

2025

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



Jorja Tuten

Carolina Performance Volleyball Club

Club Director

&

Lenoir Community College

Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

As a club coach, I have led teams to medal in nineteen (19) tournaments in the past four seasons (since the club's inception), including the 2025 Carolina Region Championship (17s), the 2025 Queen City Classic (16s), and the 2024 AAU Girls National Championships (16s).

Coaching Roles:

- Carolina Performance Volleyball Club- Volleyball Director, Head of Coaches, Head Coach: April 2021- Present
- Lenoir Community College- Head Coach: October 2024- Present
- Lenoir Community College- Assistant Coach: January 2023- October 2024

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I decided to coach volleyball to share the same love for the game I have. Volleyball has shaped me to be the person I am today and helping other young players to grow that same love is my passion.

What are your career goals in the sport?

I want to continue to build on the success of my club. Not so much in the number of teams but in the talent level and the quality of the club culture (which includes trust, respect for all, and hard work to earn success.) I also want to build the success of her team at Lenoir Community College in the same manner. A big goal I have for my college team is to win the region over the next 5 years.

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

My mentor, Coach David Barnes, has influenced me most to become the coach I am today. He began coaching me at 14 years old and gave me the best example of what a coach should be. 7 years later I had the opportunity to coach alongside him and further grow in my coaching ability.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I enjoy all the connections that I develop while coaching. This includes not only my players and their families but also fellow coaches and referees from all over the nation. The volleyball community is a huge blessing to be a part of and I look forward to growing within it for many years to come.