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SEMINOLE SOFTBALL



FEBRUARY

Seminole Kick Off Classic (Tallahassee, FL)

FSU vs. UNC Greensboro	February 11th	12:00PM
FSU vs. St. Johns	February 11th	2:15PM
FSU vs. Hofstra	February 12th	12:30PM
Tournament Play	February 12th	TBA
Tournament Play	February 13th	TBA
Florida A&M University	February 15th	6:00PM

Garnet and Gold Tournament (Tallahassee, FL)

FSU vs. Georgia Southern	February 18th	2:30PM
FSU vs. Middle Tennessee State	February 18th	4:30PM
FSU vs. Kentucky	February 19th	12:30PM
Tournament Play	February 19th	TBA
Tournament Play	February 20th	TBA

Cathedral City Classic (Palm Springs, CA)

FSU vs. BYU	February 24th	1:00PM
FSU vs. Oregon State	February 24th	3:30PM
FSU vs. Northwestern	February 25th	6:00PM
FSU vs. Long Beach State	February 26th	9:00PM
FSU vs. San Diego State	February 26th	11:30PM

APRIL

Virginia Tech (DH)	April 2nd	1:00PM
Virginia Tech	April 3rd	12:00PM
@ Jacksonville University (DH)	April 5th	4:00PM
@ Central Florida	April 6th	6:00PM
Virginia (DH)	April 9th	12:00PM
Virginia	April 10th	12:00PM
North Florida (DH)	April 13th	4:00PM
@ Boston College (DH)	April 16th	1:00PM
@ Boston College	April 17th	12:00PM
Maryland (DH)	April 23rd	1:00PM
Maryland	April 24th	12:00PM

MARCH

Big Ten - Mountain West - ACC Tourney (Tallahassee, FL)

FSU vs. Wisconsin	March 5th	1:00PM
FSU vs. Utah	March 5th	3:00PM
FSU vs. Utah	March 6th	11:00AM
FSU vs. Wisconsin	March 6th	1:00PM
@ Auburn	March 8th	6:00PM
vs. Penn State (in Auburn)	March 9th	2:00PM

Easton SEC-ACC Challenge (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

vs. Mississippi State	March 11th	4:30PM
@ Alabama	March 12th	2:30PM
vs. Mississippi State	March 12th	7:30PM
@ Alabama	March 13th	2:30PM
University of South Alabama	March 16th	6:00PM
@ North Carolina State (DH)	March 19th	1:00PM
@ North Carolina State	March 20th	12:00PM
@ Florida A&M	March 23th	6:00PM
@ North Carolina (DH)	March 26th	1:00PM
@ North Carolina	March 27th	1:00PM

MAY

@ Florida	May 4th	6:00PM
@ Georgia Tech (DH)	May 7th	1:00PM
@ Georgia Tech	May 8th	1:00PM
ACC Tournament @ Georgia Tech	May 13th - 15th	TBA
NCAA Regional	May 19th - 22nd	TBA
NCAA Super Regional	May 27th - 29th	TBA

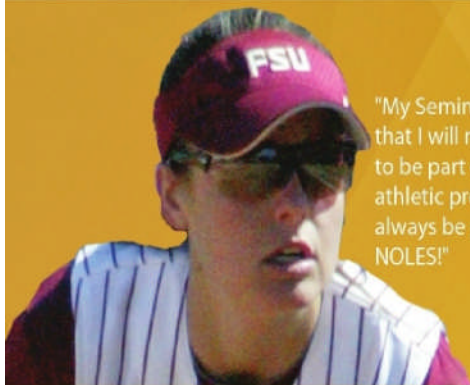
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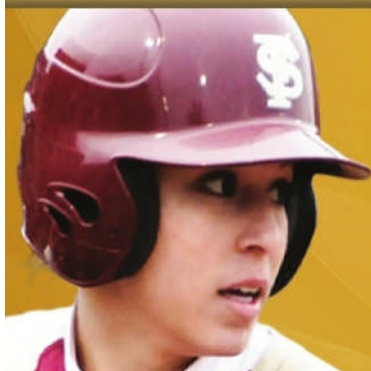
"My Seminole experience has been nothing but great. Being able to put on the Garnet and Gold has been something I've dreamed about ever since I was a little girl. I will always take with me the pride and passion of what it means to be a Seminole. There is no other place I'd rather be than Florida State. Thank you to everyone who has made these past three years something I will never forget. Go Noles!"

MALLORY BORDEN



"My Seminole experience will be one that I will never forget. I am so thankful to be part of FSU softball and the FSU athletic program and to know that I will always be part of the FSU family. GO NOLES!"

ROBIN AHRBERG



"Being a Seminole has given me an experience of a lifetime and I am truly thankful to have been given this special opportunity to play softball and earn a great education. I will forever be a True Seminole."

KRISTIE MCCONN



"It has been a great joy and honor to be a part of the Seminole Softball team - a team that is built upon the ideals of family, tradition, and pride. The staff and team have become my extended family and I will always be grateful. I have been able to compete at the highest level, as well as learn and grow as a player and as an individual. I could not be more thankful for the hard work, dedication, and commitment the team has shown during my time here. I am forever a proud NOLE!"

JEN LAPICKI



"Being a Seminole means joining one big family, being on the softball team means I will have a network of sisters across the country for the rest of my life. I'm lucky to share college with such a great group of people."

LAUREN VARSALONA



"Life is all about what you do with the opportunities thrown at you. While at FSU I like to think I've made the most of every opportunity and I couldn't have done that anywhere else than here. The people I've met will forever be family and that diamond I spent countless hours on will forever be home."

SARAH HAMILTON



ASHLEY STAGER

"It has been an absolutely amazing four years here at The Florida State University - the people I met, opportunities I had, and the experiences I went through were priceless! The opportunity to continue the legacy, the pride in the Garnet and Gold, and the tradition throughout the entire campus; I couldn't have picked a better university to earn my degree and play the sport I love! Future Seminoles... Uphold the Garnet and Gold."

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JOANNE GRAF FIELD HOME OF SEMINOLE SOFTBALL



Florida State University is home to one of the premier softball facilities in the nation. JoAnne Graf Field at the Seminole Softball Complex is state-of-the-art in every facet and provides Florida State softball players with an all-inclusive area that includes locker rooms, meeting rooms, staff and coaching offices, a modern lounge, a traditions room as well as one of the best playing surfaces anywhere in the country. JoAnne Graf Field hosted back-to-back NCAA Regionals in 2001 and 2002, as well as in 2004 and 2009.

Florida State has posted 313 wins in its 12 years at the complex. Even more impressive, FSU has gone 260-70 at home in the last decade for an amazing .788 winning percentage. The complex was also featured in *Athletic Business Magazine's* 2002 Architectural Showcase.

The magnificent additions to the nationally-renowned field continue to surface. A two-story indoor batting cage facility that also includes a bullpen adjacent to the home-side dugout is expected to be completed by opening day of the 2011 season. The key structure is just another sign of the FSU athletics department's commitment to keeping the Seminole softball program among the nation's elite.

Florida State's dream of a new, state-of-the-art softball complex became reality when ground was broken in a ceremony in the spring of 1998. Construction workers worked continuously to complete the facility, which also houses the Seminole Soccer Complex. The result was the creation of one of the nation's premier collegiate softball and soccer facilities. The facility, which was completed in the spring of 1999, includes ticket and concessions buildings and spacious press boxes with radio/television booths.

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The Florida State Soccer/Softball Complex was “officially” opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 17, 1999. The event, which was held in conjunction with Florida State’s 30th Anniversary of Women’s Intercollegiate Athletics Spring Celebration, drew approximately 150 spectators, including university dignitaries and athletics department personnel. Several former Florida State student-athletes and staff also returned for the monumental event.

On April 2, 2005, former university president Dr. T.K. Wetherell and former Athletics Director Dave Hart officially renamed the softball stadium “JoAnne Graf Field at the Seminole Softball Complex.” Graf joined Bob Heck at Georgia State as the only two active softball coaches with fields named after them. It was only fitting that one day later Graf crossed the 1,300-win plateau with a 5-2 triumph over Virginia Tech. In the fall of 2006, the stadium got a facelift as Florida State unveiled a brand new video scoreboard for the 2007 season. The board uses the same technology that is used at most outdoor professional stadiums. The ProStar is capable of displaying video clips, live video, animation, player headshots, graphics and statistics in 4.3 trillion colors.

The Seminole Softball Complex, which is adjacent to the FSU Soccer Complex, is located between Dick Howser Stadium and Mike Long Track on Spirit Way. The facility can be accessed from both Spirit Way and Stadium Drive.



Two images of the upcoming indoor batting cage facility. The latest renovation at JoAnne Graf Field puts it among the nation’s best places to play.

COMPLEX INFORMATION:

Architects: Gilchrist and Crowe
Construction: Completed, spring 1999
Field Dimensions: 200’ – lines; 220’ - center
Stadium Capacity: 1,000

TOP 10 ALL-TIME ATTENDANCE

1. 933 - April 14, 2010 (UF 8, FSU 4) Game 1 of Doubleheader
2. 912 - May 15, 2004 (FSU 8, UNC 0) ACC Tournament
3. 863 - April 14, 2010 (UF 9, FSU 2) Game 2 of Doubleheader
4. 842 - April 17, 1999 (FSU 6, FIU 1; FSU 1, FIU 0)
5. 818 - May 23, 2004 (FSU 0, ORE 1; FSU 2, ORE 0) NCAA Tournament
6. 809 - May 22, 2004 (FSU 5, ORE 4) NCAA Tournament
7. 807 - May 21, 2004 (FSU 3, CSUN 1) NCAA Tournament
8. 737 - May 20, 2004 (FSU 4, LIU 0) NCAA Tournament
9. 730 - May 9, 2003 (FSU 10, UVA 1) ACC Tournament
10. 682 - May 10, 2003 (FSU, GT 3) ACC Tournament

TOP 10 REGULAR SEASON ATTENDANCE

1. 933 - April 14, 2010 (UF 8, FSU 4) Game 1 of Doubleheader
2. 863 - April 14, 2010 (UF 9, FSU 2) Game 2 of Doubleheader
3. 842 - April 17, 1999 (FSU 6, FIU 1; FSU 1, FIU 0)
4. 657 - February 23, 2008 (FSU 3, UNC 0)
5. 650 - April 16, 2008 (FSU 1, UF 6; FSU 4, UF 14)
6. 648 - April 26, 2008 (FSU 1, NCSU 0; FSU 4, NCSU 3)
7. 639 - April 14, 1999 (FSU 10, FAMU 1; FAMU 8, FSU 3)
8. 626 - May 6, 1999 (FSU 5, USF 1; FSU 2, USF 1)
9. 618 - April 26, 2003 (FSU 5, UVA 0; FSU 12, UVA 1)
10. 567 - April 5, 2006 (FSU 4, UF 0; FSU 6, UF 5)



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STILES & SMITH TEAM BUILDING



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"The Stiles and Smith Team Building is undoubtedly one of the finest team facilities in the nation. Our softball program is fortunate and incredibly grateful to have generous people like Mrs. Stiles and Mr. Smith who continuously help our program maintain its competitiveness in what is one of the most important aspects to any collegiate sports program" - FSU head coach Lonni Alameda

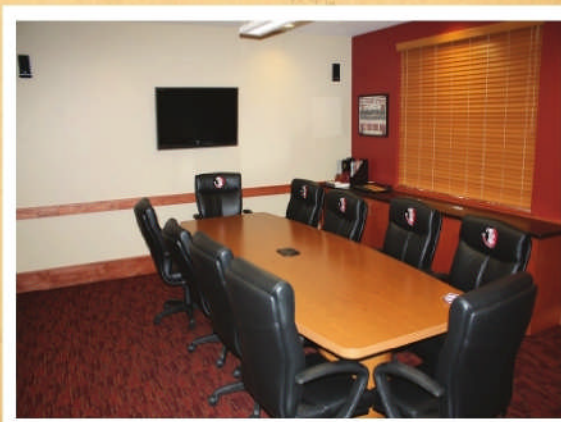
The Mary Ann Stiles & Barry Smith team building is the home of the Florida State softball and soccer teams. It houses the coaches' offices, which overlook the soccer and softball fields, reception area, large team and coaches locker rooms, visiting team locker rooms and training and equipment rooms. Renovations and expansion of the second floor were completed in July of 2009, and the latest upgrade includes revamped locker rooms that were completed in January of 2011.

