

2026

AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



Ryan Vorderer
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Assistant Coach

Career Accomplishments to Date:

WAC Runner Up in 2024
NCAA Finalist in 2021
NCAA Elite 8 in 2020

Coaching Roles:

Grand Canyon University - Assistant Coach 2024-Pres.
University of Texas-San Antonio - Assistant Coach 2022-2023
University of Nebraska - Graduate Assistant 2020-2021
University of South Florida - Volunteer Assistant 2019

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

I started coaching as a summer job in college. I really enjoyed the camaraderie of the team and continuing to share the positive experience I had with volleyball with others. I had heard stories about people having negative experiences, so I wanted to help be a reason for another person's positive volleyball experience.

What are your career goals in the sport?

Win a conference and national championship.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

All the Head Coaches I have worked for have taught me a ton. Kendra Potts has taught me the importance of building relationships with your players. Carol Torok taught me all the work necessary that goes into being a college volleyball coach. John Cook taught me the importance of always being a learner and being willing to adjust.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I enjoy being a part of a team with a common goal. This is unlike many other professions, so having a job that allows me to work towards something tangible with people you care about is special. Plus, every year and team is different so coaching is constantly challenging and forcing me to adjust and become a better coach.