

2017 marks the 15<sup>th</sup> season that Head Coach Richie Tang will lead a volleyball program. Most recently, he led Oglethorpe University, a NCAA Division III program in Atlanta, Georgia. During his four years there he directed a program that recorded the most wins since the 2009 season, it also marked one of the highest win totals for the program in 20 years. The 2016 season was a record setting year for the team as that they had one of the highest conference finishes in over two decades of volleyball in Atlanta. Academics are a priority for Tang as he was able to turn a team that was near the bottom in overall team GPA in his inaugural year and turn them into the top women's academic team the very next season on the Oglethorpe campus. He also established a competitive tournament for the first time in several years on campus. Tang has coached and developed two Southern Athletic Association (SAA) players to earn Second Team All-Conference Honors and seven players were selected for All-Conference in the SAA.

Prior to his stop in Atlanta, Coach Tang was a club coach for Arizona Desert Sky Volleyball club while also holding the position as assistant college recruiter. Each senior year class at the club was offered a position with a college/university. He also spent time as a high school varsity coach in Phoenix, Arizona with stops at Thunderbird High School and Millennium High School. At Thunderbird, he helped the Chiefs compile their most wins in over 40 seasons of volleyball there. He was honored with district and regional coach of the year awards. Coaching the Millennium Tigers, he tallied three 20-win seasons there, while consistently being ranked in the top 5 in the state and had several players recruited to play at the college level.

Tang has served as a NCAA Division Three National Tournament Site Representative and as D3 Southern Region Coach of the Year selection committee member. He is also a certified volleyball official from the Southern Region of USA Volleyball and also holds a CAP I Coaching certification from USAV.