

# 2026

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



### **Gretchen Reinert**

Santa Clara University

Assistant Coach/ Recruiting Coordinator

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

Coaching at my Alma Mater and with my former head coach!

Our Team success at Santa Clara in 2025

Recruiting a top 50 recruiting class my first year as a recruiting coordinator at UNLV.

#### **Coaching Roles:**

Stanford (Volunteer Assistant) - 2022-2023

UNLV (Assistant Coach/ Recruiting Coordinator) - 2023 - 2025

Santa Clara (Assistant Coach/ Recruiting Coordinator) - 2025-Present

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

It was during my time at the Santa Clara (as a player) that I realized I wanted to coach. When Erin Lindsey took over, she completely changed the trajectory of my playing career. She focused on my growth as a person, not just as an athlete. That experience showed me that coaching is about developing individuals, and I knew I wanted to have that same impact on others.

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

My goal is to become a head coach one day and have the same influence and impact on my players that my coaches have had on me. I want to build a program that develops strong athletes and even stronger individuals, creating an environment where growth, leadership, and confidence are prioritized.



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

The coach who has influenced me most is Erin Lindsey at the Santa Clara Volleyball Program. She inspired me to pursue coaching and continues to model how to lead with authenticity, empower women, and prioritize the holistic development of her athletes. My dad, a college basketball coach, gave me my first example of leadership and showed me the importance of empathy and integrity. Kevin Hambly at Stanford University taught me how to run a championship level program with athletes at the center. Alex Dunphy shaped my approach to recruiting with discipline, energy, and excellence.

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

What I enjoy most about coaching is seeing our athletes truly excited to show up every single day to train. There is nothing better than creating an environment where they feel motivated, supported, and proud to be part of something bigger than themselves. I love providing the best experience possible for our athletes, recruits, alumni, and fans. I am deeply passionate about what I do, and I want that energy and commitment to be felt by everyone connected to our program.