

2025

AVCA Thirty Under 30 Club



Madison Arellano

South Texas Volleyball Academy
Director of Operations

Coaching Roles:

- 2023-2024: Geneva School of Boerne Varsity Coach/ Program Director
- 2023-2024: Double Qualified 13U Liberty and USA, 1st Place Finish Mizuno Northern Lights National Qualifier 13 Liberty, 3rd Place Lone Star Classic 13 USA (Head Coach)
- 2022-2023: USAV Nationals 14U Liberty National Champion- Head Coach (First National Championship in STVA History)
- 2022-2023: First Place Finish at Sunshine National Qualifier 14U Liberty Division, coached multiple open level national qualifiers (Head Coach)
- 2021-2022: 3 Top 3 finishes at National Qualifiers 13U, 5th place finish USAV Nationals 13U American (Head Coach)
- 2019 Geneva School of Boerne Varsity Assistant State Championship Tournament TAPPS 4A

What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

Volleyball has been a huge part of my life for as long as I can remember. It's given me amazing memories, lifelong friendships, and something I get to share with my husband. I chose to coach because I want to give back to a sport that's given me so much and make a positive impact on young athletes. Coaching full time is such a blessing, and I truly hope our athletes take away as much from me as I do from them every single day.

What are your career goals in the sport?

As the Director of Operations for South Texas Volleyball Academy, my goal is to continue building STVA into one of the top clubs in the country. I'm focused on helping us earn our first Open bid in club history and expanding our presence on the national stage. Most of all, I want to reach and positively impact as many athletes as possible—helping them grow not only as players, but as people.



Which coaches have influenced you the most?

Cathy Glunt, has had the biggest impact on my volleyball journey. She made me a better person both on and off the court and has always been an incredible mentor in my life. Many of my favorite memories come from the time I spent playing for her, and I couldn't be more grateful for the lasting influence she's had on me.

Sean Huiet coached me through my club career, and the lessons I learned from him have stuck with me forever. His passion for the game was contagious and played a big part in fueling my own love for volleyball.

What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?

I enjoy helping athletes become part of something bigger than themselves.

Volleyball is more than just a game—it teaches life lessons, builds lasting relationships, and creates memories that stick with you forever. I love the thrill of competition and the growth that comes from both wins and losses. STVA has given me a second family, and I'm incredibly grateful for the community we've built together.

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