

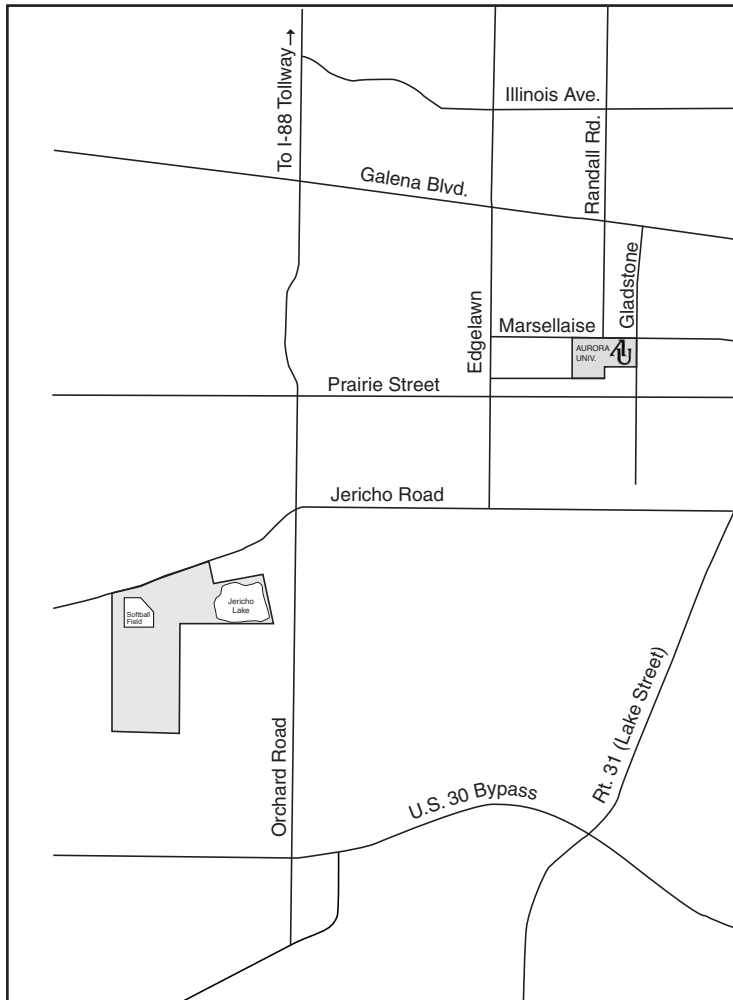
Aurora University Spartans



SOFTBALL

2008

Getting to the Field



2008 Media Guide

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AU Quick Facts

Location	Aurora, IL
Founded	1893
Enrollment	Approximately 4,000
Nickname	Spartans
Colors	Royal Blue and White
Conference	NAC Northern Athletics Conference
National Affiliation	NCAA Division III
Field	Stuart Sports Complex
President	Rebecca L. Sherrick
Director of Athletics	Mark Walsh
Athletics Phone	630-844-5110
Athletics Fax	630-844-7809
Head Softball Coach	Mike McKenzie
Coach's Record	142-36-1
Assistant Coach	Laura Stull and Jamie Walters
Athletic Trainer	Terry Smith
2007 Overall Record	35-8
2007 NAC Record	21-1
Sports Information Director	Brian Kipley
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On the Cover:

2007 NAC Champions and 2008 Seniors

AU Media Outlets

Local Print

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Kane County Chronicle 1000 Randall Rd., Geneva, IL 60134
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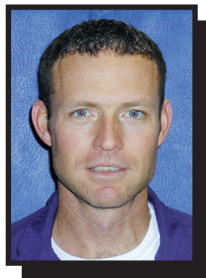
WSPY (107.1 FM) 1 Broadcast Center, Plano, IL 60545
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Meet the Head Coach



MIKE MCKENZIE
Head Coach
(Fifth Season)

Mike McKenzie will enter his fifth season as Head Softball Coach of the Aurora University softball program. McKenzie came to Aurora University from Marian College in Indianapolis, IN, where he served as Head Women's Softball Coach, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach and Director of Intramurals. In his four seasons at AU, McKenzie's Spartans have a 142-36-1 record and have captured conference championships (three in the NIIC and one in the NAC) all four years. He was named Coach of the Year following the 2005 and 2007 seasons. Over the previous six seasons before coming to AU, McKenzie posted a 171-80 record, including a 36-10 record and an NAIA national tournament appearance in 2003. He was named Mid-Central Conference Coach of the Year in the 1998 and 2002 seasons.

