

Albuquerque Rebels Volleyball Club



Fred Ader (18H | 13H)

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i, Coach Fred Ader spent most of his time in the United States Air Force, retiring here in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is an educator in the Albuquerque Charter School Systems and is an active NMAA and NCAA DII Volleyball Official. Coach Fred has been involved with the sport for more than 25 years, competing overseas with the military and throughout the Southwest. He has been coaching for more than 20 years and has been with ARVC when they first established in 1998. Under his leadership and knowledge for the game, his teams reached the USAV Girl's Juniors National Championships for the last five years. Coach Fred will be heading two national teams (18U1 and 13U1) alongside with highly qualified assistant coaches. He currently holds USAV-CAP2 and AAU-PCI certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Defeat is just a phase; challenges are forever." - Fred Ader

Elsa Krieg (18A | 14H | Mentor)

Born and raised in Granby, Colorado, Coach Elsa Krieg resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she is currently employed and a student at the University of New Mexico. Coach Elsa started her volleyball career in Colorado playing all 4 years of varsity in high school and 6 years with Colorado Juniors national teams. During her prep volleyball career, Coach Elsa was named All-State Honorable Mention (2 years). She continued her volleyball career at the University of New Mexico (UNM) as the starting middle blocker for all 4 years, where she was named All-Tournament Team at the Sheraton-Airport Classic. She served as team captain during her junior and senior year, and received her varsity letterman. Coach Elsa started her coaching career, 4 years with New Mexico Juniors and as a volunteer assistant coach with UNM Volleyball. This will be her 2nd year coaching with ARVC, where she will be heading the 14's National team, assisting 18's National team and mentoring both regional and local coaches. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Ask not what your teammates can do for you. Ask what you can do for your teammates." - Magic Johnson

Natalie Arvizu (17H)

Born in Sun Valley, Idaho, Coach Natalie Arvizu resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she is employed at the New Mexico Court of Appeals. She played her prep volleyball at Manzano High School as a varsity outside hitter for 4 years. She was recruited to Florida Southern College where she played for 4 years, ranking in the top 25 in NCAA Division II level. She continued her volleyball career at West Virginia University on the women's club team while studying Law. Coach Natalie's coaching background started in Florida where she instructed an 18U

team at Southern Select. Her passion and drive for the sport is genuine and she loves seeing her student-athletes grow both as players and people. This is her 4th year coaching with ARVC, and she is heading a 17's National team. She holds a USAV-CAP1 certification in volleyball coaching.

"The first thing is to love your sport. Never do it to please someone else. It has to be yours." - Peggy Fleming

Thea Evans (17A)

Born and raised in Ruidoso, New Mexico, Coach Thea Evan resides in Albuquerque, where she is a Marketing Director at New Age Marketing. Coach Thea started her volleyball career at the middle school level and continued at the collegiate level at New Mexico Military Institute and Norwich University. With her high energy level, she was motivated to perfect her skills and knowledge of the game, while competing at the elite level in the USAV Adult National Tournaments. She was on the All-Academic Teams at both institutions and holds records for most digs and kills in a single season at Norwich University. This will be her 3rd year coaching with ARVC, where she will be assisting the 17's National team under the guidance of Coach Natalie Arvizu. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Each player must accept the cards life deals him or her, but once they are in hand, he or she alone must develop how to play the cards in order to win the game." - Voltaire

Savanna Garner (17A)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Savanna Garner is currently a student at the University of New Mexico and an intern student at Sandia National Laboratories. Coach Savanna started her volleyball career playing in middle school and high school, as well as at the club level. She has taken her skills to the sand, where she currently competes in adult leagues and tournaments and has become more confident and developed sharper skills. Coach Savanna started coaching with ARVC as an assistant on a 16's Regional team in 2014. This will be her 3rd year coaching with ARVC, where she will be assisting the 17's National team under the guidance of Coach Natalie. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard" - Tim Notke

Minh Tran (17H | Skill Trainer)

Born and raised in Vietnam, Coach Mihn Tran moved to the United States in 1975 and now resides Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is employed at Ray Flooring. Coach Minh Started his volleyball career playing volleyball at Eldorado High School from 1980–1984. He continued competing with the University of New Mexico's men's club and USAV volleyball teams, where he displayed his setting skills with precise accuracy and speed. Coach Minh's coaching career started at Rio Grande High School. He later went on to coach at St. Pius High School and then instructed boy's volleyball at Eldorado High School until 1990. During his tenure at St. Pius, Coach Minh assisted the Varsity team in capturing the 4A State Championships. Coach Minh will be entering his 39th year of coaching. This will be his 2nd year coaching with ARVC, where he will be heading a 17's National team. He holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Play hard, have fun." - Minh Tran

Cong Tran (17A)

