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AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



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Career Accomplishments to Date:

When I joined the program in 2023, after its first official season in 2022, I jumped right into a high level environment where winning was the bare minimum. Weatherford College volleyball are 4 peat NTJCAC Conference Champs, 2023 and 2025 Region V Champions, and has made 3 National Appearances, where this past fall finished 4th in the Nation!

Another accomplishment dear to my heart is the Naomi Warren Award, which is a character award introduced in my name, given to a student-athlete who displayed great sportsmanship, character, and camaraderie throughout the season at my Alma Mater, Boswell High School.

Coaching Roles:

Before I coached at Weatherford College in 2023, I was a Graduate Assistant at my alma mater, York University in York, Nebraska, from Fall of 2021 to Spring of 2023. In addition to volleyball, I was a lead strength and conditioning coach at my uncle's facility, Warren Academy in Omaha, Nebraska, from the Summers of 2018 to 2021.

While coaching at Weatherford, I have also been coaching locally at Integrity Volleyball Club.

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I coach volleyball because I simply want to wake up each day excited to go to work, because some people don't get that pleasure! My job is not just coaching volleyball, but also helping young athletes know their worth outside the jersey. Coaching volleyball at a two-year institute has allowed me to see athletes evolve in such a short amount of time

and then watch them thrive, and take what they learn from you as a coach, and see that you are putting a little good into the world!

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goals in volleyball are to let the man above guide me to what he sees fit. I would love to become a head coach someday, at any level! Another goal would also be to let my love for the game of volleyball be an outlet into a top strength and conditioning program to help athletes take their love for their craft to a different level! I tell any athlete I work with that the word "can't" is never allowed because we should never limit ourselves to anything, and that counts for me, too.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Kailee May has impacted my knowledge of volleyball to a whole other level. She is amazing at what she does, and definitely was built to conquer this world! I learn so much from her outside of volleyball and as a coach, but as a woman in this domain of sports.

My father and my uncle were the first people to show me the true passion behind what an amazing coach strives to be.

Rafael Lopez, who was the one who opened me up to all these amazing opportunities, has truly seen my true potential as a coach!

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

Each coach brings something different to the table, and I love that I get to be myself and bring my loud, bubbly, and energetic personality to my passion for the game! At Weatherford, I am allowed to be my true self on the sideline, hyping up the court, leading the bench with energy, and never being quiet. That's who I am, and my team accepts me and all the echos I bring!