

2026

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



Haley Conner

Houston Skyline The Woodlands
15 Royal Assistant Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

2025 Northern Lights 15 USA Champion
2025 Lone Star Regionals 15 Bid - 3rd Place
2025 Sunshine Classic 15 USA - 4th Place
2025 Show Me 15 Open - 7th Place
2025 Lone Star Classic 15 Open - 9th Place
2025 Nike President's Day Classic 15 Open - 9th Place
2025 USAV GJNC 15 USA - 9th Place
2024 USAV GJNC 15 Patriot Champion

Coaching Roles:

2023-Present Houston Skyline The Woodlands 15 Royal AC, Assistant Director, Setter Trainer
2022-2023 Houston Skyline BCS 11 Royal AC/HC
2021-2022 Houston Skyline Roamer Coach
2016-2020 Aggie Elite Volleyball Club 12 Adidas AC, 16 Black AC, 15 Adidas AC

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

My high school volleyball coach, Jennifer Kazmierski, started a club program in my hometown—where I later attended college—and invited me to become involved in coaching. From that moment on, I never looked back. Coaching quickly became one of my greatest passions. I was fortunate to have many incredible coaches throughout my playing career, and their influence continues to shape the type of coach I strive to be today.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My ultimate career goal in coaching volleyball is to help my athletes improve by 1% every day, both on and off the court. The game of volleyball has taught me countless life lessons, and I am passionate about passing those lessons on to the next generation. My aim is to help athletes develop a genuine love for the game while also growing as individuals and competitors. At the end of the day, my greatest priority is helping young people become better athletes, better teammates, and better people.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

I have been fortunate to learn from many incredible coaches throughout both my playing and coaching career, and I am deeply grateful to each of them for the impact they have had on my development. John and Laurie Corbelli gave me the opportunity to play volleyball at Texas A&M University, an experience that opened the door to tremendous growth for me both as a player and as a coach. In addition, my husband, Colten Conner, has been my coaching partner for the past eight years and has continually challenged me to grow and improve as a coach.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

What I enjoy most about coaching is building meaningful relationships with my athletes. I was fortunate to have many incredible coaches throughout my playing career, and I strive to be that same positive influence in my players' lives. While volleyball can be challenging and stressful at times, I believe it is important to support athletes through those moments while helping them maintain perspective. Although there are times when accountability and tough love are necessary, I enjoy reminding my players to enjoy the journey and not take life too seriously.