Born and raised in Vietnam, Coach Cong Tran came to the United States in 1975 and now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is employed with De Vore Aviation as a mechanical engineer. Coach Cong started his volleyball career playing volleyball at Eldorado High School as a setter and an outside hitter from 1981–1983. He continued his career, playing at the club level with Team Tribe Men's Volleyball Club for several years until 2010. His skills and knowledge for the game have helped many young athletes to better understand the sport. Coach Cong will be entering his 40th year of coaching. He started at the adult level at the Sports Physical Therapy and moved on to the junior circuit with Team Tribe Volleyball Club and Rio West Volleyball Club. He is presently the head coach at South Valley Academy. This is Coach Cong 1st year with ARVC, where he will be assisting a 17's National team alongside his brother, Coach Minh. He holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Take chances, make mistakes, and get messy." - The Magic School Bus

Justin Trancosta (17T)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Justin Trancosta is currently employed with Sandia Resort and Casino and has been a Count Team Member for the past 4 years. Coach Justin started his volleyball career competing at the adult level with Team Tribe Volleyball Club and participating in local volleyball leagues. Coach Justin competed at the USAV Open National Championships every year since 2011 at the Men's BB level. His talent as an outside hitter brings a skillset that enhances players' transitions and power. This is Coach Justine 1st year with ARVC, where he will be training and assisting a 17's National team alongside Coach Minh. He holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Impossible is nothing." – Unknown

Sangyong Yun (16H | 15H | Mentor)

Born in Pusan, South Korea, Coach Sangyong Yun now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is employed with ARVC Volleyball as the Instructional Coordinator. Coach Yun started playing volleyball as a young athlete, competing in the Junior World Championship in Dubai. His experience continued into the college level, where he played at Sung Kyun Kwan University and at the World University Championships. After his career as a volleyball student-athlete, Yun took his volleyball skills to next level by playing on the Korean Men's National team, competing in the Senior World Championships. Coach Yun turned professional in 1992 when he played on Korean professional volleyball teams and in Kuwait's Professional Volleyball League. His coaching experience expands more than 15 years, and he is now recognized as a successful coach in the Sun Country Regional Volleyball Region. Coach Yun is now starting his 11th year with ARVC, where he coaches two teams (15U1 and 16U1) that compete in the OPEN Division. Under his leadership, his teams have reached the Girls' Junior National Championship (GJNC) for the last 7 years. His greatest finish at the GJNC was when his 14's team placed 5th overall in the OPEN Division. Coach Yun coached at Cibola High School for 4 years and was named the Coach of the Year in 2013. He will be mentoring both national and regional coaches. He currently holds USAV-CAP2, FIVB, and NFHS Level 2 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Sometimes it's not how good you are, but how bad you want it." - Sangyong Yun

Patty Ader (16A | 11H)

Born in Toledo, Ohio, Coach Patty Ader moved to Huntington Beach, California and now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she is a Reading Coach with the Albuquerque Public Schools. She was a dual scholar athlete in college, earning both softball and volleyball scholarships at the University of Toledo. She was inducted into the University of Toledo's Athletic Hall of Fame. This is her 22nd year of coaching; she first started coaching high school student-athletes in Ohio. She also coached club in New Jersey with DIGS Volleyball Club and has been a coach with ARVC since 2002. Coach Patty is currently the club coordinator for college recruiting. She will be heading the 11's National team, alongside Coach Geoff Lawson, and assisting the 16's National team. Coach Patty holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"No matter where you start, keep dreaming of the future." - Patty Ader

Ashley Rhoades (16H | 13H)

Born in El Paso, Texas and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Ashley is currently the Head Coach for Cibola High School. Coach Ashley is a well-known volleyball figure in the state of New Mexico. She started her volleyball career playing in middle and high school and went on to play at the collegiate level at the University of New Mexico (UNM). Coach Ashley's skills and talent on the volleyball court earned her a spot on the USA A2 National team. Her leadership and knowledge of the game is shown remarkably through her accolades. She was named the New Mexico 4A/5A Player of the Year and earned a spot on the All-Academic team. During her collegiate years, she was named several times as the Mountain West Conference (MWC) Player of the Week. She also earned a spot on the MWC All-Academic team and MWC All-Conference team. Her talent was also recognized through the American Coaches Volleyball Association (AVCA), as she earned a spot on the AVCA All-West team and was an AVCA All-American Honorable Mention. While competing at the National level, Coach Ashley won the USAV National A2 Championships. Her coaching background started during her collegiate years when she coached at the club and high school levels with New Mexico Juniors and La Cueva High School. After graduation from UNM, she was appointed as the graduation assistant to UNM Volleyball, and was later hired as an assistant coach at Eastern New Mexico University. This is Coach Ashley's 1st year with ARVC, where she will be heading both 16's and 13's National teams alongside with quality assistant coaches. She holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Around here, we don't look backwards for very long...we keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we're curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." - Walt Disney

Jayla Trombley (16A)

