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Summary

With over 12 years of experience, Nick has guided a diverse range of water polo teams, from young enthusiasts (ages 7-25) to high-level competitors, achieving notable successes. His significant accomplishments include:

- [Edison High School](#): As head coach, he led the girls water polo team to their first-ever quarterfinal, semifinal, and finals appearances, setting a new standard for the program.
- [Vanguard Aquatics](#): He established the first girls program, quickly achieving multiple medal finishes at the Junior Olympics.
- [Collegiate Coaching](#): At Orange Coast Community College and Cypress Community College, he played a pivotal role in advancing their water polo programs and achieving strong competitive results.
- [UC Irvine Club Team](#): Guided the womens club team to their highest finishes in history.

Currently, Nick is the Youth Program Director at Vanguard Aquatics, where he focus on developing young talent and fostering a culture of excellence in water polo.

Coaching Experience

Huntington Beach High School

May 2016 - Present

Mens Water Polo Coach

Worked with the mens water polo teams on and off since 2016.

Assistant Coach May 2016 - August 2018

Head Coach of JV & Frosh/Soph groups as-well-as Varsity Assistant Coach.

- 2016 CIF-SS Division I Finalists
- 2016 Sunset League Champions
- 2017 Sunset League Runners-Up
- 2017 CIF-SS Division I Quarterfinalists
- 2018 Sunset League Runners-Up

 August 2018 - August 2023

 **Varsity Assistant Coach** August 2023 - October 2023

- 2023 CIF-SS Division I Champions
- 2023 Sunset League Runners-Up

 **Head Coach** October 2023 - Present



Vanguard Aquatics

Head Coach, Youth Program Director

August 2014 - Present

Lead teams of young men and women age 7 - 18 in competition at the highest level of the sport in the country.

 **Assistant Coach** August 2014 - December 2015

Assisted with the 14&Under Boys, 16&Under Boys and 18&Under Boys.

- 2015 Bronze Medalists - 14U Boys

 **Head Coach** December 2015 - October 2023

Lead the 10&Under Boys & Girls Programs, as-well-as starting the girls program leading the 16&Under and 18&Under girls, overseeing 12&Under and 14&Under Girls.

- 2017 National Champions - 10U Coed
- 2021 National Silver Medalists - 12U Boys
- 2017 National Silver Medalists - 10U Girls
- 2018 National Silver Medalists - 10U Coed
- 2016 National Bronze Medalists - 10U Girls
- 2023 National Silver Medalists - 10U Coed
- 2022 National 7th Place Finish - 10U Coed
- 2021 National 9th Place Finish - 10U Coed

 **Youth Program Director** October 2023 - Present

Over seeing coaching of all age groups including coach education, organization, and actively leading training and games. Directly overseeing the 14&Under Girls, 12&Under Girls and 10&Under Coed.



Edison High School

Head Mens and Womens Water Polo Coach

May 2016 - May 2023

Lead the entire program toward the best finishes in the schools history in this sport.

 **Head Womens Water Polo Coach** May 2016 - May 2018

 **Head Mens & Womens Water Polo Coach** May 2018 - May 2023

- 2022 Sunset League Womens Champions

- 2022 CIF SS Womens Division II Finalists
- 2020 CIF-SS Womens Division III Semifinalists
- 2019 CIF-SS Mens Division II Quarterfinalists
- 2019 CIF-SS Womens Division III Quarterfinalists



Cypress Community College

Assistant Water Polo Coach

December 2019 - December 2022

Assistant coach for both the mens and womens water polo programs, as-well-as helped with recruiting and administrative duties.



Orange Coast Community College

Assistant Water Polo & Swim Coach

May 2019 - December 2019

Lead the Womens Water Polo team, including recruiting and administrative tasks in 2019, and assisted with the mens water polo and swim teams.

- 2019 CCCAA State Swimming Champions



University of California, Irvine - Recreation

Head Coach, Womens Club Water Polo

September 2013 - May 2015

Lead the womens club team toward high goals of competing at the highest level of the collegiate club level in the nation.

- 2015 CWPA National Semifinalists
- 2015 CWPA Southwestern Division Runners-Up
- 2015 CWPA Southwestern Division Coach of the Year
- 2015 UCI Club Sports Coach of the Year