

2026

AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



Lauren Allaway

Malone University
Head Volleyball Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

All time record of 29-18

Successfully led and started the JV volleyball program at Ohio Christian University

Coached 2 all conference players (one 1st team all conference) at Ohio Christian University

Led Spurgeon Volleyball to their winningest season and helped players break and set new program records (team and individual)

Coached 2 all region volleyball players (1st team and 2nd team honorees)

Led Spurgeon to their highest power rating in program history

Recruited and started Spurgeon's first JV volleyball team program in 2025

Coaching Roles:

Ohio Christian University- Graduate Assistant/Head JV Volleyball Coach (2022-2023)

Spurgeon College- Head Volleyball Coach (2024-2025)

Malone University- Head Volleyball Coach (2026- present)

Club:

Elite Volleyball Training Club - 13's Head Coach (2023)

Northland Static Volleyball Club 17 and 18's assistant Volleyball Coach (2024-2026)

Mustang Power Volleyball Club- Head volleyball coach/program developer (2025-2026)

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goals are to successfully and holistically train young women through the sport of volleyball to be the best women they are called to be in their future. I train them to be team players, disciplined workers, and to do things for a larger purpose than the game itself. Winning big games is always a goal, but the long lasting outcome of the athletes' impact and lives is what matters most.

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I was greatly impacted by the work and ministry of my college volleyball coaches at Cedarville University. Throughout all the highs and lows of my college career, my coaches were there supporting me, challenging me to do my best in all things volleyball related and not, and living out Christ's example in my life. Because of the work and heart behind the time and energy invested in me, I felt called to do the same kind of work in my life. Coaching is such a rewarding job.

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Which coaches have influenced you the most?

All of my coaches throughout my playing career, both in volleyball and not, have left an impact on my life, but one coach sticks out the most- Coach Greg Smith, head volleyball coach at Cedarville University. Coach Smith is like another father figure to me. He has poured endless hours of his time to make sure that I am the best athlete I can be in all areas. He has helped me to direct my gaze at Christ in all things. Greg knows the game well, and I hope to be at least half the coach he is to his players.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I enjoy the relationships that I develop through the sport, especially ones that I create with my players. It is so fun seeing them grow throughout the years and seasons together.