Born and raised in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Coach Jayla Trombley is currently employed with Rio Rancho Public Schools as a high school teacher. Coach Jayla started her volleyball career playing in middle school and high school and went on to play at the collegiate level at Barry University in Florida. During her prep years at Rio Rancho High School, Coach Jayla played 4 years of Varsity as an outside hitter and middle blocker, contributing to two NMAA State Championships, earning All-Metro Player of the Year, and placing in the top 50 of the Under Armor Watch List. Coach Jayla earned full athletic scholarships to both UNM, where she played for 1 year, and Barry University, where she was the team captain for 3 years and was honored as the Most Valuable Player in 2015. Coach Jayla started her coaching career with the New Mexico Juniors Club in 2011. She is currently the assistant Varsity coach at Cibola High School and has been with ARVC for 2 years. Coach

Jalya will be assisting a 16's National team under the guidance of Coach Ashley. She holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Your nerves are just your body's way of telling you, you're ready. Ready to take on anything and anyone."- Steve Hendricks (Barry University, Head Coach)

Lassel Caraballo (16H)

Born in and raised in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, Coach Lassel now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he works in security and is a student at the University of New Mexico. He is a very energetic coach, providing motivational tools to the players before matches. His coaching background started 7 years ago at Eldorado High School, where he assisted the JV team and also at the club level. Coach Lassel is currently coaching at Volcano Vista High School. This will be his 4th year with ARVC, heading 16's Regional team alongside Geoff Lawson. Coach Lassel holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that frightens us most. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and famous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that people won't feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in all of us. And when we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." - Marianne Williamson

Geoff Lawson (16A | 11H)

Coach Geoff Lawson is a well-known coach in the Albuquerque community and the surrounding areas. Coach Geoff currently resides in Belen, New Mexico, where he is employed as an executive chef at Greg's Barbeque Restaurant. He is a very energetic coach, providing motivational tools to the players and offering many coaching tips to fellow coaches. Coach Geoff started his volleyball career at the collegiate level competing at the Men's NIRSA at Sam Houston State University and Colorado State University. He continued to compete in the men's division at the USAV Open Nationals after his collegiate years. Coach Geoff started his coaching career in 1996 at the junior level with NASA Juniors. In 1998, Coach Geoff took coaching role at Alvin Community College in Texas and then at Sam Houston State University in 2001. From 2008 through 2017, Coach Geoff was appointed the club director for New Mexico Juniors and was the Head Coach for several National teams. He coached teams that qualified at the USAV GJNC several times. This is Coach Geoff 1st year with ARVC, where he will be co-heading the 11's National team with Coach Patty Ader and assisting a 16's National team with Coach Lassel. He holds USAV-CAP1 and AAU-PCI certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but rising every time we fall." – Confucius

Mercedes Pacheco (15A)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Mercedes Pacheco is currently a student at the University of New Mexico majoring in Psychology and minoring in Communication. Coach Mercedes started her volleyball career playing in middle school and high school and went on to play at the collegiate level at UNM

on a full-ride scholarship. During her prep years at St. Pius X High School, Coach Mercedes achieved many honors, including 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-Metro, and 1st Team All-State from 2012 through 2015. She also was named Defensive Player of the Year and Metro Player of the Year in 2015. Coach Mercedes competed in club volleyball (ARVC) from ages 12 through 18. During those years, her team qualified five times to the USAV Girl's Junior National Championships (GJNC). Her best achievement was earning an Open Bid to the GJNC, winning the 17 Open at the Disney Showcase in Orlando, Florida. Coach Mercedes started her coaching at ARVC, working with 12-14 year olds during the summer months in the STP Program and the UNM Lobos Summer Camps. This is her 1st year coaching with ARVC, where she will be assisting the 15's National team under the guidance of Coach Yun. She holds USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Strive for progress, not perfection." - Unknown

Eric Zamora (15H | Mentor)

Born and raised in Roswell, New Mexico, Coach Eric Zamora resides in Los Lunas, where he is employed with Los Lunas Public Schools as an educator at Valencia High School, teaching biology, human anatomy, and physiology. Coach Eric has been involved in volleyball for more than 29 years. This year marks his 12th year as Head Coach of the Valencia High School Varsity Volleyball team. His coaching experience also includes serving as an assistant coach for 7 years at New Mexico Highlands University and coaching 12's through 14's teams for Club Demolition Crew in Roswell. Coach Eric's experience and achievements have earned him many honors, including multiple "Coach of the Year" awards, multiple District Championships, State Runner-Ups, and NMAA State Championship at Pojoaque High School. This will be his 2nd year coaching with ARVC, where he will be heading the 15U2 National team and mentoring both the National and local coaches. He holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 2 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Discipline yourself so others won't have to." - John Wooden

Jonathan Zamora (15A | 14A)