One of FSU's most celebrated and renowned alumni couples, Mary Ann Stiles and Barry Smith epitomize the ultimate in professional and athletic achievement. A pioneer in fundraising for women's athletics, Mary Ann Stiles was among the first Golden Chiefs to financially support the women's programs at Florida State. Barry Smith was instrumental in building the Varsity Club and was one of the first inductees into FSU's Hall of Fame. The splendid central edifice of the Seminole Softball/Soccer Complex proudly bears their names.

The recently expanded second floor includes additional office space, meeting rooms, tradition space, a video edit suite, a 598 square-foot classroom furnished with transferable desks and chairs, dry-erase boards, projection screen and the latest in electronic equipment complete with HD capabilities and surround sound. The building also includes team lounges for both the Seminole softball and soccer teams equipped with HD-television screens, computer monitors with wireless capabilities and surround sound.

The "Tradition Room" is located at the forefront of the team building on the second floor and covers more than 840 square feet showcasing the successful history of both the Florida State softball and soccer programs. Fans from all over will be greeted to the stories of great players, award winners and tremendous teams of the past. Trophies and plaques depicting the success of both programs are on display throughout the room.

A satellite athletic training room is located on the first floor in close proximity to both softball and soccer locker rooms and is equipped with state-of-the-art modalities, including four treatment tables and stainless steel whirlpools.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Giving back to the community is a priority for all of Florida State University's student-athletes. The Seminole softball team makes a strong effort throughout the year to perform countless hours of community service in the Big Bend area.

In the 2009-10 academic year, the softball squad completed an astounding 303 hours of community service, equaling roughly 14 hours per person. The team also had a 100 percent participation rate, finishing in third place for the Golden Community Service Award.

Third-year head coach Lonni Alameda and the rest of the charitable Seminoles never see such fulfilling work as a mere chore. Instead, they relish the opportunity of impacting lives throughout the region and see themselves as not only FSU student-athletes, but active members who are ready to give back.

It is just one of the many reasons why FSU has one of the most accomplished, well-rounded softball programs throughout the country.

FSU's community events include:

Ft. Braden School - Mentoring
Dick Howser Fundraiser
Holiday Food Drive
Haiti Relief Fund Volunteering
Miracle League of Tallahassee
Hope Community
Special Olympics
Let Us Play Fundraiser
Springwood Elementary Literacy Week
Walk for Paws
Relay for Life
Student-Athlete Peer Mentor
Stop Child Trafficking Walk
FSU Kids Club
Leon County Humane Society
Second Harvest Food Bank










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"A Florida State softball student-athlete has several duties to fulfill, and perhaps the most important one is giving back to the community. Every year our team puts in countless hours to better the lives of those who are in need throughout North Florida, and we get to experience such an amazing opportunity working side by side with our local community." - FSU head coach Lonni Alameda



CAMPS AND CLINICS

-  Florida State offers softball clinics throughout the season for various age groups
-  For many years, FSU's clinics during all four seasons have helped aspiring players excel in all facets of the game
-  The Seminole softball coaching staff and student-athletes work with each camper both individually and as a group to better enhance the development process
-  The summer camps cover individual position play, hitting and slapping, as well as team fundamentals
-  Every December, a winter advanced camp is held and features some of the best instruction in the country
-  FSU softball coaches and student-athletes conduct Sunday and Monday softball academies during the season, which can be accessed by going to Seminoles.com
-  For more information, visit Seminoles.com and click on "Softball"



"Hosting camps and clinics here at Florida State allows us the opportunity to give back to the community, help build the local and national talent pool and assist our student-athletes as they continue to grow as students of the game. We take pride in teaching the game to players of all ages as well as coaches. We hope to see you on the ball field enjoying the game of softball soon."
-Seminole Softball Coaching Staff

“BACK TO SCHOOL TOUR”

The fall season is a critical point for any softball program, whether its building team cohesiveness, re-adjusting to the coaching staff or refining the fundamentals after a sweltering summer full of training.

The Seminoles ended their fall campaign in the best way possible - with an exhibition against some of the best players in the world on National Pro Fastpitch. As part of the NPF's "Back to School Tour," the National All-Stars made their way to JoAnne Graf Field on Nov. 5, 2010, to take on FSU in what was a fun-filled evening.

Making the event even more enjoyable was former Seminole standout Carly Wynn joining the NPF squad to face many of her former teammates. The game was a rousing success and a true highlight to the fall season, with many spectators in attendance watching some of the top professionals face one of the nation's elite programs.

“It was an extremely exciting and honorable experience to be able to compete against the very best players in our game. To be able to stand on the same field as players many of us have for so long admired was a rewarding opportunity that will never be forgotten.” - Jen Lapicki

“I was so excited about the opportunity to pitch against players that I followed throughout my high school years. To face some of the most elite level hitters in the game was not only a thrill but a challenge to see where I stand as a collegiate pitcher. I love this game and I am so thankful for the NPF to honor us with a stop here in Tallahassee.” - Jessica Nori

“Playing against the NPF team is something I will never forget. To have the best of the best come to OUR field and compete was absolutely an amazing experience. I soaked up every minute of competing against Olympians and professional athletes. We all want to be there so to get that experience at that level was something special.” - Mallory Borden



ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

BETTY PALMER

The first endowed position scholarship for women's athletics at FSU was named in honor of Betty Palmer and fully-funded by Dr. Fran Cannon. The scholarship is held by the Seminoles starting shortstop and honors a woman who preached values as well as skills and shaped the lives of many young women throughout her life as a faculty member at FSU and a recreation supervisor.

DR. JOANNE GRAF

The architect of one of the most successful Division I softball programs in collegiate sports and the first Division I coach to reach the 1,000 win plateau, this fully-endowed scholarship honors former FSU softball coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. Coach Graf achieved an unprecedented level of success throughout her many years at the helm of the Seminole softball program. Not only did she win two slow pitch national championships but her teams appeared in seven Women's College World Series, made 18 NCAA Regional appearances and won 10 ACC titles. This endowment will ensure Coach Graf's winning legacy for years to come. Funds are continuing to be raised for this scholarship.

JUDY SPAINHOUR

This fully endowed scholarship is funded by professors Charles and Joan Haworth in honor of Judy Spainhour. The gift is made in appreciation of Judy's spirit and support of FSU women's softball. The Haworths are recognizing Judy for her special sense of humor and warmth and the support she gave to FSU athletics.

CARLA BINGHAM

The fourth endowed scholarship for Seminole softball is in honor of one of our own. Carla Bingham was a two-time All-American and played third base for FSU in 1982 and 1983. She helped FSU to a 102-21 record over those two seasons and was a member of FSU's 1982 AIAW National Championship team. In 1997, Carla lost her battle with breast cancer and this scholarship assures her memory will live forever. This scholarship is continuing to be funded.

KARI KEITH

Kari Keith was an amazing athlete who came to Florida State on a softball scholarship in 1986 but went on to become a two-sport star on the track and the softball diamond. Keith, from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., played softball all four years and was named to the Lady Seminole Invitational All-Tournament Team in 1987 and 1988. Although she had never picked up a javelin in her life, Keith broke the school record and qualified for the NCAA championships in just her second meet ever. She was in training for the 1992 Olympic games when she lost her life in a two-car accident in Tallahassee. This endowed scholarship pays tribute to one of FSU's best and brightest.

ROBERT GRAF, JR.

This softball scholarship was created and endowed to ensure the tradition of excellence in women's athletics at Florida State University and to always remember Bobby Graf, brother of softball coach JoAnne Graf, who will live on forever in our hearts. This scholarship has been funded by family friend Donald Hinkle.

JAN SIKES AND CINDY MARVIN

This scholarship was endowed by two friends of the Florida State softball program, Jan Sikes and Cindy Marvin. Their belief in the positive values of intercollegiate athletics and its benefit toward the development of young women inspired this endowment. This scholarship will aid female athletes at Florida State University to further their education while participating in softball. Both Jan and Cindy embody these values as well as the Seminole spirit. Jan played on the 1981 and 1982 national championship teams and was named an All-American in 1982.

CHARLES AND CYNTHIA TUNNICLIFF

Charles and Cynthia Tunnicliff, both Florida State graduates, are prominent attorneys and active members of the Tallahassee community. Both of their daughters were active in sports, playing softball and basketball. Charles coached city-league softball for years, and has always been a fan of FSU softball. The Tunnicliffs endowed this scholarship to recognize the excellent women student-athletes that Seminole softball has produced, and to help provide an education for future women who honor the Garnet and Gold.

DUGOUT CLUB



You can support Coach Alameda and the Seminoles this season by joining the Dugout Club. The Dugout Club is a restricted club that helps the softball program directly by providing for extras not in the softball budget.

There are seven different levels of membership, ranging from \$50 (Spear Member) to \$5,000 (Olympian Member).

The club was created to increase fan interaction with players and coaches, foster alumni relations and improve support for the program. All funds raised are earmarked for the softball program and will help us as the Seminoles start their quest for the program's eighth Women's College World Series.

For more information visit www.seminole-boosters.fsu.edu or call (850) 644-3484.

STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS



Last year, academic standout Carly Wynn took home the Golden Nole Award for softball for her excellence on and off the field.



Golden Torch Award winner Tory Haddad stands with coach Lonni Alameda, Athletics Director Randy Spetman (L) and Seminole Boosters president Andy Miller (R).



Courtney Rosen (L) and Monica Montez (R) were two of seven graduating seniors in 2010.