McKenzie began his coaching career as a basketball and baseball coach at Seccina Memorial High School in Indianapolis, IN, from 1986 to 1995. As an athlete, he played both basketball and baseball at Beech Grove High School in Indianapolis where he was named MVP of his varsity basketball team.

McKenzie continued his playing career at Marian College in Indianapolis. He was a three-year starter and captain of the men's basketball team. He received his B.S. in physical education from Marian College and his master's degree in kinesiology from Indiana University. He was named outstanding senior in physical education at Marian College in 1986.



All requests for interviews should be made through Brian Kipley, Director of Sports Information, at 630-844-7575. Media should call in advance.

Meet the Assistant Coaches

2008 AU Softball Prospectus



LAURA STULL
Assistant Coach
(Third Season)

Laura Stull enters her third season with the Spartan softball program as an assistant coach. Stull came to AU after one season as an assistant at Judson College (2004). She graduated from

Judson College in 2001 with a degree in business management.

As an athlete, Stull played both basketball and softball at Harvard High School and Judson College. At Judson, Stull was a four-year starter in softball and was named to the NCCAA All-Region Team (as a junior and senior) to the CCAC (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference) All-Conference Team, CCAC All-Tournament Team, Team Captain and Team MVP as a senior. At Harvard, she was a four-year starter in softball and was named to the Big Northern All-Conference Team and Team Captain as a junior and senior, as well as being named the Team MVP her senior year. A two-sport athlete, Stull was named to the Big Northern All-Conference Team as well as a Team Captain as a senior in basketball.

JAMIE WALTERS
Assistant Coach
(First Season)



Jamie Walters enters her first season with the Spartans softball program as an assistant coach. She also serves as the Head Coach for the Spartan's Volleyball program.

Before coming to Aurora University, Walters was the Head Coach at Dominican University for both the men's and women's volleyball teams. The DU men's team won the National Intramural and Recreational Sports Club Championship. Prior to this, Walters coached at Waubensee Community College, the College of DuPage and West Chicago Community High School.

As a volleyball player, Walters played for AU's Northern Athletics Conference rival Benedictine University and was a NCAA Division III All-Region player. The Benedictine team qualified for the NCAA championships both seasons and won Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference titles.

Jamie resides in Lisle, IL.

The 2008 Aurora University softball team looks to continue its top-rank in the Northern Athletics Conference and obtain an NCAA Tournament birth. The Spartans will have seven returning starters and a crop of talented young freshmen.

The 2007 Spartans finished the season 35-8, with only one loss in the NAC competition. Unfortunately, the Spartans were unable to capture an NCAA Tournament birth.

Last year's success gives a great deal of momentum to this year's team. AU is returning its core players from a team that finished with one of the top records in school history. Senior third baseman Dana Cebular (.483, 38 RBIs) will bring her leadership and on-field success back to the Spartans. Cebular was named Northern Athletics Conference Player of the Year and National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region. Three other returning Spartans were named to the NAC All-Conference Team along with Cebular. Junior pitcher Nicole Capone (16-4, 2.35 ERA) will return as the top pitcher for the Spartans. Junior Nikki Veen (.383, 40 RBIs) comes back as the only returning player in the outfield. Junior Abby Young (.424, 39 RBIs) returns behind the plate along with veterans: shortstop Bethany Okrie, second baseman Jamie Mueller, first baseman Julie Beenes and catcher Briana Martin. Mueller (.280, 27 RBIs) and Beenes (.370, 16 RBIs) plan to lead the Spartans to the NCAA Tournament in their final year at AU.

While Capone looks to be the top starter for the Spartans this season, three other Spartans have potential for a good number of innings on the mound. Sophomores Anna Snyder (NAC All-Rookie Team) and Mary Pat Cummings (0.69 ERA, 13 innings) will both use their freshman season to gain experience at the collegiate level and add success to the 2008 Spartans. Freshmen Gabby Smith and Jessica Scott look to add depth to the Spartan pitching staff.

The infield returns all four starters from last year's team. Cebular, Okrie, Mueller and Beenes will carry the load for the Spartans in the infield this year. Putting pressure on these players and making them better will be a group of talented young freshmen. These freshmen include Becki Hayducak, Beverly Feeney, Kaitlyn Michelli, Abby Peters, Lisa Catterton, Meghan Wernitz, Stephanie Horist and Emma Sander.

