



## Advancement of Blacks in Sports Reveal 2024-2025 Volleyball Coaches Watchlist

*Baldwin, N.Y. — January 14, 2025* — [Advancement of Blacks in Sports \(ABIS\)](#) the voice of racial equity in sports, is honored to reveal the coaches to watch in Men’s and Women’s Volleyball. This year’s group includes 8 head coaches and 10 assistant coaches. In an effort to increase interest in working and coaching in the sport of volleyball, the committee recognized 7 graduate assistants and operations personnel in this year’s watchlist. “In the last five years volleyball has grown in interest and support. This increase leads to more opportunities for participation and employment. We want to help move the needle in this space by recognizing coaches who are having significant impact in their roles at their institutions,” said Ashley Preston, Head Coach at University of New Orleans and Chair of ABIS Volleyball Watchlist Committee.

This is the fourth year of the ABIS Coaches Watchlist. It has become a great resource for athletic administrators and search firms. Gary Charles, Founder & CEO of ABIS stated, “We must continue to showcase the greatness of Black coaches especially in a sport where we are represented at a lower percentage. The current environment will not move us from our mission. The work we do is still necessary and our membership depends on us being a voice for them when they are not at liberty to speak on their own behalf.”

For the complete list and more information about ABIS visit <https://weareabis.org/watch-list/>.

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### ABOUT ABIS

ABIS is a non-profit organization with a mission to boldly advocate for a culture of equity and inclusion that results in the advancement of racial, economic, and social justice for Blacks in sports. Founded by Gary Charles, New York’s Godfather of Grassroots Basketball, in September 2020. ABIS partners with notable African Americans and social justice activists and allies. Its members include coaches, administrators, and athletes at all levels of sports, academicians, civil rights attorneys, social justice influencers, diversity, equity, and inclusion allies and advocates. To learn more, visit [www.weareabis.org](http://www.weareabis.org).

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