SEMINOLE ATHLETICS TOUTS...

- Football's Myron Rolle became the second Seminoles student-athlete in the past five years to earn the Rhodes Scholarship - one of the oldest and most prestigious awards for international study. It was the first time in nearly 25 years they awarded the scholarship to a prominent college football player.
- Over the past 15 years, more than 450,000 in Postgraduate Scholarship money has been granted to FSU student-athletes, as well as numerous other academic honors and awards.
- During the 2009-10 academic year, five Seminoles earned CoSIDA Academic All-American honors, 15 Seminole student-athletes were named District Academic All-Americans, 216 Seminole student-athletes were named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll, seven of Florida State's athletic teams had a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average.
- In the spring 2010 semester, 202 Seminoles achieved a 3.0 GPA or better, 10 athletic teams had a 3.0 or better GPA and the average team semester GPA was a 2.8. Ten student-athletes made the spring 2010 President's List with a perfect 4.0 GPA while 62 student-athletes earned Dean's List status with a GPA of 3.5 or better.

FSU SOFTBALL'S ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

- Includes student-athlete honors for the recent academic year

ACC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Robin Ahrberg (2007, 2009, 2010)
 Mallory Borden (2010)
 Allison Collins (2010)
 Terese Gober (2008, 2009, 2010)
 Tory Haddad (2010)
 Sarah Hamilton (2009, 2010)
 Shayla Jackson (2010)
 Brittany Joseph (2008, 2009)
 Jen Lapicki (2010)
 Kristie McConn (2008, 2009, 2010)
 Lauren Mullins (2010)
 Jessica Nori (2010)
 Courtney Rosen (2010)
 Carly Wynn (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)

All-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM

Robin Ahrberg (2007, 2010)
 Terese Gober (2008, 2009, 2010)
 Tory Haddad (2010)
 Jen Lapicki (2010)
 Carly Wynn (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)

COSIDA/ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Robin Ahrberg (2008 - 1st Team)
 Carly Wynn (2008 - 1st Team, 2009 - 1st Team, 2010-1st Team)

COSIDA/ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

Carly Wynn (2009 - 3rd Team, 2010 - 3rd Team)

NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

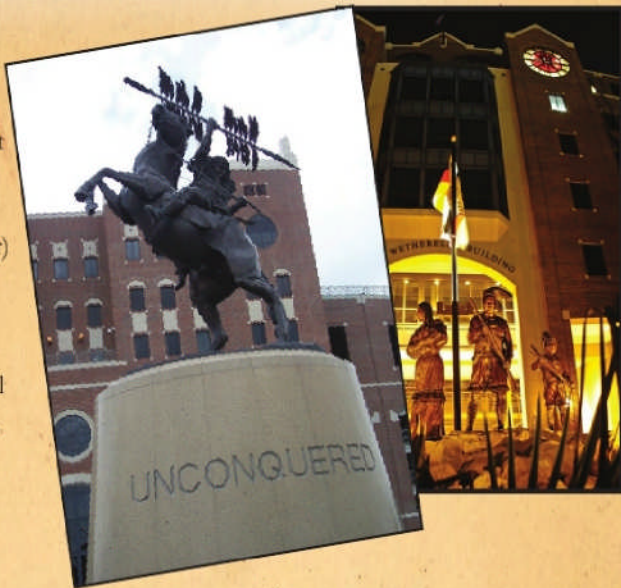
Terese Gober
 Kaleigh Rafter
 Carly Wynn

SEMINOLE SPIRIT

THE SYMBOL: SEMINOLES

Florida State played only two football games in 1947 before students demanded the school to acquire a symbol. While details conflict, most believe the account of a poll of the student body is accurate. The Florida Flambeau reported that Seminoles won by 110 votes over the Statesmen. The other top contenders (in order) were Rebels, Tarpons, Fighting Warriors and Crackers.

In the 1950s, a pair of students dressed in Native American costumes and joined the cheerleaders on the field, which eventually evolved into the majestic symbol of Osceola and Renegade that FSU now enjoys. Today, the Seminole Tribe participates in many campus activities. Florida State University is proud of its longstanding cooperative relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The Seminole people have suffered many hardships and injustices, but they have remained brave, dignified and proud. The Seminoles are unconquered. They symbolize what Florida State hopes will be the traits of all of its graduates, including student-athletes.



WAR CHANT

Florida State's "war chant" appears to have begun with a random occurrence that took place during a 1984 football game against Auburn, but in the 1960's, the Marching Chiefs band would chant the melody of a popular FSU cheer. In a sense, that chant was the long-version of FSU's current "war chant." During a thrilling game with Auburn in 1984, the Marching Chiefs began to perform the dormant melody. Some students behind the band joined in and continued the "war chant" portion after the band had ceased. Most agree the chant came from the fraternity section, but many spirited Seminole fans added the hand motion to symbolize the brandishing of a tomahawk. The chant continued among the student body during the 1985 season, and by the 1986 season, it was a stadium-wide phenomenon. Of course, the Marching Chiefs refined the chant, plus put their own special brand of accompaniment to the "war chant," for the sound we hear today.



GARNET AND GOLD

Florida State's school colors of garnet and gold date back to the Florida State College championship football teams of 1904 and 1905. In those championship seasons, FSC donned purple and gold uniforms. When Florida State College became Florida Female College in 1905, the football team was forced to attend the University of Florida. The following year the FFC student body selected crimson as the official school color of 1905. The administration in 1905 took crimson and combined it with the recognizable purple of the championship football teams to achieve the color garnet. The now-famous garnet and gold colors were first used on an FSU uniform in a 14-6 football loss to Stetson on October 18, 1947.



THIS IS FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

One of the nation's elite research universities, Florida State University — with the Carnegie Foundation's highest designation: Doctoral/Research University-Extensive — offers a distinctive academic environment built on its cherished values and unique heritage, a welcoming campus on the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida, championship athletics, and a prime location in the heart of the state capital.

Combining traditional strength in the arts and humanities with recognized leadership in the sciences, Florida State University provides unmatched opportunities for students and faculty through challenging academics, cultural discovery and community interaction.

Underlying and supporting the educational experience at Florida State University is the development of new generations of citizen leaders, based on the concepts inscribed in our seal: Vires, Artes, Mores — Strength, Skill and Character.

Epitomized by recently named Rhodes Scholars Garrett Johnson and Myron Rolle — elite athletes and scholars committed to public service — and Joseph O'Shea — a campus and community leader as well as a top scholar — Florida State's 40,000 students are dedicated to academic excellence and providing leadership in our complex world.

Florida State University's 15 colleges offer more than 275 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, professional and specialist



degree programs, including medicine and law, covering a broad array of disciplines critical to society today. Each year the University awards over 2,000 graduate and professional degrees.

With its impressive breadth of leading graduate, professional and undergraduate programs, Florida State University is a demanding, intellectually stimulating, yet warm and caring environment for students and faculty. Recognized nationally for its commitment to diversity, Florida State University is a national leader in the number of doctorates awarded to African-American students and in the graduation rate of African-American undergraduates. Its College of Medicine and College of Law are ranked in the nation's Top 10 for Hispanic students.

Florida State University's arts programs — dance, film, music and theatre — rank among the finest in the world, offering an arts education comparable to leading conservatories. Its creative writing program is ranked among the nation's best and is home to the most consistently honored and published student body in the United States. Florida State is responsible

for governance of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and associated arts programs, one of the largest museum/university complexes in the nation.

Other programs consistently included in the top public university list include physics, chemistry, political science, psychology, criminology, public administration, library science, information, human sciences, business and law.

At the Ph.D. level, interdisciplinary programs draw on notable research faculty strengths that transcend the traditional disciplines, including neuroscience, molecular biophysics, computational science, materials science and research at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory—home to the world's most powerful magnets.

Based on forward-thinking research through innovative interdisciplinary academic clusters, the campus-wide Pathways of Excellence initiative, a plan adopted in 2005, characterizes the university's aspirations and commitment to the future.



CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

Tallahassee boasts diverse heritage and is flourishing with many cultures, rhythms and flavors. Museums, festivals, cuisine, arts and crafts, and year-round events honor and celebrate a diversity of heritage in the Tallahassee area. Florida's Capital City played a big role in the story of Florida, and in American history and we are still making history today.

Tallahassee through time weaves a fascinating tapestry of politics and cultures, agriculture and innovation, higher education and religion, and liberty and justice. You don't have to be a history buff to experience and appreciate the depth and diversity of Tallahassee's history and heritage.

After Florida became a territory of the United States in 1822, both St. Augustine and Pensacola competed to become the State Capital. Unable to come to an agreement, it was decided to locate the Capital at a point between the two cities. Tallahassee's beauty attracted the search party and in 1824 the City of Tallahassee was created with a log cabin as the first Capitol building.

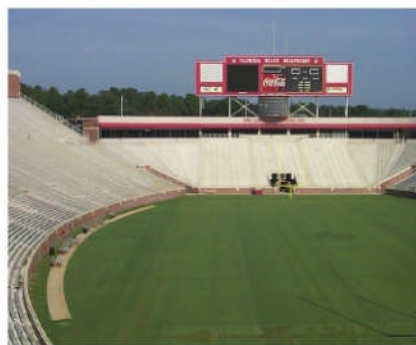
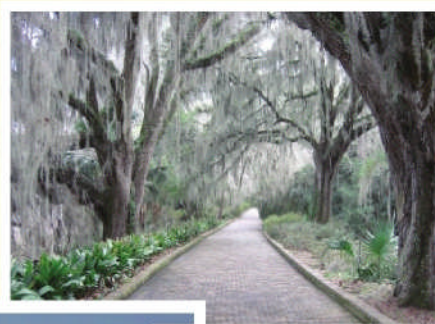
The Tallahassee area, long known as "the red hills" region, was a land of rich agriculture vaule and consequently many large plantations were built with crops primary of cotton, corn and sweet potatoes. In fact, America's largest concentration of orignal plantations - 71 plantations, 300,000 acres - exists between Tallahassee and Thomasville, Ga., just 28 miles away, and several are open to the public.

During the Civil War, a small battle was waged at Natural Bridge, south of Tallahassee, where a makeshift army of locals fought off an attack by Union troops. Tallahassee was the only Confederate city east of the Mississippi that did not fall to Union troops.

Higher learning has long been a jewel in the crown of Tallahassee. Florida State University had its early beginning in 1851, became Florida State College for Women in 1909 and finally Florida State University (FSU), again co-ed, in 1947. Established in 1887 as the Florida State Normal College for Colored Students, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) is the oldest historic black public university in Florida.