The lone returning starter in the outfield is Nikki Veen, leaving Coach Mike McKenzie with many options. Players searching for an outfield job include returners Kendra Ganzer and Karisa Hansen. The freshmen class of outfielders include Shannon Starr, Ashley Barichello, Sarah Tjaden, Amy Orlik, Molly Walton and Lisa Liace.

The Spartans return two catchers that together played in every game in 2007, splitting time between catching and hitting. Abby Young and Briana Martin will split games and use their experience to help the Spartan's pitchers continue to have success. Other catchers looking to have an impact for the Spartans are sophomores Carly Patkus and Abby Peters, as well as freshmen Kylie Albright and Kaitlyn Michelli.

The Spartans open their season in Orlando, Florida on March 2. Coach McKenzie is very excited about this year's team. "Having seven returning starters from last year's team is going to be very helpful. I am also very happy about the freshmen we have brought in because they have the opportunity to be very successful at the collegiate level." If all goes as planned, the Spartans will have another exceptional season and reach the NCAA Tournament.

2008 AU Softball Roster

NO.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Yr.	B/T	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Gabby Smith	P/OF	5'5	Fr	R/R	Joliet, IL/Joliet Catholic Academy
2	Kendra Ganzer	OF	5'7	So	R/R	Wilmington, IL/Lisle
3	Shannon Star	OF	5'7	Fr	R/R	Itasca, IL/Lake Park
4	Ashley Barichello	OF	5'4	Fr	L/R	Joliet, IL/Joliet Catholic Academy
5	Nikki Veen	OF/P	5'7	Jr	R/R	Oak Lawn, IL/Oak Lawn
6	Brianna Martin	C	5'10	So	R/R	Andalusia, IL/Rockridge
7	Abby Peters	C/IF	5'6	So	R/R	Aurora, IL/West Aurora
8	Nicole Capone	P	5'4	Jr	R/R	Brookfield, IL/Lyons Township
9	Anna Snyder	P	5'6	So	R/R	Grayslake, IL/Grayslake
10	Sarah Tjaden	OF	5'5	Fr	R/R	Elgin, IL/Larkin
11	Beverly Feeney	IF/OF	5'4	Fr	R/R	Morris, IL/Morris
12	Kaitlyn Michelli	C/IF	5'10	Fr	R/R	Portage, MI/Portage Northern
14	Bethany Okrie	IF	5'6	Jr	L/R	Lisle, IL/Lisle
15	Mary Pat Cummings	P	5'4	So	R/R	Joliet, IL/Joliet Township
16	Julie Beenes	IF	5'11	Sr	R/R	Palos Park, IL/Chicago Christian
19	Dana Cebular	IF	5'6	Sr	R/R	Brookfield, IL/Riverside Brookfield
20	Lisa Catterton	IF	5'4	Fr	R/R	Silvis, IL/United Township
21	Carly Patkus	C	5'3	So	R/R	Lansing, IL/T.F. South
22	Jessica Scott	P	5'3	Fr	L/R	Monee, IL/Crete Monee
23	Becki Hayducak	IF/OF	5'7	Fr	R/R	Minooka, IL/Minooka
24	Jamie Mueller	IF	5'6	Sr	R/R	Hanover Park, IL/Lake Park
25	Amy Orlik	OF	5'5	Fr	R/R	Park Ridge, IL/Maine West
26	Karisa Hansen	C/IF/OF	5'4	So	R/R	Elgin, IL/Larkin
27	Meghan Werntz	IF	5'6	Fr	R/R	Chicago Heights, IL/Manteno
28	Molly Walton	OF	5'9	Fr	R/R	Danville, IL/Danville
30	Lisa Liace	IF/OF	4'11	Fr	R/R	Addison, IL/Addison Trail
32	Stephanie Horist	IF/OF	5'5	Fr	R/R	Elgin, IL/Larkin
34	Kylie Albright	C	5'6	Fr	R/R	Joliet, IL/Joliet West
40	Emma Sander	IF	5'7	Fr	R/R	Barrington, IL/Barrington
42	Abby Young	C	5'6	Jr	R/R	Elgin, IL/Hampshire

Head Coach: Mike McKenzie

Assistant Coaches: Laura Stull and Jamie Walters

Meet the Spartans



#34 KYLIE ALBRIGHT–5'6", Fr, Catcher
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Joliet, IL/Joliet Township HS
High School: Attended Joliet Township High School. Played two years of varsity softball under Coach Laurie Markatos. **Personal:** Born 6/29/89 in Joliet, IL. **Family:** Paul and Vedic Albright. She has one brother and four sisters. **Hobbies:** Fishing, hunting, four-wheeling and athletics.

