

# 2025

## AVCA Thirty Under 30 College



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Head Women's/Men's Beach Volleyball Coach

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

- My first year as head coach with both men's and women's beach we had a record-breaking year in terms of wins in a season (19).
- Placed 3rd in the nation in men's beach last year.
- Placed 3rd in our first year as a conference member SAC/CC for women's beach this year.
- Coached several AVCA, Conference, and NCAA honorees/All-Americans through my years as a collegiate coach.

### **Coaching Roles:**

- Student Assistant Coach, Women's Indoor at Southern Wesleyan University 2018-2020
- Assistant Coach, Women's Indoor at Southern Wesleyan University 2020-2021
- Assistant Coach, Women's and Men's Indoor at Erskine College 2023-2024
- Head Women's/Men's Beach Volleyball Coach at Erskine College 2024-Present

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

I decided to start coaching volleyball as a senior in high school. My mother coached volleyball for 17 years and I was always around it. Once I knew I wanted to coach I decided not to play in college and instead, start my career in the coaching world. I reached out to one of my now mentors and asked if I could join her women's indoor staff to learn under her. I was student manager for her my freshman/sophomore year of college and then promoted to student-assistant coach. The rest is history.

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

My career goal in coaching is to, simply, keep giving back to the sport that means so much to me in any way that I can, whether it's on the hardwood or the sand, my goal is to continue making an impact on the game but also in the lives of my student-athletes spiritually, athletically and academically.

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

I have a great group of coaches who have helped shape me along the way. My mother, Sonja Wanner, is the top of that list. Several other coaches like, Julia Reininga, Justin Brubaker and Shane LeCroy all had and continue to have a very important role in making me the coach that I am today.

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

We, as coaches, are most importantly in the business of building relationships. The fact that I get to do that every day means the world to me! Also, what I get the most joy out of with coaching is seeing my student-athletes faces LIGHT UP when they reap the reward for the hard work that they put in.