The Capital area's beautiful environment is a continuous inspiration for the many visual arts that call Tallahassee home:

- Arrive on a First Friday and you can join the monthly Gallery Hop at the eclectic world called Railroad Square. Begin at the sculpture garden and walk your way through and see artists working in their studios and tending their exhibits to visitors.
- In the northeast, visit the galleries and shoppes clustered around Market Street.
- Up and coming Midtown is an exciting area with an array of galleries to explore and an array of cafes, restaurants and wine bars to socialize at with friends.
- Downtown is filled with history, government and museums. The Museum of History and Mary Brogan Museum of Arts & Sciences, host exhibits of regional and national prominence and historical significance.
- Our colleges all provide theatre seasons with a chance to see soon-to-be stars' first performances right here in Tallahassee. A year's worth of touring theatre packs a busy calendar at the local civic center.
- As cool, crisp air give way to warm summer days, Tallahassee buzzes with electricity. Festivities such as the Downtown GetDown jumpstart the sporting season with a helping heap of team spirit.
- From colorful celebrations of the spectacular spring to festive incarnations of football spirit, Tallahassee is the center of amusement year round. Amid a dazzling panorama of fiery azaleas and lush landscaping, Tallahassee and the Capital Region indulge in a spring season abloom with cheerful events and lively diversions.



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The screenshot shows the website's layout. At the top, there are banners for SunTrust and an upcoming auction. Below is the main navigation bar with categories like Sports, Schedule & Scores, Tickets, Athletics Department, Multimedia, Fan Zone, Facilities, and Shop Here. The 'SOFTBALL' section is highlighted, with sub-links for Sport Home, Roster, Schedule, Stats, News, and Archives. The main content area features a large photo of a player and coach, a news article titled 'FSU Announces Signing Class', and a 'MORE SOFTBALL NEWS' sidebar with a list of recent updates. Below the main content are sections for 'ALL ACCESS' (with video player links), 'MEDIA GUIDE' (with links for Blogs, Facebook/Twitter, and Recruits), and an 'OFFICIAL STORE' featuring a red t-shirt. A large promotional banner for a 2010-2011 Florida State Softball game against NC State is also visible.

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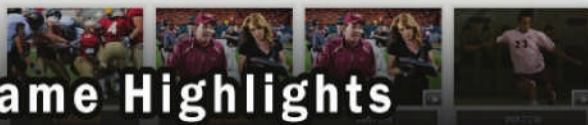
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- Football Hitting the Mark
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- Football Fall Practice Report: October 13

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The collage features three overlapping social media pages. On the left is a Twitter page for Florida State Athletics, showing a tweet about Seminoles.com using Twitter. In the center is a Facebook page for Florida State University Athletics, displaying the official Facebook page with a search bar and recent posts. On the right is a YouTube page for Seminoles.com, showing a video player with a Florida State player's face and channel information.



ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO BE A PART OF SEMINOLE ATHLETICS

Staying competitive in the collegiate sports realm is the goal of many athletic institutions. Finding a place among the nation's best is a spot that only few can achieve.

Florida State University athletics happens to be one of those places where nationally-ranked teams reign supreme, postseason appearances are omnipresent and the dreams of national championships are realized. Last season, Florida State reached its highest point by finishing fifth in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup after all 19 athletic teams reached the NCAA postseason.

The 2009-10 academic year was certainly memorable for Seminole athletics. FSU finished in the Top 5 in baseball, men's and women's golf, and men's track and field. The historic football program ended the season with a triumphant Gator Bowl victory, while women's basketball reached new heights with an Elite Eight run and the men's squad reached the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year.

The soccer unit finished its year reaching the NCAA quarterfinals, while volleyball burst onto the national scene with an unprecedented run to the Elite Eight.

The softball team continued its traditional streak of success by reaching the NCAA Tournament, as well as FSU's swimming and diving clubs and tennis teams. The women's cross country team also was a highlight to the year with a second place finish at NCAA nationals, while the men finished 30th.

The success enjoyed on the playing surface at FSU is something that is nearly unmatched across the country. The university houses some of the best student-athletes across any collegiate campus, and continues to bask in the national spotlight in what is considered another Golden Era of Seminole athletics.



Final 2009-10 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup Standings

1. Stanford	1,508.50 pts.
2. Florida	1,310.25 pts.
3. Virginia	1,253.25 pts.
4. UCLA	1,124.00 pts.
5. Florida State	1,087.50 pts.
6. Texas A&M	1,070.75 pts.
7. North Carolina	1,029.30 pts.
8. Ohio State	1,015.50 pts.
9. California	1,013.50 pts.
10. Duke	982.75 pts.

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2011 SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS

Location Tallahassee, Fla.
 Founded 1851
 Enrollment 40,255
 Symbol Seminoles
 Colors Garnet and Gold
 Conference Atlantic Coast Conference
 President Dr. Eric J. Barron
 Athletics Director Randy Spetman

Head Coach Lonni Alameda
 Alma Mater Oklahoma, '93
 Career Record 245-192-1/7 years
 FSU Record 88-34/2 years
 Assistant Coach Angel Santiago
 Alma Mater S. Illinois-Edwardsville, '97
 Assistant Coach Tommy Santiago
 Alma Mater Campbellsville University, '03
 Softball Office 850.644.9594

Home Field JoAnne Graf Field
 Dimensions Lines - 200'; Center - 220'
 Capacity 1,000
 Press Box Phone 850.645.3245

First Year of Softball 1978
 All-Time Record 1,571-521-6
 ACC Titles 10*
 *includes tie with Maryland in 1997

National Titles 2
 NCAA Appearances 23
 NCAA Super Regional Appearances 1
 WCWS Appearances 7
 NCAA Tournament Record 47-50

2010 Record 44-18
 2010 ACC Record 12-9
 2010 ACC Finish 2nd (Tournament)
 3rd (Regular Season)

Starters R/L 7/3
 Pitchers R/L 4/1
 Letterwinners R/L 13/7
 Newcomers 9

Softball SID Steve Stone
 Stone's Office 850.644.4836
 SID Office Fax 850.644.3820
 Web site seminole.com
 Mailing Address 403 Stadium Drive W.
 Tallahassee, Fla. 32306

SEMINOLES BY STATE

Florida (12)
 Kirstin Austin Temple Terrace
 Mallory Borden Jacksonville
 Tiffani Brown Tallahassee
 Celeste Gomez Lake City
 Sarah Hamilton Tallahassee
 Kelly Hensley Niceville
 Shayla Jackson Pembroke Pines
 Evelyn Morgado Miami
 Jessica Nori Weston
 Maddie O'Brien Palm Harbor
 Ashley Stager Trinity
 Dale Townsend Live Oak

Georgia (2)
 Morgan Bullock Dacula
 Monica Perry Whitesburg

Oklahoma (2)
 Robin Ahrberg Stillwater
 Kristie McConn Broken Arrow

California (1)
 Amber Bryant Pomona

Hawaii (1)
 Courtney Senas Wahiawa

New Jersey (1)
 Jen Lapicki Oldwick

South Carolina (1)
 Briana Hamilton Woodruff

Tennessee (1)
 Lauren Varsalona Knoxville

Washington (1)
 Briar Stanley Snohomish

SEMINOLES BY POSITION

Pitchers (6)
 Morgan Bullock, Sarah Hamilton, Jessica Nori,
 Monica Perry, Dale Townsend, Lauren Varsalona

Outfield (6)
 Kirstin Austin, Amber Bryant, Morgan Bullock,
 Kelly Hensley, Shayla Jackson, Courtney Senas

Infield (4)
 Tiffani Brown, Kristie McConn, Maddie O'Brien,
 Ashley Stager

Catchers (4)
 Robin Ahrberg, Celeste Gomez, Jen Lapicki, Briar
 Stanley

Utility (3)
 Mallory Borden, Briana Hamilton, Evelyn Mor-
 gado

SEMINOLES BY CLASS

Sophomores (7)
 Kirstin Austin, Tiffani Brown, Amber Bryant (RS),
 Morgan Bullock, Briana Hamilton, Briar Stanley, Dale
 Townsend

Seniors (7)
 Robin Ahrberg (RS), Mallory Borden, Sarah Hamil-
 ton, Jennifer Lapicki, Kristie McConn, Ashley Stager,
 Lauren Varsalona

Freshmen (6)
 Celeste Gomez, Kelly Hensley, Evelyn Morgado (RS),
 Jessica Nori (RS), Maddie O'Brien, Courtney Senas

Juniors (2)
 Shayla Jackson, Monica Perry (RS)

FLORIDA STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Yr.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
00	Gomez, Celeste	C	R/R	FR	Lake City, Fla./Columbia
1	McConn, Kristie	INF	R/R	SR	Broken Arrow, Okla./Bishop Kelley
2	Morgado, Evelyn	UT	R/R	r-FR	Miami, Fla./Florida Christian
3	Bryant, Amber	OF	L/R	r-SO	Pomona, Calif./Diamond Ranch
6	Brown, Tiffani	INF	L/R	SO	Tallahassee, Fla./Godby
7	O'Brien, Maddie	INF	L/R	FR	Palm Harbor, Fla./Palm Harbor University
8	Senas, Courtney	OF	R/R	FR	Wahiawa, Hawaii/Mililani
9	Stager, Ashley	SS	R/R	SR	Trinity, Fla./J.W. Mitchell
10	Townsend, Dale	P	R/R	SO	Live Oak, Fla./Suwanee
14	Jackson, Shayla	OF	L/R	JR	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Pembroke Pines Charter
15	Lapicki, Jen	C/1B	R/R	SR	Oldwick, N.J./Immaculata/University of Tennessee
17	Varsalona, Lauren	P	R/R	SR	Knoxville, Tenn./Karns/Indian River CC
21	Bullock, Morgan	P/OF	L/R	SO	Dacula, Ga./Mill Creek
22	Borden, Mallory	UT	R/R	SR	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian/Santa Fe CC
23	Hensley, Kelly	OF	R/R	FR	Niceville, Fla./Niceville
24	Hamilton, Briana	UT	R/R	SO	Woodruff, S.C./James F. Byrnes/University of South Carolina
25	Hamilton, Sarah	P	R/R	SR	Tallahassee, Fla./Chiles
26	Nori, Jessica	P	R/R	r-FR	Weston, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
33	Austin, Kirstin	OF	L/R	SO	Temple Terrace, Fla./King/Florida Atlantic University
35	Ahrberg, Robin	C/1B	R/R	r-SR	Stillwater, Okla./Stillwater
55	Perry, Monica	P	R/R	r-JR	Whitesburg, Ga./Union Grove/University of Illinois
64	Stanley, Briar	C	R/R	SO	Snohomish, Wash./Monroe

PLAYER FACTS

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS

PLAYER	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SB-ATT
Shayla Jackson	.338	62-62	213	39	72	5	5	1	33	9	1	15	5-7
Tiffany Brown	.328	60-60	192	35	63	4	5	1	24	9	0	35	13-16
Mallory Borden	.317	42-14	60	8	19	1	1	1	10	10	0	14	1-1
Morgan Bullock	.300	52-31	100	23	30	1	0	0	10	6	1	18	19-24
Ashley Stager	.299	62-62	144	32	43	7	2	3	26	35	5	16	7-9
Robin Ahrberg	.289	53-47	149	16	43	9	0	3	33	14	1	9	2-4
Kristie McConn	.263	58-52	133	20	35	12	0	2	15	10	2	22	3-6
Jen Lapicki	.259	62-62	185	24	48	8	2	4	41	22	4	19	4-4
Briar Stanley	.125	10-0	8	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	0-0

