



JENNY JOHNSON JORDAN

Head Coach
First Season
UCLA '96

Former Bruin standout and Olympian Jenny Johnson Jordan returned to Westwood and is in her 11th season with the UCLA beach volleyball program in 2024 and the first as the head. UCLA Athletics announced on June 5, 2023, that Johnson Jordan would be named just the second head coach in the program's history, replacing Stein Metzger. Johnson Jordan, spent seven years as an assistant coach before being elevated to associate head coach for the Bruins on July 13, 2020.

She was inducted into the UCLA Hall of Fame on Oct. 5, 2018, and has won a national title as a player and as a coach as she helped guide the Bruins to their first-ever NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship in 2018 as UCLA went 40-4 on the year.

Johnson Jordan then helped the Bruins win back-to-back NCAA titles on May 5, 2019 (35-3) and was named the AVCA National Assistant Beach Coach of the Year on May 9, 2019.

Johnson Jordan played with the Bruins from 1991 to 1995 and was a two-time team captain for the Bruin women's volleyball team (1994-95). She was a member of the 1991 UCLA National Championship squad, as well as the NCAA runner-up teams from '92 and '94, earning All-Tournament Team honors in 1994.

She played in 127 matches and 406 sets in her four seasons, recording 1,212 kills and 1,214 digs, ranking as one of 12 Bruins to post at least 1,000 career

kills and digs. Johnson Jordan, who sits eighth in school history in digs and 21st in kills, also had 93 service aces and 225 blocks. She led the Bruins in aces in 1993 and 1995, as well as digs in 1995.

Johnson Jordan earned a pair of Volleyball Magazine All-American Honorable Mention accolades in 1994 and '95. She was also a two-time All-Pac-10 Conference First Team honoree ('93 and '95) and a two-time Pac-10 All-Academic selection.

Following her playing days at UCLA, Johnson Jordan played professionally on the beach, competing in the sport's grandest stage. In 2000, with partner and Bruin standout Annett (Buckner) Davis, she finished fifth in the Sydney Olympic Games. She also served as an alternate for the 2004 Athens Games, and during that year with Davis, became just the second team in the world to compete in 100 events together.

Elsewhere on the beach, Johnson Jordan has played on the Pro 4's, FIVB, WPVA, BVA and AVP Tours. In 1997, she won the FIVB 4-Person World Beach Championship at UCLA. Two years later, she won a Silver medal at the FIVB World Championships. A winner of 10 professional beach titles worldwide, Johnson Jordan ranked in the Top 10 in points every year she competed on the BVA and AVP Tours and was honored in 2002 with the AVP Special Achievement Award.

Johnson Jordan has been a High Performance Coach for USA Volleyball and is also USAV Beach Cap Certified. In 2012, she became the first beach volleyball coach at her alma mater, Windward High School, and that year was also the head coach for the LAVA girls club volleyball beach program.

Johnson Jordan, who graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's in communications in 1996, comes from a rich tradition of Bruins and athletic pedigree. Her father, Rafer, was an Olympic Gold medalist in the Decathlon in 1960 and a Silver medalist in that event in 1956. Her mother, Betsy, also attended UCLA, as did her brother Josh, a former javelin thrower, and uncle Jimmy, a former football player who went on to a career with the San Francisco 49ers and is a member of the NFL Hall of Fame.

Johnson Jordan is married to former UCLA All-American wide receiver Kevin Jordan (class of '95). The couple have two children, Jaylen and Kory.



Jenny Johnson Jordan with Abby Van Winkle (21) at the 2023 NCAA Championship.



Jenny Johnson Jordan coaching Sarah Sponcil (4) and Lily Justine in the 2018 NCAA Championship.

