



COACH BIO



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Panhandle Elite Volleyball Club (PEVC), Head Coach 12U National, Assistant Coach 14U National, Boys 16U National, 12U Regional

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Personal statement:

With over 10 years of experience in playing and coaching volleyball, my love and passion for the sport has only deepened. My priority is to help young athletes grow, both physically and mentally. I aim to mentor, inspire, and teach players the fundamentals of the game while encouraging hard work, problem-solving, and fun. I want them to develop life skills alongside volleyball skills, so they're equipped to reach as far as they wish in this sport and in life. I believe in setting high standards and clear expectations so that we're all committed to continuously improving and striving for excellence. At the same time, it's these young athletes who inspire me each day; I learn just as much from them as they do from me. I'm competitive by nature and approach every practice, game, and tournament with the desire to succeed. Above all, I'm dedicated to the athletes, my team, and the game itself, both on and off the court.

Volleyball Experience:

1992-1998, Middle school and high school as a setter and DS

2001-2020, Coached peers and played intramural Volleyball throughout military career

2021-2024, Head coach of YMCA 9-12 & 13-15 Youth Volleyball leagues (6 seasons)

2022-2023, PEVC, Head coach 14U Regional, Assistant coach 12U Regional, Fall Training Coach

2023-2024, PEVC, 12U Regional Head coach, 14U National Assistant coach, 15U Boys

Assistant coach, Summer Clinic Coach, Fall Training Clinic Coach

2024-present, PEVC, 12U National Head coach, 14U National Assistant coach, 16U Boys, 12U Regional

Personal:

I married my Air Force sweetheart, Alessio. We've known each other for over 24 years, and have been married for 18 years. We have 5 kiddos, their names are Alessio Jr (15 yo), Keomany (13 yo), Vittorio (8 yo), Pietro (6 yo) and Gianni (4 yo). My nationality is Lao. I speak the language and can cook many delicious dishes from my native country. I've retired from United States Air Force after 20 years of honorable service, and now follow my kids around and living my best life! My hobbies include, coaching, cooking, party planning, crafting, carpentry, just to name a few.