

2026

AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



McKenzie Brewer

Gonzaga University
Assistant Coach / Recruiting Coordinator

Career Accomplishments to Date:

UTA 2024 WAC Conference Champion / NCAA Appearance

Helped Coach:

Southland 2nd Team All Conference Annamarie Alvarez

WAC Player of the Year Bri Ford

WAC Setter of the Year Mollie Blank

WAC Co-Freshman of the Year Sjakkie Donkers

WAC First Team Paige Reagor, Bri Ford, Mollie Blank

WCC First Team Sjakkie Donkers

Coaching Roles:

2020-21 Grad Assistant Northwestern State

2021-22 Assistant Coach Lamar University

2022-24 Assistant Coach / Recruiting Coordinator University of The Incarnate Word

2024-25 Assistant Coach University of Texas at Arlington

2025-Present Assistant Coach / Recruiting Coordinator Gonzaga University

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I chose to coach volleyball because this sport has shaped my life in ways I could have never imagined. From the first time I stepped out on the court it became so much more than a game. It became a source of confidence, community and purpose. My passion for coaching was sparked years ago when I worked summer camps at my alma mater SFA. As a player I was able to see a coach's perspective and how much influence they can have on not only just skills but their character, resilience and joy.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goals are to help build the Gonzaga program into a nationally recognized name in the sport. To accomplish this, I want to recruit top athletes who embody our culture, that love to learn, and want push our program forward. I also aspire to be a Head coach, leading a program where I can shape athletes' growth, build a strong team culture, and create an environment that reflects my values and passion for the sport.

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

JT Wenger, Gabby Ording, Debbie Humphreys, Morgan Thomas, and Lee Tonga. I am very grateful for all of these coaches that have provided advice, feedback and encouragement in my coaching journey.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

Volleyball has been a true gift. It has introduced me to incredible people - teammates, mentors and fellow coaches who have challenged me, supported me, and inspired the path I am on today. Coaching gives me the chance to pass that gift forward, to help young athletes discover their own strength, and create the same kind of meaningful connections that shaped my journey.