LETTERWINNERS LOST

PLAYER	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SB-ATT
Carly Wynn	.378	61-61	196	52	74	18	8	6	34	42	5	27	25-27
Tory Haddad	.256	62-62	156	16	40	7	0	7	28	35	1	30	0-0
Monica Montez	.243	34-32	74	11	18	2	0	1	11	10	1	6	0-0
Courtney Rosen	.234	47-13	47	16	11	0	0	0	8	2	6	3	1-3
Brittany Joseph	.154	33-0	13	8	2	1	0	0	1	3	0	5	1-2
Allison Collins	.000	10-0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0-0

PITCHERS RETURNING

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sarah Hamilton	1.50	22-10	45	35	13	7	3	214.1	125	58	46	79	326
Lauren Varsalona	1.34	1-0	14	0	0	0	6	15.2	16	9	3	3	11
Dale Townsend	2.33	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	2	1	1	2	3
Morgan Bullock	5.25	0-0	3	0	0	1	0	4.0	5	3	3	0	2

PITCHERS LOST

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Terese Gober	2.38	21-8	44	27	9	4	0	182.0	141	73	62	50	202

NEWCOMERS

Name	Pos.	B/T	Yr.	Hometown/High School
Kirstin Austin	OF	L/R	SO	Temple Terrace, Fla./King
Celeste Gomez	C	R/R	FR	Lake City, Fla./Columbia
Briana Hamilton	UT	R/R	SO	Woodruff, S.C./James F. Byrnes
Kelly Hensley	1B/OF	R/R	FR	Niceville, Fla./Niceville
Evelyn Morgado	UT	R/R	r-FR	Miami, Fla./Florida Christian
Jessica Nori	P	R/R	r-FR	Weston, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
Maddie O'Brien	IF	L/R	FR	Palm Harbor, Fla./Palm Harbor University
Monica Perry	P	R/R	r-JR	Whitesburg, Ga./Union Grove
Courtney Senas	OF	R/R	FR	Wahiawa, Hawaii/Mililani

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PHOTO ROSTER



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CELESTE GOMEZ
C • R/R • Fr.
Lake City, Fla.
Columbia HS



1

KRISTIE MCCONN
2B • R/R • So.
Broken Arrow, Okla.
Bishop Kelley HS



2

EVELYN MORGADO
UT • R/R • r-Fr.
Miami, Fla.
Florida Christian HS



3

AMBER BRYANT
OF • L/R • r-So.
Pomona, Calif.
Diamond Ranch HS



6

TIFFANI BROWN
INF • L/R • So.
Tallahassee, Fla.
Godby HS



7

MADDIE O'BRIEN
INF • L/R • Fr.
Palm Harbor, Fla.
Palm Harbor University HS



8

COURTNEY SENAS
OF • R/R • Fr.
Wahiawa, Hawaii
Milani HS



9

ASHLEY STAGER
SS • R/R • So.
Trinity, Fla.
J.W. Mitchell HS



10

DALE TOWNSEND
P • R/R • So.
Live Oak, Fla.
Suwannee HS



14

SHAYLA JACKSON
OF • L/R • Jr.
Pembroke Pines, Fla.
Pembroke Pines Charter



16

JEN LAPICKI
C/1B • R/R • So.
Okridick, N.J.
Immaculata HS



17

LAUREN VARSALONA
P • R/R • Sr.
Knoxville, Tenn.
Karns HS



21

MORGAN BULLOCK
OF/P • L/R • So.
Dacula, Ga.
Mill Creek HS



22

MALLORY BORDEN
UT • R/R • So.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Trinity Christian HS



23

KELLY HENSLEY
OF • R/R • Fr.
Niceville, Fla.
Niceville HS



24

BRIANA HAMILTON
UT • R/R • So.
Woodruff, S.C.
James E. Brynes HS



25

SARAH HAMILTON
P • R/R • So.
Tallahassee, Fla.
Chiles HS



26

JESSICA NORI
P • R/R • r-Fr.
Weston, Fla.
St. Thomas Aquinas HS



33

KIRSTIN AUSTIN
OF • L/R • So.
Temple Terrace, Fla.
King HS



35

ROBIN AHRBERG
C/1B • R/R • r-So.
Stillwater, Okla.
Stillwater HS



55

MONICA PERRY
P • R/R • r-Jr.
Whitesburg, Ga.
Union Grove HS



64

BRIAR STANLEY
C • R/R • So.
Snohomish, Wash.
Monroe HS



LONNI ALAMEDA
Head Coach



ANGEL SANTIAGO
Assistant Coach



TOMMY SANTIAGO
Assistant Coach

TEAM ROSTER

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Yr.	Hometown/High School
00	Celeste Gomez	C	R/R	Fr.	Lake City, Fla./Columbia
1	Kristie McConn	2B	R/R	Sr.	Broken Arrow, Okla./ Bishop Kelley
2	Evelyn Morgado	UT	R/R	r-Fr.	Miami, Fla./ Florida Christian
3	Amber Bryant	OF	L/R	r-So.	Pomona, Calif./ Diamond Ranch
6	Tiffani Brown	INF	L/R	So.	Tallahassee, Fla./Godby
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8	Courtney Senas	OF	R/R	Fr.	Wahiawa, Hawaii/Mililani
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10	Dale Townsend	P	R/R	So.	Live Oak, Fla./ Suwanee
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ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Yr.	Hometown/High School
35	Robin Ahrberg	C/1B	R/R	r-Sr.	Stillwater, Okla./Stillwater
33	Kirstin Austin	OF	L/R	So.	Temple Terrace, Fla./King
22	Mallory Borden	UT	R/R	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla./ Trinity Christian
6	Tiffani Brown	INF	L/R	So.	Tallahassee, Fla./Godby
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9	Ashley Stager	SS	R/R	Sr.	Trinity, Fla./ J.W. Mitchell
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10	Dale Townsend	P	R/R	So.	Live Oak, Fla./ Suwanee
17	Lauren Varsalona	P	R/R	Sr.	Knoxville, Tenn./ Karns

MEET THE NOLES



CELESTE GOMEZ

JERSEY NUMBER: 00
POSITION: CATCHER
HOMETOWN: LAKE CITY, FLA.
NICKNAME: C
CLASS: FRESHMAN



KRISTIE McCONN

JERSEY NUMBER: 1
POSITION: SECOND BASEMAN
HOMETOWN: BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.
NICKNAME: K-MAC
CLASS: SENIOR



EVELYN MORGADO

JERSEY NUMBER: 2
POSITION: UTILITY
HOMETOWN: MIAMI, FLA.
NICKNAME: EVY
CLASS: REDSHIRT FRESHMAN



AMBER BRYANT

JERSEY NUMBER: 3
POSITION: OUTFIELDER
HOMETOWN: POMONA, CALIF.
NICKNAME: BURRR
CLASS: REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE



TIFFANI BROWN

JERSEY NUMBER: 6
POSITION: INFIELDER
HOMETOWN: TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
NICKNAME: T-BROWN
CLASS: SOPHOMORE



MADDIE O'BRIEN

JERSEY NUMBER: 7
POSITION: INFIELDER
HOMETOWN: PALM HARBOR, FLA.
NICKNAME: MADDIE
CLASS: FRESHMAN



COURTNEY SENAS

JERSEY NUMBER: 8
POSITION: OUTFIELDER
HOMETOWN: WAHIAWA, HAWAII
NICKNAME: COURT, PUPULE, TOOTS
CLASS: FRESHMAN



ASHLEY STAGER

JERSEY NUMBER: 9
POSITION: SHORTSTOP
HOMETOWN: TRINITY, FLA.
NICKNAME: STAG
CLASS: SENIOR



DALE TOWNSEND

JERSEY NUMBER: 10
POSITION: PITCHER
HOMETOWN: LIVE OAK, FLA.
NICKNAME: DALE
CLASS: SOPHOMORE



SHAYLA JACKSON

JERSEY NUMBER: 14
POSITION: OUTFIELDER
HOMETOWN: PEMBROKE PINES, FLA.
NICKNAME: SHAY
CLASS: JUNIOR



JEN LAPICKI

JERSEY NUMBER: 16
POSITION: CATCHER/FIRST BASEMAN
HOMETOWN: OLDWICK, N.J.
NICKNAME: LAPICKI
CLASS: SENIOR



LAUREN VARSALONA

JERSEY NUMBER: 17
POSITION: PITCHER
HOMETOWN: KNOXVILLE, TENN.
NICKNAME: LO
CLASS: SENIOR



MORGAN BULLOCK

JERSEY NUMBER: 21
POSITION: OUTFIELDER/PITCHER
HOMETOWN: DACULA, GA.
NICKNAME: NORGY, BULLY
CLASS: SOPHOMORE



MALLORY BORDEN

JERSEY NUMBER: 22
POSITION: UTILITY
HOMETOWN: JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
NICKNAME: MAL
CLASS: SENIOR



KELLY HENSLEY

JERSEY NUMBER: 23
POSITION: OUTFIELDER
HOMETOWN: NICEVILLE, FLA.
NICKNAME: NONE
CLASS: FRESHMAN



BRIANA HAMILTON

JERSEY NUMBER: 24
POSITION: UTILITY
HOMETOWN: WOODRUFF, S.C.
NICKNAME: BREEZY
CLASS: SOPHOMORE



SARAH HAMILTON

JERSEY NUMBER: 25
POSITION: PITCHER
HOMETOWN: TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
NICKNAME: HAMMY
CLASS: SENIOR



JESSICA NORI

JERSEY NUMBER: 26
POSITION: PITCHER
HOMETOWN: WESTON, FLA.
NICKNAME: NORI
CLASS: REDSHIRT FRESHMAN



KIRSTIN AUSTIN

JERSEY NUMBER: 33
POSITION: OUTFIELDER
HOMETOWN: TEMPLE TERRACE, FLA.
NICKNAME: LIL BIT
CLASS: SOPHOMORE



ROBIN AHRBERG

JERSEY NUMBER: 35
POSITION: CATCHER/FIRST BASEMAN
HOMETOWN: STILLWATER, OKLA.
NICKNAME: SWIM
CLASS: REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE



MONICA PERRY

JERSEY NUMBER: 55
POSITION: PITCHER
HOMETOWN: WHITESBURG, GA.
NICKNAME: MONY
CLASS: REDSHIRT JUNIOR



BRIAR STANLEY

JERSEY NUMBER: 64
POSITION: CATCHER
HOMETOWN: SNOHOMISH, WASH.
NICKNAME: BRIA-BRI
CLASS: SOPHOMORE

2011 OUTLOOK

Sarah Hamilton

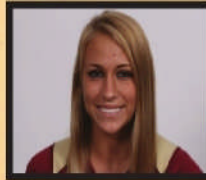


PITCHERS



Morgan Bullock

- Extremely versatile performer
- Will be relied on more in 2011
- Very athletic and fast
- Provides a huge boost to the pitching staff



