# 2025 AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



# Hailie Wilson Clinton Prairie Jr/Sr High School

Varsity Assistant

## Career Accomplishments to Date:

- Conference Champs 2023
- Sectional runner up 2023 & 2024

### **Coaching Roles:**

- Clinton Prairie Jr/Sr High School, Volleyball Varsity Assistant Coach, 2022present
- Clinton Prairie Jr/Sr High School, Softball Varsity Assistant Coach, 2023-2024

### What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I decided to coach volleyball because it helped shape who I am today. Sports are a powerful tool in a young person's life. It helped create a space for me growing up where I could feel confident, supported, connected with my team & community- I wanted to be a part of that for these young athletes. Coaching lets me combine my love for the game with my passion to make a real impact on and off the court in our girls' lives.

### What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goals as a volleyball coach go beyond just winning. I want our players to be proud to be a part of our team and leave with life skills that extend off the court. I want to continue to be a part of building our school's volleyball program through the upper and lower levels. My biggest goal is to continue to be a coach that the girls trust and grow with. Beyond that, I want to support Coach Kathy as the head coach in the best way I can.



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

The coach who influenced me the most is my dad. I have always looked up to him not only for his knowledge of the game, but for how he treated his players. He taught me that coaching is far more than skills, its about building confidence, earning trust, and showing up for kids long after the season. I watched him always pour everything he had into his players, not because he wanted the recognition, but because he truly cared about helping his players grow. My dad never gave up on me even when I felt like everyone else had.

#### What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I coach because I believe in the impact of presence. Our girls may forget drills, the scores, even the big wins, but they will never forget how we made them feel - if we believed in them, and showed up for them again and again. Coaching brings me joy. It's the hugs after a tough loss, the belly laughs during the bus rides, and the celebrations after a big play. Just knowing they are making memories that will last a lifetime means everything.