

# 2025 AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



## **Maggi Linker**

Trinity University (TX)  
Assistant Coach

### **Career Accomplishments to Date:**

- 4 Regular season Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) championships ('21,'22,'23,'24)
- 3 SCAC tournament championships ('21,'23,'24)
- 3 NCAA Regional Championships ('21,'22,'23)
- 2022 NCAA National Runner-up
- Coached 7 First and Second Team AVCA All-Americans and 6 Honorable Mention All-Americans
- Coached 4 SCAC Players of the Year
- 2 SCAC Coaching Staffs of the Year

### **Coaching Roles:**

Assistant Coach at Trinity University from 2021-present

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

One of the biggest reasons that I decided to coach volleyball was because of the impact my coaches had on me. I wanted to be a part of helping young student athletes grow into confident women who are prepared to lead in whatever area they take on next. Even though coaching volleyball can mean experiencing some very high highs and low lows as a team. I love the “pressure” of working as hard as you can to be on the right side of that spectrum.

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

My career goals in volleyball are to continue to find opportunities to positively impact the lives of our student athletes. Whether that is through the way I challenge them as athletes or how I build them up as leaders, I want players to walk out of our program with a confidence that they can accomplish anything. At Trinity, I want to continue the winning tradition of our program and help each of our teams reach their full potential.



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

Trinity's Head Coach Julie Jenkins and former AC Aly Lilley have had a huge influence on me. I have gotten to experience volleyball alongside Coach Jenkins as her player and a coach and I have always admired that it doesn't matter how many years she has been coaching, she will never settle for status quo and is always open to taking a new/improved approach. Aly helped me learn to trust myself as a player and recognized leadership traits in me that I never knew I had. I wouldn't be the coach or person I am today without them.

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

I enjoy getting to challenge and cheer on our athletes as they accomplish big goals. The opportunity to play a role in such a pivotal time in someone's life is a huge honor. The relationships you form with the coaches, your players, and families are also some of the best parts of coaching. We all buy into the same team and the same goal and it is so much fun to work towards that together.