

# 2026

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



### **Addison Duke**

Gravette High School  
Head Senior High

#### **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

2023-2024(Assistant Coach): Senior High 4a-1 North Division District Champion, 4a State Semi-Finalists. Record (23-3)

2024-2025(Head coach): Junior High 4a-1 Conference Champion and Tournament Runner-up. Senior High 4a-1 District Tournament Champion, Senior High 4a North Regional Tournament Champion, 4a State Quarter Finalist. Senior High Record (19-6)

2025-2026(Head Coach): Junior High 4a-1 Conference Champion and Tournament Champion. Senior High 4a North Regional Tournament appearance. Senior High Record (14-11)

#### **Coaching Roles:**

Gravette School District

2022-2023: Head 7th Grade, Head Junior High, Assistant Senior High

2023-2024: Head 7th Grade, Head Junior High, Assistant Senior High

2024-2025: Head Junior High, Head Senior High

2025-2026: Head Senior High

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

I decided to coach volleyball for the overall love of the game. I started playing when I was 12 years old in a church league in my hometown of Norman, Oklahoma. In college, I realized I had the potential to impact the game by teaching athletes more than just volleyball skills. I wanted to use volleyball as a tool to enhance confidence, discipline, and leadership in young athletes.

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

My career goals are to expand my love of the game with anyone I have the opportunity to influence. I would like to continue building a competitive volleyball program while teaching lifelong skills such as teamwork, hard work, empathy, leadership, and confidence in one's ability. Volleyball is not just a game but a lifetime sport that can build positive relationships and bring communities together.



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

Bill Hamiter and Laura Alford have been the most influential figures in my coaching journey. Bill, who coached me at Oklahoma Peak Performance in between Olympic years, emphasized self-motivation and the importance of strong, positive team relationships. Laura taught me the value of patience, adaptability, and pushing athletes to become the best version of themselves by meeting each player's needs. From both mentors, I learned to face challenges head-on and to recognize that every athlete plays a vital role in a team's success. Their guidance continues to shape my approach to developing both strong players and strong people.

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

The area I enjoy most about coaching is seeing what I call the "Light Bulb" moment. The time in a player's career when everything they have been working for makes sense and clicks into place. They can be mastering a simple skill or committing to the college of their dreams. I never want to miss those moments with my athletes as they have worked so hard to achieve their goals. Teaching them how to push through adversity and believe in their abilities, no matter the outcome.