Monica Perry

- Redshirting 2011 season
- Top-notch pitcher at Illinois
- 25-7, 2.27 ERA, 171 K's in 2010
- 394 K's in two seasons with Illini
- All-Big Ten Second Team in 2010
- Owns a no-hitter vs. Wisconsin



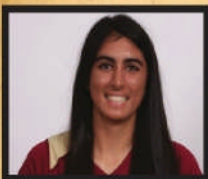
Sarah Hamilton

- FSU's most dominant pitcher
- 22-10, 1.50 ERA in 2010
- 326 strikeouts in 214.1 innings
- Held hitters to a .164 average
- Threw 13 complete games
- Extremely competitive



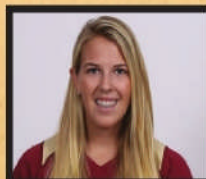
Dale Townsend

- Looks to help rotation in 2011
- Made one appearance in 2010
- Offseason put her in great shape
- Hard worker who gets better with every opportunity in the circle
- Great spin on her pitches



Jessica Nori

- Team manager to walk-on
- Can become a power pitcher
- Heralded high school player
- Living her proudest moment
- Hard worker and hard thrower
- Will improve the staff



Lauren Varsalona

- Valuable starter for FSU
- Earned valuable time last season
- 1-0, 1.34 ERA, 14 appearances in '10
- A true team player
- Has increased her repertoire of pitches

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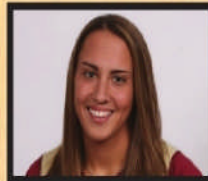
Robin Ahrberg

CATCHERS



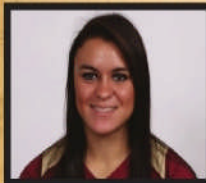
Robin Ahrberg

- 2010 All-ACC Team
- First baseman and catcher
- Batted .289 with 33 RBIs
- 43 H, 9 2B, 3 HRs in 2010
- Great leader and role model



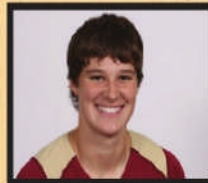
Jen Lapicki

- Excellent returning catcher
- Started all 62 games last season
- Batted .259 with 4 HRs in 2010
- Sixth in ACC with 41 RBIs
- Good offensive skills
- Known as a fantastic team leader



Celeste Gomez

- Great prospect from Lake City
- Talented player and weight-lifter at Columbia High
- 2008 Offense Award winner
- Good hands behind the plate
- Strong player with great arm



Briar Stanley

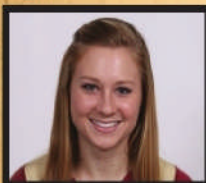
- Will build off experience from 2010
- Shows good leadership
- Appeared in 10 games last year
- Possesses a lot of strength to be a force at the plate





Shayla Jackson

OUTFIELDERS



Kirstin Austin

- Skilled transfer from FAU
- Adds depth to the outfield
- Played in 47 games in 2010
- 1 HR and nine RBIs last year
- Spark plug and great athlete



Shayla Jackson

- All-ACC caliber player
- Skilled outfielder who can hit well
- Batted .338 with 33 RBIs last season
- Led team with 213 at-bats
- Did not commit an error in 2010
- Consistent contact hitter who hits to all parts of the field



Amber Bryant

- Ready for a big year after medically redshirting in 2010
- Excellent offensive player
- Made progress in fall ball
- Started 12 games in 2009 before tearing her PCL.
- Power hitter and slap hitter



Courtney Senas

- Heralded recruit from Hawaii
- Extremely fast and agile
- Will compete for centerfield duties
- Has a great attitude and is very coachable
- Starred at Mililani High



Morgan Bullock

- Hits for a good average
- Batted .300 with 10 RBIs
- Attains good speed
- 30 H, 23 R, 1 2B last year



Kelly Hensley

- Will be used in the outfield and infield
- Good fundamentals both offensively and defensively
- Standout at Niceville High
- Great power
- Great attitude and work ethic

UTILITY PLAYERS



Briana Hamilton

- Saavy transfer from South Carolina
- Can play several positions
- Gives full effort on every play
- Extremely athletic player
- Can contribute immediately



Evelyn Morgado

- Skilled player from Miami
- Team MVP in all five years of high school softball
- Versatile enough to play different positions
- Great all-around athlete
- Redshirting 2011 season due to ACL tear



Mallory Borden

- Talented utility player
- Played 42 games last season
- Batted .317 with 60 at-bats
- 1 2B, 1 3B and 1 HR
- Hard worker and a great all-around player



Tiffani Brown

INFIELDERS



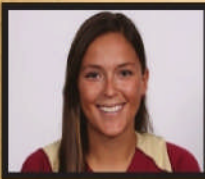
Tiffani Brown

- One of the team's top hitters; great leader
- Batted .328 in 2010 (10th in ACC)
- Played 60 games at third base
- 35 runs scored was ninth in ACC
- Aggressive, smart corner player



Kristie McConn

- Smart player with great defensive skills
- Proven second baseman with excellent hands
- Batted .263 with 2 HRs in 2010
- 33 RBIs, 35 H, 20 R, 61 TB
- All-ACC Academic Team in 2009



Ashley Stager

- Excellent shortstop with great range and consistency
- All-ACC Second Team selection in 2010
- Batted .299 with 3 HRs in 2010
- Has power and speed
- Sound situational player



Maddie O'Brien

- Comes to FSU with incredible high school honors
- Will compete for middle infield spot
- Batted .658 in senior year
- One of Florida's top high school players last season
- High level of commitment and character

Ashley Stager



LONNI ALAMEDA

The Alameda File

- Head Coach at Florida State University
- Third Season/Eighth Year Overall
- Boasts a 245-192-1 Career Record
- 88-34 in two seasons at FSU
- Coached FSU to consecutive ACC Championship games in first two seasons ('09, '10)
- Enjoyed a successful head coaching stint at UNLV, leading the Runnin' Rebels to the NCAA Tournament in 2005 - ending an eight-year drought
- Spent eight seasons as assistant coach at Stanford
- Coached in the 2008 Summer Olympic Games



ANGEL SANTIAGO

The Santiago File

- Assistant Coach at Florida State University
- Third Season at FSU
- Works with all position players
- Spent five years as an assistant coach at UNLV with head coach Lonni Alameda
- Guided Runnin' Rebels to a 50-home run season in 2005, a lofty program mark
- Played four seasons of professional baseball in the independent leagues, including stints with the Dubois Country Dragons and Will County Cheetahs



TOMMY SANTIAGO

The Santiago File

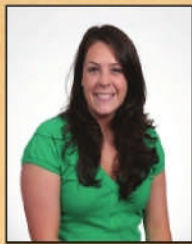
- Assistant Coach at Florida State University
- First season in full-time capacity
- Volunteer Assistant coach at FSU in 2010
- Served as assistant coach at South Suburban College
- Five years as assistant coach at Homewood-Flossmoor High School
- All-Collegiate Conference baseball player
- Player for the River City Rascals in 2005



SUPPORT STAFF



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Videographer



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Equipment Manager



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*Sports Information
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Athletic Trainer



Caitlin Quinn
Strength & Speed Coach



Elizabeth Hartsock
Accounting Specialist



Anthony Santiago
Administrative Assistant



Ben Faulk
Game Day Operations



Lauren Mullins
Team Manager



Carly Wynn
Volunteer Assistant Coach



Megan Jayne
Athletic Training Student



Danielle Keyes
Athletic Training Student



Kyle Stagers
Athletic Training Student



Bernie Waxman
Softball Oversight



Aaron Tebo
Academic Advisor

Not Pictured:

Tanesia Thomas - Administrative Assistant
Will Ayers - Softball Public Address Announcer
Lauren Birch - Video

TOURNAMENTS AT FSU

The 2011 Seminole softball slate once again features a compilation of three different tournaments hosted by FSU. Showcasing one of the finest softball facilities in the nation, the Seminoles annually host a plethora of tournaments because of their suitable venue and desirable climate.

This season, FSU will host the Seminole Kickoff Classic featuring UNC Greensboro, Hofstra and St. John's from Feb. 11-13. The Seminoles host three more opponents the following week in the Garnet and Gold Tournament, welcoming Kentucky, Georgia Southern and Middle Tennessee State from Feb. 18-20. The final tournament occurs on March 5-6 at JoAnne Graf Field in a Big Ten-Mountain West-ACC Challenge that features Wisconsin and Utah.



Seminole Kickoff Classic

February 11th

12:00 pm FSU vs. UNC Greensboro
 02:15 pm FSU vs. St. Johns
 04:30 pm Hofstra vs. UNC Greensboro
 06:30 pm Hofstra vs. St. Johns

February 12th

10:00 am St. Johns vs. UNC Greensboro
 12:30 pm Hofstra vs. FSU
 02:45 pm Seed #1 vs. Seed #4
 04:45 pm Seed #2 vs. Seed #3

February 13th

10:00 am Consolation Game
 12:15 pm Championship Game

Garnet and Gold Tournament

February 18th

10:00 am Kentucky vs. Ga. Southern
 12:15 pm Kentucky vs. Middle Tennessee State
 02:30 pm FSU vs. Ga. Southern
 04:30 pm FSU vs. Middle Tennessee State

February 19th

10:00 am Middle Tennessee State vs. Ga. Southern
 12:30 pm FSU vs. Kentucky
 02:45 pm Seed #1 vs. Seed #4
 04:45 pm Seed #2 vs. Seed #3

February 20th

10:00 am Consolation Game
 12:15 pm Championship Game

Big Ten-Mountain West-ACC

March 5th

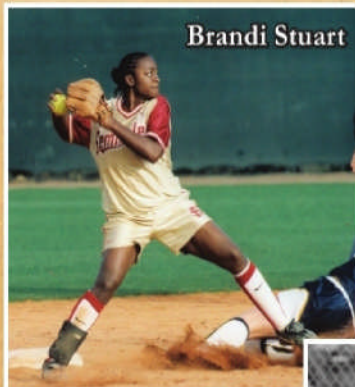
11:00 am Wisconsin vs. Utah
 01:00 pm Wisconsin vs. FSU
 03:00 pm Utah vs. FSU

March 6th

09:00 am Wisconsin vs. Utah
 11:00 am Utah vs. FSU
 01:00 pm Wisconsin vs. FSU

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PRO, OLYMPIC AND INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS



Brandi Stuart



Casey Hunter



Elisa Vasquez



Jessica van der Linden



Leslie Malerich



Mysii Calkins



Kaleigh Rafter



Tatiana George



Tiffany McDonald



Veronica Wootson

Laurie Shepard
Silver Bullets
(1995-98)

Casey Hunter
Connecticut Brackets
(2006)

Renee Espinoza
Georgia Price
(1997)

Jessica van der Linden
Arizona Heat
(2004)
Puerto Rico National Team

Yuruby Alicart
Venezuelan National Team
(2007-08)
2008 Beijing Olympics Participant

Tatiana George
Harlem Diamonds
(2005)

Brandi Stuart
Akron Racers
(2004)

Mysii Calkins
Georgia Pride
(1999)

Shannon Mitchem
Silver Bullets
(1993-98)

Shamylene Wilson
Georgia Pride
(1997)

Leslie Malerich
Connecticut Brackets
(2005-06)
Italian National Team

Leslie Adams
Carolina Diamonds
(1997-99)

Tiffany McDonald
British National Team
(2006)
Coached for Dutch National Team

Elisa Vasquez
Houston
(2004)

Kristy Fuentes
Georgia Pride
(1998)

Veronica Wootson
Akron Racers
(2007-08)

Kaleigh Rafter
Canadian National Team
(2007-08)
2008 Beijing Olympics Participant

Carly Wynn
Tennessee Diamonds
(2010)

Terese Gober
Mannheim Tornados



Yuruby Alicart

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? TRACKING FSU SOFTBALL ALUMNI

A famous quote by a well-known historical figure states that "A society that does not correctly interpret and appreciate its past cannot understand its present fortune." Such a meaningful saying rings true for the modern-day Seminole softball student-athlete, whose fortunes of being part of an illustrious program were created by her predecessors.

