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AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



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603 United Volleyball Club
Head Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

Since taking the coaching position at Windham High School, the program has made playoff appearances in all 4 seasons, reaching the quarter finals 2 times. I've had multiple players commit to college programs after playing for the program.

Coaching Roles:

Lowell High School- Freshman Coach (2019), Assistant Varsity Coach (2020-2021), Junior Varsity Head Coach (2021). EliteZ Volleyball Academy- Head Coach + Girls Program Director (2022-2025). Windham High School- Varsity Coach (2022-Current). 603 United Volleyball Club- Head Coach (2024-Current)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Playing volleyball was a formative experience that shaped my confidence, leadership skills, and sense of belonging during my teenage years. Because of the impact the sport had on my personal development, I feel a strong responsibility to give back and provide young women with the same opportunities for growth, character development, and connection that I was fortunate to experience.

What are your career goals in the sport?

One of my primary coaching goals is to build my high school program into one that consistently ranks among the top three teams in the state year after year. In addition, I aim to help my club program, 603 United, become not only the leading program in the state for skill and player development, but also one that provides the most well-rounded athlete development experience. This includes integrating strength and conditioning,

nutrition education, and leadership development so our athletes are supported both on and off the court.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

My club coach, Bonny, has been the most influential coach I've had in any sport. Her commitment went far beyond simply developing strong volleyball players. She was deeply invested in helping each athlete grow, both within the sport and as individuals. She pushed us to pursue excellence while also encouraging us to become the best versions of ourselves and cheering us on as we underwent the process. That philosophy continues to shape the way I approach coaching today.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

What I enjoy most about coaching is the challenge of building systems that play to my athletes' strengths and allow the team to perform at its highest level. I love the process of figuring out how the puzzle pieces fit together, designing strategies that maximize each player's abilities while elevating the collective unit. Equally rewarding is helping athletes develop a deeper belief in themselves and their skills. Watching that confidence grow is what makes every season feel new, challenging, and incredibly fulfilling.