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Coaching Highlights

- Helped guide the women's beach volleyball team to NCAA Championships in 2018 & 2019
- Named the 2019 AVCA National Assistant Beach Coach of the Year
- Johnson Jordan has also been a High Performance Coach for USA Volleyball
- She is also USAV Beach Cap Certified

Team USA Highlights

- Is one of UCLA's NCAA-record 15 Olympians to make a NCAA-record 20 appearances in the Olympic Games (11 on the women's side, nine on the men's)
- Played in one Olympic Games – 2000 (Sydney)
- Was tied as the top American women's finisher in Sydney, placing fifth with her partner, Bruin standout Annett (Buckner) Davis

UCLA Playing Highlights

- Helped lead UCLA to the 1991 NCAA Championship, and was a member of NCAA runner-up teams from 1992-94
- Finished four-year career eighth all-time in UCLA history in digs (1,214) and 21st in kills (1,212)
- Ranks as one of 12 Bruins to post at least 1,000 career kills and digs
- Named to NCAA All-Tournament Team in 1994
- A two-time Volleyball Magazine All-American Honorable Mention (1995, 1996)
- A two-time All-Pac-10 Conference First Team honoree (1993, 1995)
- Inducted into UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018
- Graduated from UCLA in 1996 with a degree in communications

Professional/International Competition Highlights

- Won 10 professional beach titles worldwide, ranking in the Top 10 in points every year of competition on the AVP and BVA Tours
- 2002 AVP Special Achievement Award recipient
- 1999 silver medalist at the FIVB World Championships
- 1997 captured the FIVB 4-Person World Beach Championship



KELLY REEVES

Assistant Coach
First Season
UCLA '15

New UCLA Beach Volleyball head coach Jenny Johnson Jordan has completed her coaching staff for the upcoming 2024 season with the announcement (July 5, 2023) of the hiring of UCLA standout Kelly Reeves as an assistant coach.

“This is a full circle moment having Kelly join the UCLA Beach Volleyball program as an assistant coach,” said Johnson Jordan. “As a student-athlete at UCLA and a current professional beach volleyball player, Kelly has always been a fierce competitor and student of the game and I am excited for the great impact I know she will have with this program.”

In addition to her playing career, Reeves has developed a coaching career in all levels of the sport, including juniors, collegiate, USAV development, and amateurs. In 2022, Reeves helped the LMU Lions finish 4th at the NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship, the best finish in the program’s history. That same year, Reeves was a recipient of the Thirty Under 30 Beach coaches award from the AVCA.

Her coaching career began with a two-year stint with WAVE Volleyball (2015-17) as an assistant coach. From there, Reeves joined the University of San Diego as a volunteer assistant coach for the Torero’s Indoor Volleyball Team (2016). Following this, she served as a private indoor coach for the VIBE Volleyball Lab from 2017-20 in Los Angeles. Reeves also spent two months as a Military Sports Coach for Pro Sports MVP based in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 2021 and served as an assistant coach for three months in 2022 with the USA Beach National Training Development Program. She has also spent the last six years as the head coach at Elite Beach in Los Angeles.

Raised in San Diego, Calif., Reeves comes from a UCLA Volleyball family where her mother, Jeanne (inducted into UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000), competed and coached for the program, along with her two brothers, Connor and Jake. During her time at UCLA, Kelly helped the UCLA Indoor Team to a National Championship in 2011 and competed in the inaugural season with the UCLA Beach Program in 2013. Kelly was named the program’s first All-American in 2013.

Prior to her beach debut, Kelly played one year of professional indoor volleyball in Switzerland and trained with the USA Indoor National Team from 2014-15. She then made her debut on the AVP in 2016, finishing 5th in her first Main Draw. She was later named Rookie of the Year in 2016 and has since competed in all AVP events. Kelly’s highest finish on the AVP tour is 3rd place, most memorably in the 2019 Manhattan Beach Open. She has also competed on the NORCECA Tour and FIVB World Tour, with her highest FIVB finish of 2nd place in Cambodia.

Along with coaching and playing, she also enjoys co-hosting the Bet on Her Podcast (founded by Dana Drambarean) with fellow AVP athlete Geena Urango, to bring a women’s sports and lifestyle focused podcast to the public with a focus on telling the stories of women across every sports discipline while pulling the layers back of how the journey for women to gain traction and success in pro sports looks from the inside out.