The FSU softball alumni base is as strong as ever, with several former student-athletes staying connected with their alma mater, and particularly with the game they grew up loving. Reaching out to such a well-established alumni base is a huge priority for the FSU coaching staff and student-athletes.

As illustrated on this page, an abundance of FSU softball alumni go on to be successful in their future endeavors. Helping lay a foundation that includes two Women's College World Series titles and seven WCWS appearances, the Seminole softball alumni truly are the backbone that makes the FSU softball program one of the country's best.

"In 1979, funding for more and full scholarships began as did paying for full time coaches. There was no softball facility. Until 1981 there were no national championships for softball. However, FSU dominated at the region and state levels. I transferred from Lake City Community College. I received a full scholarship to play softball in 1981 and 1982. Without the full scholarships, I could not afford to go to college.

The rest I guess is history. We won back to back national championships in '81 and '82. We were proud and honored to wear the garnet and gold. We knew this time was special, to perform at the highest level and win... twice. We loved the game and all the competition it brought with it. We will always be WINNERS

I know that I was blessed to be a part of such a special time to be a player. We were 'in a league of our own.' I really don't think that any words could explain it."

-Janis Sikes



Janis Sikes

One of the best to ever don the softball garnet and gold, Janis Sikes led the Seminoles to back-to-back AIAW College World Series titles in 1981 and 1982.

Although her career marks at FSU still resonate with her quite well, it is the impact she has made during and after her collegiate career that has made her successful. Sikes has made a huge contribution to several scholarships, including ones endowed by JoAnne Graf, Kari Keith, Carla Bingham, Michele Guilbault, as well as the Dr. Wells and Dr. Jones Legacy Award.

As a two-year letterwinner, Sikes earned All-America accolades twice in her career. She was also an all-region performer and made countless all-tournament teams.

In her own words, her greatest accomplishment is simply giving back. She and former player Cindy Marvin gave a groundbreaking contribution of \$50,000 for the endowment of their own scholarship, and Sikes was inducted into the FSU Hall of Fame in 2008 and as a Board of Director for the FSU Varsity Club in 2010.

Sikes has consistently given back to her church, community and college. She recently retired from UPS as a manager in 2010 after 26 great years of service.

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Jessica van der Linden

Jessica van der Linden, now Jessica Boulware, will forever be engraved in FSU softball history for her tremendous years as a Seminole. She highlighted her illustrious career as the USA Softball National Player of the Year, and holds several marks that include single-season strikeouts, career games played and career walks, doubles and RBIs.

The former standout now lives with her husband, Michael, in Columbia, S.C. They have two children, Michael Jr. (4) and Aspen (2), and are expecting another child in July. She continues to stay connected with the sport she dominated, giving pitching lessons in the evenings.



Michelle Snyder

Michelle Snyder enjoyed a fine career with the FSU softball team, lettering in all four years from 2006-09. She is tied for second in school history in single-season strikeouts with 50, and also holds the fifth spot as well with 47 in 2006.

Snyder culminated her career with CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Second Team All-District honors in 2009. She graduated in August 2010 and now lives in Asburn, Va., working as an Intelligence Analyst for a Government Defense Contractor in Arlington, Va.

"Florida State and Seminole Softball both greatly prepared me for my new life in the professional realm, and I would like to thank each and every person who had a part in my personal development and experiences as a Seminole student-athlete. Go Noles!"

-Michelle Snyder-



Brittany Krbec

Brittany Krbec was a big part of the 2007 team's success, finishing with a 44-25 overall record and yet another spot in the NCAA Championship. In that season, she batted .276, produced 28 RBIs and struck out just 21 times in 157 plate appearances.

Krbec is making her education count more than ever. She became a high school teacher in Ocala, Fla., and recently completed her certification in biology and chemistry, both of which she teaches. She hasn't been able to stray away from her FSU days on the diamond, playing slowpitch softball when she has time and serving as a high school softball coach.

Krbec is also set to get married on March 5, 2011, and enjoys her life with her three puppies - Shelby, Peyton and Sadie. She says she "looks forward to hearing and watching many great things that continue to go on in the Seminole softball program."

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JESSICA VAN DER LINDEN

2004 USA Softball and Honda National Player of the Year



DR. JOANNE GRAF

FSU Softball Head Coach (1979-2008)



Dr. JoAnne Graf spent 30 successful seasons at the helm of the Florida State softball program. With 1,437 victories under her belt, Graf retired on June 15, 2008, with more wins than any other head coach in collegiate softball.

The first collegiate softball coach to earn 1,400 victories, Graf's numerous achievements with Florida State softball include AIAW slowpitch national championships in 1981 and 1982, seven trips to the Women's College World Series, with the first coming in 1986 (just four years after FSU went to NCAA fastpitch softball), 21 NCAA Regional appearances and 10 Atlantic Coast Conference titles.

On April 2, 2005, then-Florida State University President Dr. T.K. Wetherell officially renamed the softball stadium "JoAnne Graf Field at the Seminole Softball Complex," making her among only two active softball coaches with fields named after them.

One of the most prolific coaches in collegiate softball, Graf concluded her career having won 75 percent of her games (1,437-478-6), including a 1,218-425-6 (.740) mark in NCAA Division I play. Florida State's average of 50.75 wins per year under her guidance since beginning NCAA play ranked No. 1 all-time.

Graf is a 1975 graduate of Florida State. In 1992, she earned her doctorate degree in athletic administration at FSU, and continues to teach at her alma mater today.



1,437 All-Time Victories at Florida State

Back-to-Back AIAW National Championships (1981 & 1982)

Six-Time ACC Coach of the Year

10 Atlantic Coast Conference Titles

21 NCAA Tournament Appearances

45 NCAA Tournament Victories

Seven Women's College World Series Appearances

34 All-America Awards

74 All-ACC Selections

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HALL OF FAME AND ALL-AMERICANS

ALL-AMERICANS



Serita Brooks
2nd Team, 2000



Susan Buttery
2nd Team, 1993



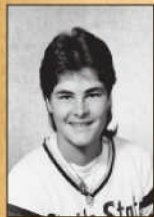
Myssi Calkins
2nd Team, 1996-97



Darby Cottle-Veazey
1981-82



Danielle Cox
1st Team, 1999



Tiffany Daniels
2nd Team, 1987



Lisa Davidson
1st Team, 1993



Natalie Drouin
1982



Renee Espinoza
2nd Team, 1996



Kristy Fuentes
3rd Team, 1992



Toni Gutierrez
2nd Team, 1992



Sarah Hamilton
3rd Team, 2009



Casey Hunter
2nd Team, 2004



Christy Larsen
3rd Team, 1991



Cindy Lawton
3rd Team, 1995



Marla Looper
3rd Team, 1994



Leslie Malerich
3rd Team, 2000
2nd Team, 2001



Susan Painter
1982



Toni Robinette
1982



Jan Sikes
1981-82



Brandi Stuart
1st Team, 2002
2nd Team, 2003



Jessica van der Linden
1st Team, 2003-04



Elisa Vasquez
3rd Team, 2003



Shamalene Wilson
2nd Team, 1994
3rd Team, 1995
1st Team, 1996



Veronica Wootson
2nd Team, 2004
1st Team, 2006
3rd Team, 2007



Carly Wynn
3rd Team, 2010

Florida State University Athletics Hall of Fame

DARBY COTTLE-VEAZEY
Inducted 1988

SUSAN PAINTER
Inducted 2000

LISA DAVIDSON
Inducted 2005

DANIELLE COX
Inducted 2009

JULIE LARSEN-BAKER
Inducted 1995

SHAMALENE WILSON
Inducted 2002

JAN SIKES
Inducted 2008

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

Before the games were televised on ESPN and before there were professional leagues, the main goal of collegiate softball was to go out, give your best and try to win, but mainly the student-athletes were there because they loved the game and they wanted to have fun. For two years in the early 1980's, the Florida State softball team not only had fun, but also dominated the competition and brought home a pair of national championships.

There was plenty of reason for optimism going into the 1981 season after FSU won 13 of its last 15 games the year before and was one game away from advancing to the AIAW National Tournament. Countering the momentum from 1980 was the inexperience of the 1981 roster which featured only six returnees but a host of talented newcomers.

"It was a lot of fun," former head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf said. "They had known each other from summer league ball so I think there was a lot of respect right away. Anytime you win it's a whole lot of fun. That team was in every game, they won, obviously, most of them, but it's always fun to coach people who win and they worked hard. They just had that confidence, that air that they were going to have to lose the game; no one was going to beat them."

Any concerns about the 1981 season were quickly erased as the Seminoles ran out to a 19-2 start with a trio of tournament titles. The only hiccup during the year came at the South Florida Invitational as FSU lost three of four but that also served as a wake up call as the Seminoles won 16-straight games to push their record to 38-5.

Just when the Seminoles had everything going in their favor, another bump in the road came. Winners of its last 16 games, FSU dropped a pair of games to East Carolina to finish second at the North Carolina State Invitational. But just like the losses at South Florida, the setback refocused the Seminoles when they needed it the most.

Few would have guessed that the 5-2 loss to the Pirates would be the Seminoles' last of the season. FSU took four-straight heading into the FAIAW State Tournament where it breezed to the state title with four more wins to match the most wins in school history. Up next was the AIAW Region III Tournament where the Seminoles took the next step, sweeping four more games to advance to the National Tournament.

