

Michael "Mike" Jordan: A Legacy of Excellence

Michael “Mike” Jordan has built a legendary career as a volleyball coach, becoming a cornerstone of New Mexico athletics. With a career defined by an unwavering commitment to excellence, he has not only brought unprecedented success to the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Aggies volleyball program but has also consistently brought honor to the state. His 28-year tenure, marked by a tireless pursuit of greatness, makes him the winningest coach in program history with 544 wins and counting.

Unparalleled Coaching Achievements

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Mike Jordan’s journey to becoming a coaching icon began in California, where he was a multi-sport athlete in high school and played baseball at the College of Marin. After starting his coaching career at the high school and club levels, he arrived at NMSU in 1998, where he quickly turned the program into a national contender. His most outstanding achievements include:

- **10 NCAA Tournament Appearances:** He has led the Aggies to the NCAA Tournament 10 times, a testament to his ability to consistently build and maintain a winning program.
 - **Multiple Conference Championships:** Under his leadership, the Aggies have secured numerous conference titles, including multiple regular season and tournament championships in both the Sun Belt and Western Athletic Conference (WAC).
 - **Hall of Fame-Worthy Wins:** Jordan surpassed former coach Tom Shoji to become the program's all-time winningest coach in 2004 and reached the 500-win milestone in 2021. He is the only NMSU volleyball coach to achieve over 200 wins.
 - **National Recognition:** He coached the 2006 Aggies to a program-record 33 wins and a No. 23 national ranking, the school's first at-large NCAA Tournament bid, and its highest national ranking ever.
 - **Historic Milestones:** He led the Aggies to their first-ever victory over No. 11 Hawai'i in 2006, snapping the Rainbow Wahine's 114-conference match winning streak. He also coached his team to a record-breaking .554 hitting percentage in 2021, a school record.
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Honoring New Mexico

Mike Jordan’s impact extends far beyond the court. His presence has elevated the profile of NMSU athletics and the state as a whole. He has:

- **Developed Elite Athletes:** Jordan has coached numerous players to success, including six All-Americans and a long list of All-Conference honorees, including Players of the Year, Freshmen of the Year, and Defensive Players of the Year.
- **Brought National Attention to NM:** The program's consistently high attendance numbers, ranking in the top 20 nationally, underscore the fan excitement and community

support he has cultivated. The 7,115 fans who attended the 2005 match against Hawai'i set a school record and was among the largest crowds in the nation that season.

- **Fostered Academic Excellence:** His teams have consistently performed well in the classroom, with many players earning academic all-conference honors.
- **Showcased Community Spirit:** Jordan's involvement in the community through youth baseball coaching, local volleyball clubs, camps, and clinics further cements his status as a beloved figure in Las Cruces.

A true luminary, Mike Jordan's dedication and achievements have not only redefined New Mexico State volleyball but have also brought enduring honor to the state of New Mexico. He resides in Las Cruces with his wife, Yvonne, their son, Luke, and dog, Thor.