

2026

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



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Assistant Beach Volleyball Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

BVCA Club National Champions - 2025

BVCA Futures Nationals Runner-Up - 2025

Opened the First Indoor Beach Facility in the Inland Northwest (Da Hale) - 2025

Started with two athletes in 2019 - Kokua VBC now serves 200+ girls and boys

Assisted many amazing athletes with their dreams to play at the next level

Coaching Roles:

Boise State University - Assistant Beach Volleyball Coach (2025-Current)

Kokua Volleyball Club - Head Coach and Mindfulness Director (2020-2025)

Gonzaga University - Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach (2019-2020)

Loyola Marymount University - Team Captain, First Team All-WCC (2017-2018)

Gonzaga University - Six-Rotation Outside Hitter, 1,000 Career Kill Club (2013-2017)

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Truly, there is a lack of females in leadership roles within coaching, even within women's NCAA sports. My aim is to bring perspective, be an inspirational role model, and provide a strong voice for the young women I have the absolute privilege of coaching.

I am especially grateful to Jamie Cleary and Chan Esperas for providing the opportunity to fulfill my dream of sharing the sport I love with the next generation. Their joyous charisma and passion for the game inspires the magical culture at Kokua - and pushed me to pursue my goals at the collegiate level.

What are your career goals in the sport?

1. Top 20 Finish for the First Time at Boise State
2. Win the NCAA Championship
3. Most importantly - Inspire young woman by action, to pursue their dreams with confidence, strength and perseverance



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

John Mayer - For his consistent growth mindset, annoying habit of answering a question with a question, and constant pursuit of seeking discomfort.

Betsi Flint - Her passion for the game, intelligence in match play, nasty serves, and ability to balance life on and off the court.

Kerri Walsh-Jennings - Her playing career was beyond inspiring but her commitment to developing the next generation wholly (mind, body and soul) is even more so.

Alex Venardos for his unrelenting work-ethic. Alex Luna for his creative tactical brilliance and swagger. Jamie Cleary and Chan Esperas for their unconditional love of the game.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

The connection between sport and life. Every partnership is an opportunity to improve interpersonal skills. Every win or loss is a chance to reflect, learn from mistakes, and capitalize on strengths. Every day in the weight room is an opportunity to teach our athletes about the importance of health, longevity and fuel. I truly believe we are not just coaching volleyball, but we are setting our student-athletes up for success after sport as well.