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AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



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Career Accomplishments to Date:

Since 2024, I have led Reinhardt University's volleyball programs to unprecedented success. As Men's Head Coach, I guided the team to a historic 29–2 record, their first conference championship, and an inaugural NAIA National Championship appearance, earning AAC Head Coach of the Year honors 2024.

Transitioning to dual head coaching roles, I led the women's program to a 25–8 finish and their first national tournament appearance since 2020, receiving a second Coach of the Year award 2024. Most recently, the women captured the 2025 regular season title (29–8), while the men maintained national prominence with a 22–6 season (2025).

Coaching Roles:

2017 Lightning Volleyball Academy
2018 Crossfire Volleyball
2019 Phoenix Rising Beach Volleyball
2020 Reinhardt University Assistant
2024 Reinhardt University Head Coach

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Volleyball has been more than just a sport to me; it is the foundation of who I am. Having spent my life on the court, I've seen firsthand how athletics push individuals to discover their true potential and cultivate lasting leadership. I chose to coach because I want to facilitate that same transformation for others. My goal is to use the game as a vehicle for self-discovery, helping athletes uncover their capabilities and develop the character necessary to lead both on and off the court.

What are your career goals in the sport?

My career goal is to continue leading Reinhardt Volleyball while developing young student-athletes both physically and mentally, preparing them for success beyond the sport. I am committed to helping athletes grow not only in their volleyball abilities, but also in confidence, leadership, and resilience, equipping them with skills that will serve them well in their future careers and personal lives.

Wherever my coaching journey leads, I strive to foster a family-oriented environment built on trust, accountability, and mutual support. Creating a culture where athletes feel valued, challenged, and supported is central to my coaching philosophy and long-term goals.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Brian Goodhind had a profound impact on my life; he believed in my potential even when I was undersized, pushing me to discover what I was truly capable of. Although he has passed away, I know I wouldn't be where I am today without his mentorship. I am deeply thankful to him and for everything this sport has given me.

I also want to thank Steve Benson, whose incredible support following Coach Brian's passing has been instrumental in my journey. Their influence drives my commitment to believing in every athlete's unique potential.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

What I love most about coaching is the challenge of building a family atmosphere where athletes truly commit to one another. There is nothing more transformative than watching a group shift from individual goals to prioritizing the success of the whole team surrounding them.