

# 2025 AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



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Graduate Assistant/Assistant Coach

## **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

I served as an assistant coach and helped our program achieve the following:

- A part of OCUVB's most wins in a season since 2013.
- 1st Regional tournament appearance
- 1st team All-Region player
- 2nd team All-Region player

## **Coaching Roles:**

- Mission Volleyball Academy- Head 14's Regional Coach
- Head 16's American Coach
- Ohio Christian University Graduate Assistant/Assistant Coach

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

My graduate assistant/assistant coaching position allowed me to see the true joy of coaching volleyball. I got to see a whole new side of the sport that I had never known. I was able to see and experience firsthand the amount of love and work that goes into running a college program. I want to be able to pour out knowledge, joy, and competitiveness to young athletes. I have always had such a passion for the game, so now moving into coaching, it's been really amazing to see the transition.

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

I would love to coach at the collegiate level and help develop and be a part of a competitive program. I want to be able to create a program with a great competitive environment. I want to be the best coach I can be, who is constantly learning and evolving.

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

I would say my college coach, Coach Ally Coyle: helped show me my worth was not just based on what I did on the volleyball court, it was found in Jesus. She is one of the biggest reasons I found my love for coaching. Coach Bailey Walker is someone who I can call day or night, and she will pick up and talk me through any situations I could be going through, coaching or personal. They are the ones who showed me how fulfilling coaching can be and have helped me walk through many different journeys.

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

I enjoy the opportunity to pour into athletes, show them that you can be a Christian who is competitive in their sport, and help them find their worth outside of volleyball. I think using volleyball as a way to pour into and prepare athletes for the next phases of their lives is one of the most fulfilling things to see and be a part of. Seeing the physical and mental growth of the game in athletes, and allowing them to reach their full potential, is also a really cool thing to see.