Born in Las Vegas, New Mexico and raised in Roswell, NM, Coach Jonathan Zamora currently resides in Los Lunas, where he is employed with Scribe America as a medical scribe. Coach Jonathan was grown up around the sport of volleyball, following his father, Eric Zamora, who was the Head Coach at Pojoaque High School. He currently competes in adult leagues and tournaments, staying active in the sport. Coach Jonathan started his coaching in Roswell, where he coached for Demolition Crew Volleyball Club. He is currently the Head Coach for the Valencia High School's JV team. This will be his 2nd year coaching with ARVC, where he will be assisting both the 15's and 14's National teams under the guidance of Coach Eric Zamora and Lisa Spencer. He holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Good, better, best. Never let it rest until good is better and better is best." - Adlai Stevenson

Ramsay Kane (15H)

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i, Coach Ramsay now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is currently employed with Cut Master Music Inc. as a music recording technician and working to become a nurse practitioner at the University of New Mexico. Coach Ramsay started his volleyball career playing in

middle school through high school at Kamehameha. He continued playing at the collegiate level at the University of Hawai'i before injuring his ACL. Coach Ramsay started his coaching career in Hawai'i, coaching at the Hawai'i Police Activities League (PAL) in 2016. This is his first year coaching with ARVC, where he will be heading a 15's Regional team alongside with Coach Ciara Frazer and Trainer Sangyong Yun. He holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." - Ramsay Kane

Ciara Frazer (15A)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Ciara Frazer is currently a student at the University of New Mexico working to become a film producer. Coach Ciara started her volleyball career competing at the middle school and high school levels, where she played as a middle blocker. She also played 3 years of club volleyball with ARVC under many technically sound coaches. This will be Coach Ciara 1st year coaching, and she will be assisting the 15's Regional team under the guidance of Coach Ramsey Kane and Coach Fred Ader. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Hard work will always beat talent" – Unknown

"Be a female athlete!" – Fred Ader

Dominic Lopez (14A | RA)

Born and raised in Tatum, New Mexico, Coach Dominic Lopez resides in Albuquerque, where he is currently a student at the University of New Mexico. Coach Dominic is currently active in adult volleyball, competing in local leagues and tournaments and playing college intramural sports. He brings tremendous understanding for the game, which helps develop team continuity. This is Coach Dominic's 4th year with ARVC, where he will be assisting the 14's National team under the instruction of Coach Elsa and assisting the 13's Rebels Academy. He holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up." - Babe Ruth

Dana Bird (14H)

Born in Spokane, Washington, Coach Dana Bird lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is a small business owner and a strong supporter of the Tingley Children's Hospital, focusing on fundraising events. He has been coaching for 18 years—10 years at the middle and high school levels and 10 years at the club level. He is entering his 9th year with ARVC and brings a tremendous wealth of volleyball knowledge of competition at all levels, including at the USAV Adult National and USAV Senior National levels. Coach Dana will be heading a 14's National team and assisting regional and local coaches throughout the organization. Coach Dana currently holds USAV-CAP1 and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Be the best you can be!" - Dana Bird

Kassandra Serna (14A)

Born in and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Kassandra Serna is an intern at Sandia National Laboratories. She started her volleyball career 13 years ago, playing at the middle school level and continued on to coaching competitive club teams. She is still active in the sport in adult leagues, competing in indoor, outdoor, and sand volleyball. Coach Kassandra currently volunteers as a coach at Manual Middle School. This is her 5th year coaching with ARVC, and she will be assisting a 14's National team under the guidance of Coach Dana Bird. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is a secret of success." - Kassandra Serna

Lisa Spencer (14H)

Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming and raised in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Coach Lisa Spencer now resides in Rio Rancho, where she is currently employed as an educator for the Rio Rancho Public School System. Coach Lisa started her volleyball career, playing at the middle school level and continued at the collegiate level at New Mexico Highlands University. She has been coaching for 25 years at the middle school and high school levels and at the club level. This will be her 3rd year coaching with ARVC, where she will be heading a 14's National team alongside Coach Jonathan Zamora and Catalina Garcia, and Trainer Coach Huu. She holds USAV-CAP1 and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart." - John Heywood

Catalina Garcia (14A)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Catalina Garcia is currently a student at the University of New Mexico. She started her volleyball career at the middle school level and continued to play at Rio Rancho High School and 1 year at Lamar Community College. Coach Catalina played club volleyball with ARVC for 8 years. Throughout those years, her hard work earned her a spot on the club's national teams, and she recruited to compete at the college level. Coach Catalina has been under the guidance of many technical coaches at ARVC and has the patience and understanding for developmental-level athletes, as well as the passion for the sport. This past summer, Coach Catalina continued training to be a volleyball coach with the Skill Train Play (STP) Program, working with 13U players. This will be her 3rd year of coaching with ARVC, and she will be assisting a 14's National team under the instruction of Coach Lisa Spencer. Coach Catalina holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." – Catalina Garcia