Kelly Reeves speaks to the team after a fall practice.



Kelly Reeves was the Bruins’ first-ever Beach Volleyball All-American (2013).



Kelly Reeves at a Bruins’ practice at Mapes Beach.



JOSE LOIOLA

Assistant Coach
First Season
CSU Dominguez Hills, '23

New UCLA Beach Volleyball head coach Jenny Johnson Jordan announced (June 26, 2023) the return of beach volleyball Hall of Famer and current USA Beach Volleyball National Team head coach Jose Loiola as an assistant coach. Loiola was a volunteer assistant coach for the Bruins in 2021, helping guide UCLA to a Pac-12 Championship and NCAA runner-up finish.

"I am very excited to welcome Jose back to our coaching staff," said Johnson Jordan. "Jose brings a wealth of knowledge and passion for the game from his legacy as a player, and more recently his expertise as a coach with the Beach National Team and in the pro ranks. Our team is looking forward to Jose joining us again."

After Loiola's previous season with the Bruins, he went on to coach 2020 Olympic Tri Bourne and also served as head coach of the USA Volleyball squad that won gold at the 2021 U19 World Championships. In 2022, he coached Miles Partain and Andy Benesh to gold at the FIVB Challenger Dubai.

Loiola began his professional coaching career in 2014, coaching Casey Jennings and UCLA alum Jeremy Casebeer. He mentored three different teams in 2015, highlighted by the duo of Theo Brunner and Nick Lucena, who placed fourth at the FIVB World Championship. Also in 2015, he coached the tandem of Irene (Hester) Pollock and Caitlin Ledoux. Pollock would later help guide the Bruins to their second-straight NCAA Championship in 2019 as the volunteer assistant coach. Loiola coached Sara Hughes and Kelley Claes in 2017 to an AVP victory in Chicago. He also coached Hughes and Summer Ross in 2018-19, as the pair would claim two tour stop victories in the AVP and won gold in Russia on the FIVB circuit.

He got his start in coaching in 2011 as the head coach of Team Wave (indoor volleyball club). He has also served stints as an assistant coach at West Torrance High School in 2012 and that same year was an assistant coach for the Men's U19 World Championship in Cypress. Also in 2012, he served as the head coach for the U17 Women's Junior National Team. He was a head coach for the U21 Men's and Women's World Championships in Croatia in 2013. In 2014, he guided the U21 Women to a bronze medal at the World Championship and served as the head coach for the U21 Junior National Team in 2015. He also served as the head coach of the U21 Travel Team that went to China. He spent four years (2015-18) as a head coach for the USA Volleyball Beach Tryouts (High Performance), which is now the National Team Development Program.

Loiola recorded 55 victories over his long and legendary career. He won titles for eight straight years, from 1995 through 2002, including 13 AVP titles in 1997 and seven FIVB titles in 1999. Loiola has experienced success both on the AVP Tour as well as internationally, winning 35 domestic events plus 20 on the FIVB Tour. Among his many wins were the 1997 King of the Beach, 1999 FIVB World Championship (Marseille, France), 2001 Goodwill Games (Australia) and twice winning the Manhattan Beach Open (1995 and 2000). He was an Olympian for Brazil in 2000 (Sydney), finishing ninth with Emanuel Rego.

He won four AVP Offensive Player of the Year awards (1995-98). Loiola was

the first player to be selected AVP Rookie of the Year (1993) and then MVP (1997). His first title, an indoor tournament in 1995, marked the first time an AVP event was won by foreign-born players, as he claimed the title with Eduardo Bacil. In 2001, the FIVB chose Loiola and Rego as one of the two best beach volleyball teams of the '90s.

Loiola, a junior national champion in Brazil, was inducted into the CBVA Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2014 and the International Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2017.



Jose Loiola was inducted into the International Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2017.



This is the second stint for Jose Loiola with the Bruins' Beach Volleyball team (volunteer in 2021).