

# **Coach A. C. Brooks**

I have been playing volleyball for eight years now. I started playing volleyball when I was ten years old, and my school coach for Kingwood Christian recruited me to play for the YMCA team. When I moved to Middle School volleyball, I was a starter on the junior high team, moving on later to start on the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams. My eighth and ninth grade seasons were some of the most successful, playing on the JV Kingwood Christian team that went undefeated and won the state championship for the AISA two years in a row, and the Varsity team that placed in the final four at that state tournament. Later, I transferred to Thompson High School and played for one year under Coaches Judy Green and Grace Burgess as a starter on the JV team. I started playing club volleyball at BVC when I was twelve, and stayed there for my 13s year and moving over to Birmingham Boom-- a branch of the Georgia-based team Atlanta Boom-- for my 14s season, then coming back to BVC to play until my 17s year, where we placed fourth at the regional tournament for the SRVA. I was a captain for many of my teams, until injury forced me to step down for the season.

Despite the fact that I am not naturally athletic, I played nearly every position due to my ball control and attitude. I was trained when I was twelve and thirteen to be a middle, and later moved on to play outside and briefly setter, but mostly I was just able to play whenever my coach needed me (with my Thompson coach even calling me her "utility kid").

I am a senior in high school at Thompson, where I am currently taking three AP classes for college credit, am in a competition theatre and performing arts class, and I have already been accepted for admission and a full tuition scholarship to University of Alabama in Huntsville, to major in Computer Sciences and Software Engineering. While in high school, I have maintained an over 4.0 GPA and have been personally selected along with 150 other students to be in a Leadership Committee by our principal for two years in a row, now.

I love volleyball with all my heart. This is why I am coaching. I look forward to being able to coach young athletes to be their absolute best!