Katie Erdman (14H)

Born and raised in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Coach Katie Erdman currently resides in Albuquerque, where she is employed as a controller and a real estate agent. She started her volleyball career, playing at the middle school level and continued at Eldorado High School for 4 years and with ARVC. As a strong competitor, during her senior year at Eldorado, she was named Best Offensive Player on her Varsity team. Coach Katie's two-year coaching experience started locally at the club level. This past summer, Coach Katie continued coaching with the Skill Train Play (STP) Program, working with 14U players. This will be her 2nd year of coaching with ARVC, where she will be heading a 14's Regional Local team alongside Assistant Coach Tara Hilton and Trainer Coach

Huu. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"The first thing is to love your sport. Never do it to please someone else. It has to be yours." - Peggy Fleming

Tara Hilton (14A)

Born in Tucson, Arizona, Coach Tara Hilton now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is currently a fraud investigator at the Kirtland Federal Credit Union. She started her volleyball career playing high school volleyball her sophomore year at West Mesa High School. Coach Tara's has 2-years of experience as Head Coach of a local volleyball club organization. This will be in her 1st year of coaching with ARVC, assisting a 14's Regional team alongside Coach Katie Erdman. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to SUCCEED is always to try just one more time."
- Thomas A. Edison

Madison (Rhoades) Madrid (14H)

Born and raised in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Coach Madison Madrid (Rhoades) is teacher with the Albuquerque Public Schools. Coach Madison started her volleyball career at the high school level, where she played as a middle blocker. Her skills and talent excelled at collegiate level, earning her a full-ride scholarship at Eastern New Mexico University. While competing at Rio Rancho High School, Coach Madison was named to the New Mexico All-State 2nd team, becoming the most explosive player in NM Class 5A. Coach Madison started her coaching career at the club level, instructing ages 12 through 16 and coaching the Del Norte High School Junior Varsity team. She is presently coaching the Freshman team at Cibola high School. This will be her 1st year coaching with ARVC, where she will head a 14's Local team alongside Coach Megan Craft. She holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!" - Dr. Seuss

Megan Craft (14A)

Born and raised in Friendswood, Texas, Coach Megan now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is currently a Speech-Language Pathologist at the Albuquerque Public School System. She started her volleyball career playing at the middle and high school level and competed at the club level with AVA as their setter and right-side hitter. Coach Megan played 4 years with Eastern New Mexico University as the starting right-side player. During her tenure at ENMU, Coach Megan was on the Dean's Academic List for 3 straight years. This will be her 1st year of coaching with ARVC, where she will be assisting a 14's Local team alongside Coach Madison Madrid. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Don't give up just because of what someone said. Use the motivation to push harder." - Unknown

Rhea Fayne (13A)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Rhea Fayne played volleyball for 4 years at Del Norte High School. She also played for 4 years with ARVC, and 2 of those years, she competed in the USAV Girl's

Juniors National Championships. Coach Rhea is currently a Licensed Practical Nurse and is working toward her Licensure as a Registered Nurse. This is her 4th year of coaching, assisting 13's National team, and she will be under the guidance of Coach Fred Ader. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"It's going to get harder before its gets easier, but it will get better. You just got to get through the hard stuff first." - Rhea Fayne

Juliana Clark (13A)

Born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil, Coach Juliana Todescan Clark now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she teaches foreign language classes at the University of New Mexico. Coach Juliana started her volleyball career in Brazil and competed at the NAIA level at John Brown University. Her skills for the game accumulated many honors: 1st Team Conference and Region (3 years), Honor All-American (2 years), All-American (Senior), Region Setter of the Year (3 years), MVP Player Region (2 years), Best Newcomer of the Region (Sophomore), and Female-Athlete of the Year (2 years). Coach Juliana began her coaching at Ozark Juniors Volleyball Club, instructing 14's, 15's, and 16's teams. Her detail to instruction and her setting skills have surpassed all expectations of others. This will be her 2nd year coaching with ARVC, where she will be assisting the 13's National team under the guidance of Coach Ashley Rhoades. She holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Train yourself to listen to that small voice inside of you that tells you what is important and what is not." - Juliana

Theresa Johnson (13H)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Theresa Johnson is a student at the University of New Mexico where she is studying Biology. She graduated from Sandia High School and played club volleyball for most of her middle school and prep years. She started coaching during high school under the guidance of Coach Tavake, learning many valuable key-coaching notes. She also coached in the APIAL Middle School League for 6 years. This will be her 5th year with ARVC, heading the 13's Regional team alongside Breanna Gutierrez and Trainer Coach Huu. Coach Theresa holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"The pain you feel today is the strength you feel tomorrow. For every challenge encountered, there is opportunity for growth." - Unknown

Breanna Gutierrez (13A)

