

# 2025

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



**James Dwyer**

University of Wisconsin Green Bay  
Assistant Volleyball Coach

### Career Accomplishments to Date:

- RMU - As Interim Men's - Reached CCAC Tournament Semis in 2019, Coached AVCA Honorable Mention All American and CCAC Setter of the Year
- Cardinal Stritch - Reached CCAC Tournament in 2022
- Georgetown KY - Won 2024 NAIA Men's Volleyball National Championship, Won Mid-South Conference (MSC) Regular Season and Conference Tournament Championships, Named MSC Coach of the Year, Coached MSC Player of the Year and Setter of the Year, Coached 3 AVCA All Americans and 2 NAIA All Americans. Finished season at 28-6.
- Green Bay - Reached Horizon League Tournament Championship in 2024

### Coaching Roles:

- Robert Morris University (Chicago) - Graduate Assistant/ turned Interim Head Men's Volleyball Coach - Jan 2019 -Apr 2019
- Robert Morris University (Chicago) - Head Women's Volleyball Coach and Ast Men's Coach - Apr 2019 - Mar 2020
- Roosevelt University - Associate Head Women's Volleyball Coach and Ast Men's Coach - Mar 2020 - Sept 2020
- Purdue University Northwest - Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach - Sept 2020 - Oct 2021
- Cardinal Stritch University - Head Men's Volleyball Coach - Oct 2021 - June 2023
- Georgetown College KY - Head Men's Volleyball Coach - June 2023 - June 2024
- University of Wisconsin Green Bay -Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach - July 2024 - Present

**What made you decide to get into coaching volleyball?**

I grew up with my Dad coaching high school volleyball on the southside of Chicago. The sport came natural to me and the idea of staying with the sport post undergrad was a pretty easy decision. I felt very fortunate to meet the people that I played with and for in college. I grew up in college and felt I had a phenomenal support staff around me to become the best version of myself on and off the court. Feeling the way I felt about my experience made me want to give others an experience similar to mine.

### **What are your career goals in the sport?**

I'd love to help Green Bay win a Horizon League Championship and compete at the NCAA Tournament.

In the future, I'd like to coach at a Power 4 school as a 1st Assistant. Maybe down the road look into being a Head Coach for a Mid Major Program and help develop the local volleyball where ever I go. I've consistently climbed the ladder to where my feet are now so I believe I can keep proving my ability coach at the highest level.



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

Paul Ickes, Dan Dwyer, Sean Ostrander, Kelly Magliano, Abbey Sutherland, Dan Kuklinski, Tom Ryan, and the 1st Alliance 17s Gang. I've worked with each of these coaches at different points of my career and all of them have helped me grow into the coach that I am today. They are all incredible mentors and I'm very fortunate to have all of them as friends today.

### **What do you enjoy most about your coaching job?**

I believe that I have the best job in the world. I'm very passionate about being a part of the process for my kids. Helping where I can and giving them the tools to be better people. The relationships that I've built over the years in several states stay with me wherever I am. I enjoy getting texts and phone calls from old players and coworkers catching up and knowing that I was a part of it with them.

