career goals in the sport?

One of my career goals is to continue building the volleyball community here in Virginia. I also want to continue learning to become the best coach that I can be. My ultimate goal is to help each of my student-athletes become the best version of themselves on and off the court.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Kevin Pond and Tony Steiner at Deep Run High School and River City Volleyball Academy have been instrumental in my coaching career. I have learned so much from them as a player and now a coach. I'm extremely lucky to have them as mentors. Coaching with Jon Williams at Eastern Mennonite High School taught me so much about building culture within a team. I was very fortunate to play for Aldis Berzins at Stevenson and was able to learn so much about the technical side of the game.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I love being able to get the best out of athletes on and off the court. Seeing them become the best versions of themselves brings me so much joy. I have also loved all of the connections that I have made along the way. It's been great to see colleagues become my mentors and friends.