Born in Tracy, California and raised in Albuquerque, NM, Coach Breanna is currently a senior student at Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School, pursuing her International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. Coach Breanna started her volleyball career, playing in middle school, high school, and for a club volleyball team. Her leadership and knowledge for the game has proven tremendous, earning her the team captain spot on her high school team. This is Coach Breanna 1st year with ARVC, where she will assist Coach Theresa on the 13's Regional team. Her patience and love for the game make her a great asset to her team and the players. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Never give up. If you fall, always get right back up and try again." - Unknown

Tavake Misailegalu (12H | Rebels Academy Director)

Born in Aoa, American Samoa, Coach Tavake Misailegalu resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he is semi-retired from the United States Army. He is currently employed with ARVC and is a volleyball official with the New Mexico Athletic Association (NMAA). Coach Tavake started his volleyball career while in the military, competing in many areas of the world (Europe, Far East, U.S., including Hawai'i) and continued in various regions under USAV (SC, PM, AH, RM). He has been coaching for more than 12 years, starting with the US Army overseas (both men's and women's teams) and TG Sandhausen Junior Volleyball Club. While stationed in Hawai'i, he was head coach of Hawai'i's Army team for 4 years. This past summer, Coach Tavake took the leading role and established ARVC inaugural Sand Volleyball Program. His dedication and detail to success has made this sand program contribute positively to young volleyball student-athletes. Coach Tavake will be entering his 7th year with ARVC, where he will direct the Rebels Academy Program and head the 12's National team. He holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"When the student is ready to learn...the teacher will appear. Never look down on someone unless you're offering to help them up. STAND UP...LOOK UP...NEVER GIVE UP!" - Tavake Misailegalu

Melissa McCurdy (12A)

Born and raised in Los Alamos, New Mexico, Coach Melissa resides in Albuquerque, where she is a supervisor at OsoBio Company. She played high school volleyball at Rio Rancho High School under the instruction of Toby Manzanares, helping her team win the NMAA 5A State Championship. Her volleyball training came from both Coach Huu and Coach Carpenter, both of whom provided structure and guidance to her, as she became the top defensive specialist. Her coaching background started at the YMCA, where she focused on proper footwork and mechanics, teaching newer players in the sport. Coach Melissa has coached at both the Desert Ridge Middle School and Cibola High School. She has been coaching with ARVC since 2012, and this season, she will be assisting the 12's National team under the guidance of Coach Tavake. Coach Melissa holds USAV-CAP1 and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"As long as you try, every day is an improvement." —Melissa McCurdy

Camilo Garcia (12H | RA)

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Camilo Garcia is currently employed as a Chemical Packaging Supervisor at DPC. He has two daughters who are active in volleyball both competing in college. Coach Camilo started his volleyball career at the adult level, competing in local leagues. He became interested in coaching, while taking his daughters to volleyball practices and games and watching them excel. Coach Camilo is a passionate volleyball coach and has sharpened his coaching skill at the Skill Train Play (STP) Program with 14U players. This will be his 4th year with ARVC, where he will be heading the 12's Regional team alongside Coach Melissa Melendez and Trainer Minh Tran. He will also be the Lead Coach for the 13's Rebels Academy Group. He holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"You can teach someone a job, give them the best tools and place to work, but you can't teach them to give a damn; that comes from within." - Unknown

Melissa Melendez (12A | RA)

Born in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Coach Melissa Melendez now resides in Albuquerque, where she is currently employed with Route 66 Insurance as a CSR representative. She played volleyball for 4 years at Manzano High School and with ARVC. While at Manzano, Coach Melissa made the Honorable Mention All-District Team (2 years) and Most Valuable Player (2 years). Her coaching experience started at Albuquerque Academy, where she coached the freshman team. This will be her 3rd year coaching with ARVC, assisting the 12's Regional team and assisting 12U Rebels Academy team under the guidance of Coach Breena Freeze and Coach Tavake. She holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Believe – Courage" - Melissa Melendez

Mari Sparacino (11A)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Mari Sparacino is currently a student at the University of New Mexico working to become an Architect. Coach Mari started her volleyball career competing at the middle school and high school levels, where she played as a middle blocker and an outside hitter. She also played 4 years of club volleyball with ARVC under many technically sound coaches. This will be Coach Mari 1st year coaching, and she will be assisting the 11's National team under the guidance of Coach Patty Ader and Coach Geoff Lawson. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Success isn't just a lack of failure, it's the ability to learn from your failure and use them to become successful."
– Unknown

Huu Vu (Skill Trainer)

Born in Saigon, Vietnam, Coach Huu Vu now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he is retired from Intel Corporation. He has been coaching for more than 19 years and has been recognized as a successful coach in the city of Rio Rancho. Coach Huu coached under the guidance of Toby Manzanares, where he holds six state titles in the span of 10 years. Coach Huu has taken teams to USAV Junior Nationals as a Head Coach and as an Assistant Coach. This is Coach Huu's 5th season with ARVC, and he will be the assigned skill trainer for three teams. Huu currently holds CAP1 and NFHS Level 3 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Man who runs behind cars will get exhausted." - Huu Vu

