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AVCA Thirty Under 30 High School



Collin Wehrenberg

Columbia High School
Freshman Coach, Assistant Varsity Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

8 conference tournament appearances, 3 conference tournament championship appearances, 1 conference tournament champion title for middle school
2 conference titles, 1 sectional title, 1 super sectional title, 1 state champion title for high school

Coaching Roles:

Waterloo Volleyball Club Head Coach 2016
Columbia Middle School 8th Grade Coach/Assistant Coach 2017-Present
Columbia High School Freshman Coach 2024-Present
Columbia High School Varsity Assistant Coach 2024-Present

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I was fortunate to be raised in a family where volleyball was more than a sport; it was a passion and guiding force. With my father coaching and several family members playing, volleyball became my foundation. I was blessed with remarkable coaches, including my father, who made me a stronger competitor and, more importantly, a better person.

They taught me, character outweighs trophies, discipline builds confidence, and leadership begins with integrity. It's from their example that I wanted to continue that legacy, honor those values, and share the same love and respect for the game that's given me so much.

What are your career goals in the sport?

We were truly fortunate to experience such an extraordinary season last year. Throughout the summer, many asked whether we were destined for state and what we hoped to accomplish in the year ahead. Our head coach, Kelly Landgraf, had the perfect response: "To win the next game."

That mindset defined our team and defined me as well. It's always been the standard I strive toward, to focus on the next opportunity, the next challenge, the next game. No matter what role i'm in or where this sport takes me, my career goal will never change. To win the next game.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

My father for instilling the love and passion, and for coaching. My sister for making me strive to become a better coach every day. Missie Steve for showing me love and laughter in the game is just as important as any other aspect. Tessa McCunn and Kelly Landgraf taught me that coaching extends far beyond strategy; it's about accountability, culture, and investing in the growth of every athlete. Lastly, two of the greatest volleyball coaches of our time, Karch Kiraly and John Cook.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

Sharing my knowledge and love for volleyball with my players is one of the greatest privileges of coaching. There is nothing better than spending a few hours each day in the gym, not only helping my athletes become the best versions of themselves, but also learning from them and from the coaches around me. From preseason open gyms to practices, from hours spent scouting opponents to games to that feeling of winning, I truly enjoy every aspect of coaching.