

2026

AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



Jackson Burton

Auburn University
Associate Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

NCAA Tournament Appearances in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

NCAA 2nd Round Appearances in 2020 and 2021

Helped Coach Auburn University Program Record of .248 hitting eff in 2025 season

Helped Coach Auburn University Program Record of 2.71 blocks per set in 2025 season

Coached 3 Conference Championships

Coached 3 AVCA All-Americans

Coached 5 AVCA 1st Team All-Region Players

Coached 3 Conference Player of The Year

Coached 15 All-Conference Players

Coaching Roles:

University of Dayton - Volunteer Assistant Coach

Florida Gulf Coast University - Assistant Coach

Auburn University - Associate Head Coach (started as an Assistant Coach)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Growing up both of my parents were high school teachers and coaches. They absolutely poured into the athletes they coached, building strong relationships with them, supporting them, and pushing them to be greater than they every believed they could be. I was always in the gym with them after school, observing how they interacted with people and quickly found a passion for sports and learning. I strive now to be that same type of coach for young people that supports them every day, builds strong relationships, and pushes them to be great.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goals in volleyball have to do with making an impact on others. I want to walk away upon retirement knowing that I poured everything I could into the people around me. I want to act as a servant leader for anyone I come in contact and be someone that the athletes know cares about them.

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

My parents Dave and Tracy Burton, my grandpa Gary Burton, my father in law Brett Flipse, Brent Crouch at Auburn University, Tim Horsmon at University of Dayton, Matt Werle who coached me at GCU (now at UCLA Women's), Roger Strausberger who coached me at Naperville Central High School , Alyssa D'Errico at University of Dayton (now at Utah), and Matt Botsford at Florida Gulf Coast (now at UCF).

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

My favorite part of coaching by far is building relationships with the athletes and watching them grow. I love getting to hear about their backgrounds, their families, their life experiences, and their goals for the future. Then after developing those bonds its such a joy to watch them achieve their goals through hard work and dedication!