Rebels Academy Coaches

Camilo Garcia (13U Lead Coach)

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Camilo Garcia is currently employed as a Chemical Packaging Supervisor at DPC. He has two daughters who are active in volleyball both competing in college. Coach Camilo started his volleyball career at the adult level, competing in local leagues. He became interested in coaching, while taking his daughters to volleyball practices and games and watching them excel. Coach Camilo is a passionate volleyball coach and has sharpened his coaching skill at the Skill Train Play (STP) Program with 14U players. This will be his 4th year with ARVC, where he will be heading the 12's Regional team alongside Coach Melissa Melendez and Trainer Minh Tran. He will also be the Lead Coach for the 13's Rebels Academy Group. He holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"You can teach someone a job, give them the best tools and place to work, but you can't teach them to give a damn; that comes from within." - Unknown

Diana LaCour (13A)

Born in Frankfurt, Germany as a military dependent, Coach Diane LaCour now resides Rio Rancho, New Mexico, where she is currently employed with the Rio Rancho Public School System as teacher and a tennis coach. Coach Diana started her volleyball career playing at the high school Varsity level for 4 years and another 4 years at the collegiate level, competing at Mesa State (freshman), Colorado Northwestern University (sophomore), and her junior and senior year at New Mexico Highlands University. While competing at the college level, she used her height and athleticism, dominating the net through her offense attacks and defensive blocking. Coach Diana started her coaching at the high school level, instructing the freshman team at Cleveland High School, and went on assisting the Varsity team for the next 6 years. As a coach, she collected one NM State Title, one NM State Runner-Up, and two 6A District Titles. This is Coach Diana 1st year with ARVC, where she will be assisting the 13's Rebels Academy (Local) team alongside Coach Tavake. She holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Just Do It." - Nike

Brisa Gamboa (13A)

Born in Las Cruces New Mexico and raised in Albuquerque, Coach Brisa Gamboa is currently a senior at St. Pius X High School, where she plays as the starting Libero on the Varsity team. Her superior skills have helped her team win the NM State Volleyball Championships in 2016 and three district championships. Coach Brisa started her volleyball career, playing at the middle school and high school levels. She also competed in club volleyball with ARVC for 6 years, competing at the OPEN level. Brisa is no stranger to high-level competition; her team competed at the USAV Girls Junior National Championships five times and reached their personal best, ranking 13th in the nation. This will be Coach Brisa 1st year coaching, and she will be assisting 13's Local team (Rebels Academy), under the guidance of Coach Diana LaCour and Coach Tavake Misailegalu. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"No matter how far life pushes you down, no matter how much you hurt, you can always bounce back." - Sheryl Swoopes

Jordan Roderick (13A)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Jordan Roderick is currently employed as a Barista at Starbucks and is a student at CNM majoring in Business Administration. Coach Jordan started his volleyball career playing recreationally on sand courts and indoor leagues. His enthusiasm for the sport has grown interest in coaching each season, especially competing at a high level. His patience and understanding for developmental-level athletes, as well as the passion for the sport, benefits both players and himself. This will be his 1st year coaching for ARVC, and he will be assisting a 13's Local team (Rebels Academy) under the instruction of Coach Camilo Garcia and Tavake Misailegalu. Coach Jordan holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." – Wayne Gretzky

Dominic Lopez (14A | RA)

Born and raised in Tucumcari, New Mexico, Coach Dominic Lopez resides in Albuquerque, where he is currently a student at the University of New Mexico. Coach Dominic is currently active in adult volleyball, competing in local leagues and tournaments and playing college intramural sports. He brings tremendous understanding for the game, which helps develop team continuity. This is Coach Dominic's 4th year with ARVC, where he will be assisting the 14's National team under the instruction of Coach Elsa and assisting the 13's Rebels Academy. He holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up." - Babe Ruth

Breana Freeze (12U Lead Coach)

Born in Austin, Texas and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Breana Freeze is currently employed with Lovelace UNM Rehabilitation Hospital as an Occupational Therapist. Coach Breana started her volleyball career at Ls Cueva High School, playing all four year as a dominant middle blocker. While competing at the prep level, she used her height and athleticism, dominating the net through her offense attacks and defensive blocking. Coach Breana received 1st team All-Metro (2007 & 2008), 1st team All-State (2008), and NM Gatorade Basketball Player of the Year (2008). Coach Breana started her coaching with New Mexico Special Olympics in 2012, her special attention and detailed instruction has lead her and her team to win three gold medals at the NM State Summer Games (2015, 2016, and 2017). This is Coach Breana 1st year with ARVC, where she will be Lead Coach for the 12's Rebels Academy Group alongside Coach Tavake. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming." – John Wooden

