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AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



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Assistant Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

Purdue Volleyball - Regional Final Appearance, and coached 3 All-Americans
Texas Tech Volleyball - Coached All-Big 12 Honoree, a Big 12 and Power 5 leading middle blocker, 5 CSC Academic All-Americans, and helped 2 athletes earn pro contracts.

SMU Volleyball - Helped team to two 3rd place AAC finishes, and 7 Mustangs earn All-AAC Honors

Coaching Roles:

Purdue University - Assistant Coach - March 2025-Present

Texas Tech University - Assistant Coach - June 2023-March 2025

University of Texas at Arlington - Assistant Coach - January 2023-June 2023

Southern Methodist University - Graduate Assistant - September 2020 - December 2022

TAV (Club) -Assistant Coach - 2020-2023

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

After I finished playing, I stepped away from volleyball for a short time and quickly realized how much I loved the sport and everything it had given me. It provided opportunities to earn a college degree, travel across the country and internationally, compete overseas, and build lifelong relationships. I always appreciated the process of training, improving, and working toward a common goal. That passion naturally led me to coaching. Once I began coaching, I knew it was exactly where I belonged. The opportunity to mentor athletes, share my experiences, and help others grow has made me love it every day.

What are your career goals in the sport?

Over the past five years, volleyball in the U.S. has flourished from the youth level to the professional game. Being part of this growth motivates me daily.

In the short term, my goal is to help Purdue Volleyball compete for and reach the Final Four while developing our athletes into elite competitors and strong women.

Long term, I aspire to become a head coach who builds a program that competes at the highest level, mentors young women, and continues to grow the sport at every level. I want to leave a lasting impact on the game and people within it.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

I have been fortunate to learn from outstanding coaches throughout my career. Lisa Seifert, who built the SMU program into a consistent contender, showed me what vision and persistence truly look like. Trent Sorenson and John Klanac significantly shaped my understanding of player development and technical training. Dave Shondell and the staff at Purdue have demonstrated elite leadership, intentional recruiting, detailed preparation, and the importance of daily standards of excellence at the highest level. In just one year alongside them, I have grown tremendously as a coach, gaining clarity in my philosophy and confidence in my ability to lead.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

What I enjoy most about coaching is watching athletes see their hard work pay off, both on the court and in life. There is nothing more rewarding than helping someone push past limits they once doubted and gain confidence through growth. Being in the gym, teaching, training, and competing is truly my favorite part of every day. I love the energy, the problem solving, and the pursuit of improvement. Most of all, I am grateful to be surrounded by exceptional people who challenge me, inspire me, and make the daily work meaningful and fulfilling.