Proving its versatility, FSU won every way possible, outscoring Western Carolina 13-9 in the first game before winning a defensive triumph 4-3 over North Carolina State. FSU disposed of the Pirates 12-3 then beat North Carolina 4-1 to capture the school's first national championship in women's athletics.

Postseason accolades came in for Darby Cottle as the shortstop collected All-America honors after hitting .428. Joining her on the All-America squad was second baseman Jan Sikes as she hit .477.

"Those teams were so full of life, heart, we had great camaraderie," former player Susan Painter said. "It started at the top with JoAnne. We had a great group of players, but she was the main component. She kept us on top and kept fighting for us and for the title. Every great team has a fit and that one certainly did. It was quite a group. We still keep in touch, but I miss that."

The pieces were in place for another run in 1982 and the Seminoles wasted no time as they won their first 12 games,

highlighted by the title at the Florida Invitational - including eight shutouts. Ironically the "low point" of the season came at the Lady Seminole Invitational where FSU lost three in a row.

But just like they had done the previous year, the Seminoles bounced back to win 10-straight, including titles at the Friendly City and South Florida Invitationals. Twice during the middle half of the season the Seminoles scored 30 runs or more, including a 39-5 drubbing of Georgia Southern.

Despite all of FSU's success that year - the Seminoles won four of six regular season tournaments - there was one team it could not get past: rival Florida. Of the 10 losses that season, six came to the Gators, including back-to-back losses at the Montgomery Invitational where FSU finished second.

Similar to 1981, the losses refocused the Seminoles as they won their next 12 going into the FAIAW tournament. UF got the Tribe again 2-1 in the third game, but the Seminoles won a pair to claim the state title. Florida State had relatively little trouble in the regional tournament, only dropping a 2-1 decision to South Florida before beating the Bulls for the trophy.

The stage was set for a repeat and the Seminoles were on a mission having won 21 of their last 23 games. The first three games were a breeze as FSU outscored its opponents 46-6 with wins over Georgia Southern, South Florida and UNC-Charlotte. All that stood between FSU and its second national championships were the Florida Gators.

While Florida State held an 8-6 lead in the season series, Florida was the only team that had been close to FSU over the last five years and handed the Seminoles their worst loss in school history at the time, a 14-0 defeat during the middle of the season. With the championship on the line the Seminoles were at their best and they prevailed 9-4 to claim their second-straight national championship.

The accolades poured in for the Seminoles again, headed by Cottle who was named the Broderick Award winner as the AIAW Player of the Year. She was joined on the All-America squad by Natalie Drouin, Painter, Toni Robinette and Sikes.

"We were like a big family, I don't even remember anyone not getting along," Drouin said. "We had two great teams and I don't know which one was better. They were pretty equal. At the time none of us really knew what we had accomplished, we just wanted to do our best and have fun, but afterwards it was thrilling."

The Seminoles won 110 games those two years with a 54-7 record in 1981 and a 56-10 mark the year after. Florida State was an offensive juggernaut those two seasons, scoring an average of 9.2 runs per game. What might be even more impressive was the Seminoles' pitching and defense. Behind Painter, the team's lone pitcher, FSU gave up only 2.7 runs per game, a number that is unfathomable in slow pitch.

"I remember a lot of team unity and enthusiasm," Cottle said. "We were a group of winners, that's for sure, and we were a team that was willing to do whatever it took to get to the top. I'm just proud to have been part of the teams that started a tradition of winning."

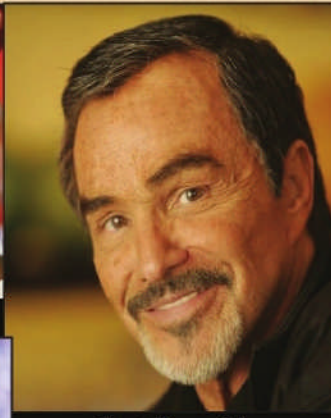
While the AIAW was disbanded one year later and FSU went to NCAA competition in 1984, the players on those teams were the founders of a legacy that continues today.



PROMINENT ALUMNI



Deion Sanders



Burt Reynolds



Carolyn Griner



General Polly Peyer



Rita Coolidge



Richard Simmons



Alfred Lawson Jr.



Cheryl Hines

Other Distinguished Alumni:

ASTRONAUTS

Winston Scott

ENTERTAINERS

Daniel Bakkedahl
Faye Dunaway
Davis Gaines
Sonny Shroyer
Dr. Tonea Stewart

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Jay Garner
Franklin L. Hagenbeck
Paul David Miller
Kenneth Minihan

MISS AMERICA

Tara Dawn Holland Christensen

MUSICIANS

Ray Key
Sean Mackin
Jim Morrison
Charles G. Rex
Claudia Waite
David Ward-Steinman
Dr. Valint Vazsonyi

OCEANOGRAPHER

Sylvia Earlie

POLITICAL LEADERS

Jason Altmire
Reubin Askew
Jim Bacchus
Allen Boyd, Jr.
Kathy Castor
Parris Glendenning
Jeff Kottkamp
Mel Martinez
Dina Titus

PULITZER PRIZE WINNER

Ellen Taaffe Zwillich

SCREENWRITER

Alan Ball

WRITER

Jeff Shaara

UNIVERSITY FACTS

BACKGROUND: The Florida State University is one of eleven units of the Division of Colleges and Universities of the Florida Board of Education...It was established as the Seminary West of the Suwannee by an act of the Florida Legislature in 1951 and first offered instruction at the postsecondary level in 1857...It's Tallahassee campus has been the site of an institution of higher education longer than any other site in the state...in 1905, the Buckman Act reorganized higher education in the state and designated the Tallahassee school as the Florida Female College...In 1909, it was renamed the Florida State College for Women...In 1947, the school returned to co-educational status, and the name was changed to Florida State University...It has grown from an enrollment of 2,583 in 1946 to an enrollment of 40,255 in the Fall Semester of 2009.

ENROLLMENT (FALL, 2009): Total 40,255... 75.7% undergrad, 21.3% graduate, 3.0% unclassified... 81.9% in-state...93.7% from the United States...students are from all 50 states ad the District of Columbia are in attendance...18 state contributes over 100 students each...19 foreign counties contributed over 25 students each...female, 55.2%...male, 44.8%, minority, 26.1%...international, 3.4%.

ACERAGE: Main Campus: 451.6 acres in Tallahassee, Leon County (main campus)...Panama City Branch: 25.6 acres in Panama City, Bay County...The university owns a total of 1,545.5 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Sarasota and Gadsden counties...sites are leased in Marion and Leon counties in Florida, and other locations overseas.

COLLEGE DEGREE PROGREMS: With 16 college and schools, student made take courses of study leading to the baccalaureate degree in 101 programs, to master's degree in 118 programs, to the advanced master's degree in one program to the specialist degree in 35 programs, to the doctorate degree in 75 degree programs, to the professional degree in two degree programs. The academic divisions are the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communications, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Education, Engineering, Human Services, Information, Law, Medicine, Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts, Music, Nursing, Social Sciences and Public Policy, Social Work and Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance.

OPERATING BUDGET (2009-010): \$1,048,678,772

DEGREES AWARDED FOR 2008-09: Bachelor, 7,630...Masters, 2,129...Doctorate, 343...Specialist, 47...Juris Doctorate, 263...Medical Doctorate, 74... Total, 10,486.

ENTERING FRESHMAN FACTS (2009): The middle 50 percent high school GPA, 3.6-4.1...SAT score 1120-1280...ACT score 25-29... There were 18 National Merit Scholars, 4 National Achievement Scholars and 26 Hispanic Scholars enrolled as undergraduate students during the fall 2009 term.

RETENTION RATE: First year, 100%...second year, 86.7%, third year, 77.0%, fourth year, 73.9%.

FACULTY/STAFF: Total 2,268...FSU's faculty includes some past graduates, such as former astronauts Dr. Norm Thagard, who teaches electrical engineering, and Winston Scott who serves as the Vice President

for Student Affairs...FSU's faculty has included six dynamic Nobel Laureates with 12 members who have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences and 11 members who have been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and two Pulitzer Prize winners Ellen T. Zwilich and Robert Olen Butler.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES: The Florida State University has a uniqueness in providing programs that are consistent in excellence across the board, from fine arts and humanities to the hard sciences...The balance of programs is based in FSU's long tradition as a liberal arts institution combined with its position as one of the top 10 universities in generating research-based revenues...FSU was ranked as the 18th most connected university in the nation by Yahoo! Internet life.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD: FSU offers a variety of overseas opportunities for students during the regular academic year. FSU has study centers located in Florence, Italy; Panama City, Republic of Panama; Valencia, Spain and London, England. Courses at the stud centers are offered each semester and cover a wide range of subject areas perfect for meeting general and liberal studies requirements. International Programs also offers study programs, some general and some major specific, in Cairns, Australia; Salvador, Brazil; Tianjin, China; San Jose, Costa Rica; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Prague, Czech Republic; Napo, Ecuador; London, England; Paris, France; Dublin, Ireland; Tokyo, Japan; Moscow, Russia; and Leysin, Switzerland. A summer law program is offered in Oxford, England. The is one Linkage Institute, FLORICA, in Costa Rica and Beyond Borders programs in Turriaba, Costa Rica, Kingston, Jamaica and Dresden, Germany.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: FSU has over 500 student organizations that allow students to find their own niche.

FINANCIAL AID: FSU offers two types of financial assistance: need based and merit based...Over \$160 million is given away for financial assistance each year.

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 22-1. Many of the general education classes are large, lecture classes; however 80% of major classes have fewer than 50 students.

RESEARCH: The Florida State University has built a reputation as a strong research center in both the sciences and the humanities. It is expected that more than \$140 million in external funds will be generated this year by the university faculty and administration as supplements for state funds used for research. The external funds are in the form of contracts and grants from private foundations, industries, and government agencies, and are used to support research, improve research facilities and provide stipends for graduate students.

SPONSORED RESEARCH (2008-09): \$199, 829, 173

LIBRARY HOLDINGS: The Florida State University Library System contains over 3.1 million volumes, of which more then 594,000 are available electronically as e-books. The libraries subscribe to more tan 78,300 current serials including academic journals, professional and trade journals, and major newspapers from around the country in both paper and electronic formats. The libraries also subscribe to more than 600 data bases.

The FSU Libraries include eight libraries on campus: The Robert Manning Strozier Library, Paul A.M. Dirac Science Library, Mildred and Claude Pepper Library, Warren Allen Music Library, Harold Goldstein Library and Information Science Library, College of Law Library, the College of Engineering Library, College of Medicine Medical Library and the College of Engineering Library. Library materials and services are also available at the FSU Panama City Campus, as well as International Program study centers in London, Florence, and Panama, and a collection of art related materials at the John and Mable



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FLORIDA STATE SOFTBALL

GREATNESS FROM PAST TO PRESENT

Bottom players (left to right):
Former student-athletes: Jessica Vander Linden, Veronica Wootson
Current players (left to right):
Ashley Stager, Sarah Hamilton