Melissa Melendez (12A)

Born in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Coach Melissa Melendez now resides in Albuquerque, where she is currently employed with Route 66 Insurance as a CSR representative. She played volleyball for 4 years at Manzano High School and with ARVC. While at Manzano, Coach Melissa made the Honorable Mention All-District Team (2 years) and Most Valuable Player (2 years). Her coaching experience started at Albuquerque Academy, where she coached the freshman team. This will be her 3rd year coaching with ARVC, assisting the 12's Regional team and assisting 12U Rebels Academy team under the guidance of Coach Breena Freeze and Coach Tavake. She holds USAV-IMPACT and NFHS Level 1 certifications in volleyball coaching.

"Believe – Courage" - Melissa Melendez

Abigail Adams (12A)

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Coach Abigail is currently a student at the University of New Mexico. She started her volleyball career at the middle school level and continued to play at Rio Rancho High School volleyball for 5 years and with ARVC for 2 years. Coach Abigail started her coaching career instructing elementary and middle school students, where she provided basic fundamentals and appropriate drills for their learning levels. Her patience and understanding for developmental-level athletes, as well as the passion for the sport, benefits both players and herself. This is her 2nd year coaching for ARVC, and she will be assisting a 12's Local team (Rebels Academy) under the instruction of Coach Amilya and Tavake Misailegalu. Coach Abigail holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"If you can dream it, you can do it" - Abigail Adams

Amilya Ellis (11U Lead Coach)

Born in Anchorage, Alaska and raised in Moriarty, New Mexico, Coach Amilya Ellis now resides in Albuquerque, where she is currently employed with NMHU as a social worker. Coach Amilya started her volleyball career at 6-years old and continued on, playing at the middle and high school levels. During her tenure at Moriarty High School, she helped her team capture two state championships and multiple district titles. She continued playing volleyball at Wayland Baptist University as a setter and a defensive specialist. Coach Amilya has been coaching for more than 10 years at Our Lady of the Assumption at the middle school level and at the club level for Albuquerque Juniors. Her passion for the game has taken her student-athletes to a new height. Her patience and detail to instruction allows the players to work effectively as a team, as she develops their skills and helps them grow as individuals. This is her 2nd year coaching with ARVC, where she will be the Lead Coach for the 11's Rebels Academy Group. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Breathe. Believe. Battle. Walk away with our heads held high." – Amilya Ellis

Sarah Snippen (11A)

Born in Tualatin, Oregon and raised in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Coach Sarah is currently a student at the University of New Mexico, pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Coach Sarah started her volleyball career, playing in middle school and high school and in the various clubs in Albuquerque and Rio Rancho. Her skills and talent on the volleyball court contributed to many victories, including New Mexico State Volleyball Class 6A Runner-Up. Coach Sarah was very active in coaching while in high school; she started

volunteering her time instructing volleyball players from ages 10 through 12 for 3 years. This past summer, she coached in the Skill Train and Play (STP) program, instructing players from the age of 9 through 13. This is her 1st year coaching with ARVC, where she will be assisting the 11's Local team (Rebels Academy) under the guidance of Coach Amilya and Tavake Misailegalu. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"Everybody is genius. But if you judge a fish by it's ability to climb a tree, it will live it's whole life believing that it is stupid." - Albert Einstein

Kaylee Maxon (11A) – Awaiting Coaches Information

Viki Royce (10U Lead Coach)

Born in Agana, Guam as military dependent, Coach Viki Royce now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she is currently employed as a professional Nanny. Coach Viki started her volleyball career as a recreational player competing in many levels of play, from middle school to college intramurals. Her drive and enthusiasm for these young student-athletes is an asset for this Academy program and the development of these student athletes. Coach Viki has 9 years of coaching experience at the Albuquerque Christian School and club volleyball; this will be her 2nd year with ARVC. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"I think that from the time you start playing sports as a child, you see that your responsibility to your team is to play the best that you can play as an individual...and yet, not take anything away from being part of the them." - Wayne Gretzky

Sheena Ramos (10A)

Born in England as military dependent, Coach Sheena Ramos resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she is has been employed with Abrazo Homes for the past 16 years in Sales and Marketing. Coach Sheena started her volleyball career competing at Cibola High School and at a local club for 4 years. Her skills and knowledge on the court places her as one of the top defensive players in her class. Coach Sheena's coaching experience started at Cibola High School, where she coached the freshman team in 2003. Her training mainly concentrates in molding young athletes who have never played volleyball, preparing them for the next level. Her patience and love for the game make her an asset to the organization and her team. She holds a USAV-IMPACT certification in volleyball coaching.

"It's not the will to win that matters – everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matter." "Suck it up buttercup." (I believe it's the toughness in an athlete that creates their level of success.) - Sheena Ramos