Major: Physical Education.

#4 ASHLEY BARICHELLO–5'4", Fr, Outfield

Bats: Left–**Throws:** Right

Joliet, IL/Joliet Catholic Academy

High School: Attended Joliet Catholic Academy. She played four years of varsity softball under Coach Dave Douglas and also played three years of varsity basketball under Coach Major. She was named to the South Suburban All-Conference Team three times, two-time Herald News player and one-time Sun-Times All-Conference player. **Personal:** Born 9/14/88 in Joliet, IL. **Family:** Stephen and Monica Barichello. She has two sisters. **Hobbies:** Softball, basketball, hanging out with friends and listening to music. **Major:** Undecided.



#16 JULIE BEENES–5'11", Sr, Infield

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right

Palos Park, IL/Chicago Christian HS

College as a Junior ('07): Played in 23 games and started 19. She hit .370 with one home run and 16 RBI. **College as a Sophomore ('06):** Attended Moraine Valley Community College and played softball. She was named Best Offensive Player, All-Regional, All-Tournament,

Sky Conference Team and All-National 2006. **College as a Freshman ('05):** Attended Moraine Valley Community College and played softball. She was named Best Offensive Player, All-Conference, All-Regional and All-Tournament. **High School:** Attended Chicago Christian High School and played softball.

Personal: Born 11/9/85 in Oak Park, IL. **Family:** Douglas and Sandra Beenes. She has one brother, Jeffrey, and one sister, Jennifer. **Major:** Fitness and Health Promotion. **Minor:** Business.



Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	54	18	20	1	2	1	0	9	4	16	.327

#8 NICOLE CAPONE–5'4", Jr, Pitcher

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right

Brookfield, IL/Lyons Township HS

College as a Sophomore ('07): Had 21 starts with a 15-4 record for the year. She has a 2.35 ERA in 107.1 innings pitched, while compiling 64 strikeouts and 11 complete games. She was also named NAC All-Conference in 2007.

College as a Freshman ('06): She had a 19-6 record with a 1.66 ERA. She also picked up one save and was named All-NIIC. **High School:** Attended Lyons Township High School. Played four years of softball under Coach Dawn Shawbacker. **Personal:** Born 4/22/87 in Broadview, IL. **Family:** Ben and Kathy Capone. She has two brothers, Jason and Kyle. **Hobbies:** Watching and playing sports, working out, watching movies, eating sandwiches and playing Super Nintendo. **Major:** Fitness and Health Promotion. **Minor:** Business Administration.



Total	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'07	15	4	0	107.1	64	26	36/28	94	2.35
'06	19	6	1	156.1	105	42	60/37	128	1.66



#20 LISA CATTERTON–5'4", Fr, Infield

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right

Silvis, IL/United Township HS

High School: Attended United Township High School. She played four years of varsity softball under Coach Jon Alonzo, while also participating in two years of varsity bowling. As a bowler, she competed in the state championship. **Personal:** Born 11/14/88. **Family:** Jon and Angie Catterton.

She has one sister, Laura. **Hobbies:** Bowling and attending the movies. **Major:** Criminal Justice. **Minor:** Psychology.

#19 DANA CEBULAR–5'6", Sr, Infield

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right

Brookfield, IL/Riverside Brookfield HS

College as a Junior ('07): She started all 43 games and hit .483 with 10 home runs, 16 doubles and seven triples. She was named NAC Player of the Year, NAC All-Conference, National Fastpitch Coaches Association First-Team All-Region and Team MVP. She also tied the single game home run record with two, set the single season records for total bases (130) and runs scored (60). For her career, she has set the AU home run record with 27 and tied the career doubles record with 39. **College as a Sophomore ('06):** Appeared in all 49 games, starting 48, and hit .327 with six home runs and 38 RBIs. She was Named All-NIIC and Second-Team All-Central region. She currently holds the school record for home runs in a career with 17. **College as a Freshman ('05):** Was named NIIC All-Conference, National Fastpitch Coaches Association Second-Team All-Region and 2005 NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team. Set the AU single season record for home runs with 11. Started all 47 games, hit .388 with 11 home runs, 11 doubles and 39 runs batted in. **High School:** Attended Riverside Brookfield High School. Played four years of varsity softball under Coach Dan Hull. Named All-Conference, All-Area, and Chicago Sun-Times' Top 100 Players as a junior and senior. Named Chicago Tribune's Top 50 Players as a senior. Also played two years of varsity basketball under Coach Larry Rocco and two years of volleyball under Coach Mark Gouwens. **Personal:** Born 4/15/86 in Brookfield, IL. **Family:** Lou and Lydia Cebular. She has two brothers, Louie and Alex. **Hobbies:** Movies, music and playing all sports. **Major:** Elementary Education. **Minor:** History.



Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	145	60	70	16	7	10	11	13	11	38	.483
'06	162	45	53	12	3	6	4	3	12	38	.327
'05	147	37	57	11	2	11	4	10	22	39	.388

#15 MARY PAT CUMMINGS–5'4", So, Pitcher

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right

Joliet, IL/Joliet West HS

College as a Freshman ('07): She has 10 appearances, with 13 innings pitched. She had a 0.69 ERA with 10 strikeouts and one earned run. **High School:** Attended Joliet West High School. Played softball under Coach Laurie Markatos. She was named Honorable Mention All-Conference as a junior, All-Conference, Team Captain and Washington Tournament All-Tournament Team as a senior. **Personal:** Born 6/15/88 in Joliet, IL. **Family:** Jack and Lynette Cummings. She has one sister, Colleen Michelle. **Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends and shopping for vintage clothing. **Major:** Elementary Education.



Total	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'07	0	0	0	13.0	10	3	1/1	11	0.69

Meet the Spartans



#11 BEVERLY FEENEY–5'4", Fr, Infield/Outfield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Morris, IL/Morris HS
High School: Attended Morris High School. Played three years of varsity softball under Coach Tiffany Wills. **Personal:** Born 8/13/88 in Morris, IL. **Family:** Bob and Debbie Feeney. She has two sisters. **Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends, watching movies and going on vacation.

Major: Education.

#26 KARISA HANSEN–5'4", So, Utility
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Elgin, IL/Larkin HS

College as a Freshman ('07): Appeared in 30 games, starting two and hit .167 with nine runs scored. **High School:** Attended Larkin High School. Played softball under Coach Larry Hight. She was named Honorable Mention All-Conference as a junior and senior. She also played two years of volleyball and was named All-Area as a junior. **Personal:** Born 11/4/87 in Schaumburg, IL. **Family:** Ron and Carleen Hansen. She has two brothers, Neil and Justin, and two sisters, Vanessa and Alissa. **Hobbies:** Sudoku and movies. **Major:** Business Management.



Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	12	9	2	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	.167



#22 BECKI HAYDUCAK–5'7", Fr, Infield/Outfield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Minooka, IL/Minooka Community HS
High School: Attended Minooka Community High School. She played two years of varsity softball under Coach Amy Saelens. She was named Team Defensive Player of the Year for her efforts on the playing field during her senior season. **Personal:** Born 3/20/89 in Joliet, IL.

Family: Tom and Mary Jean Hayducak. She has one brother, Ryan. **Hobbies:** Listening to music, playing sports and watching movies. **Major:** Elementary Education. **Minor:** History.



#32 STEPHANIE HORIST–5'5", Fr, Infield/Outfield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Elgin, IL/Larkin HS
High School: Attended Larkin High School. She played softball under Coach Larry Hight. **Personal:** Born 9/17/88 in Hoffman Estates, IL. **Family:** Rudy and Helga Horist. She has one brother, Danny. **Hobbies:** Shopping, reading and hanging out with friends. **Major:** History and

Secondary Education. **Minor:** Political Science.

#30 LISA LIACE–4'11", Fr, Outfield/Infield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Addison, IL/Addison Trail

High School: Attended Addison Trail. She played one year of varsity softball under Coach Remus and was named to the All-Conference Team during her senior season. **Personal:** Born 4/1/89 in Elmhurst, IL. **Family:** Anthony and Laura Liace. She has one brother and one sister. **Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends.

Major: Fitness and Health Promotion. **Minor:** Business.



#6 BRIANNA MARTIN–5'10", So, Catcher
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Andalusia, IL/Rockridge HS

College as a Freshman ('07): She started 40 games, batting .248 with 26 RBIs, 28 hits, five doubles and three home runs. **High School:** Attended Rockridge High School. Played softball under Coach Tracy Daxon. She won the Team Best Batting Average Award and the Coach's Award as a sophomore. She was named All-Area and All-Conference for four years, and she was named to the Super 60 as a senior. She also played four years of basketball under Coach Shawn Strachan. **Personal:** Born 6/24/88 in Moline, IL. **Family:** Jerry and Patty Martin. **Hobbies:** Sports and music. **Majors:** Pre-Law and English.

Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	113	17	28	5	0	3	1	11	20	26	.248



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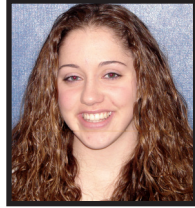


#12 KAITLYN MICHELLI–5'10", Fr, Catcher/First Base
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Portage, MI/Portage Northern HS
High School: Attended Portage Northern High School. Played four years of varsity softball under Coach Kate Hamilton. She was named to the All-Conference Team all four years as well as the All-District Team for four years. **Personal:** Born 10/24/88 in Akron, OH. **Family:** Michael and Karla Michelli. She has one brother and two sisters. **Hobbies:** Photography, art and music. **Major:** Social Work. **Minor:** Psychology.

#24 JAMIE MUELLER–5'6", Sr, Infield

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Hanover Park, IL/Lake Park HS

College as Junior ('07): Appeared in 41 games and started 38. She batted .280 with 30 hits and 27 RBIs. **College as Sophomore ('06):** Appeared in and started 38 games. She had a .281 average with five RBIs. **College as Freshman ('05):** Attended Carthage College. She played softball for one year. **High School:** Attended Lake Park High School. Played two years of softball under Coach Phil Wright. Was named All-Academic Conference her junior and senior year, All-Conference and All Area her senior year. She also played volleyball and ran cross country. **Personal:** Born 3/24/86 in Chicago. **Family:** John and Fran Mueller. She has two brothers, Johnny and Joey. **Hobbies:** Playing sports, working out and hanging out. **Major:** Business Administration. **Minor:** Spanish.



Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	107	23	30	2	0	0	1	5	8	27	.280
'06	96	15	27	3	0	0	2	4	5	5	.281



#14 BETHANY OKRIE–5'6", Jr, Infield
Bats: Left–**Throws:** Right
Lisle, IL/Lisle HS
College as a Sophomore ('07): Played in 41 games, starting 40. She had a .359 batting average with 27 RBIs, five doubles and four triples. **College as a Freshman ('06):** Started 26 games and hit .214 with three RBIs. **High School:** Attended Lisle High School. Played four years of softball under

Coach Rick Beato. She also played basketball her sophomore and junior year under Coach Brian Stiles. **Personal:** Born 4/9/87 in Naperville, IL. **Family:** Ralph and Gail Okrie. She has one sister, Cara Richards, and one brother, Mark Okrie. **Hobbies:** Sports, shopping, movies and hanging out with friends. **Major:** Accounting. **Minor:** International Studies.

Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	103	27	37	5	4	0	2	18	13	27	.359
'06	42	12	9	0	0	0	3	12	14	3	.214



#25 AMY ORLIK–5'5", Fr, Outfield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Des Plaines, IL/Maine West HS
High School: Attended Maine West High School. Played three years of varsity softball under Coach Mike Murin, where she was Captain of the team for all three years. She was named to the All-Conference and All-Area teams in all three years of her career. In high school she was also on the fencing team in which she received three varsity letters as well. **Personal:** Born 1/17/89 in Park Ridge, IL. **Family:** Chris and Helene Orlik. She has two brothers. **Hobbies:** Guitar Hero, reading, hanging out with friends and watching movies. **Major:** Undecided.

#21 CARLY PATKUS–5'3", So, Catcher

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Lansing, IL/Thornton Fractional HS

College as Freshman ('07): Appeared in 11 games and had 10 at bats. She has five hits and three RBIs. **High School:** Attended Thornton Fractional High School. Played softball under Coach Shawn Jensen. She was named All-Conference and to the Super 60 as a senior. **Personal:** Born 7/16/88 in Lansing, IL. **Family:** Renard and Dawn Patkus. She has two sisters, Rebecca and Jacqueline. **Hobbies:** Playing bags and watching movies. **Major:** Physical Education. **Minor:** Health.



Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	10	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	.500



#7 ABBY PETERS–5'6", So, Catcher/Infield

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Aurora, IL/West Aurora HS
College as Freshman ('07): Appeared in 15 games, starting one and had a .154 batting average. **High School:** Attended West Aurora High School. Played softball under Coach Donna Proctor. She was named All-Area and All-Conference as a senior. She also played basketball

under Coach Mark Fiegl. **Personal:** Born 12/8/87 in Aurora, IL. **Family:** Mike and Mary Peters. She has one brother, Simon, and two sisters, Tara and Rachel. **Major:** Psychology.

Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	13	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.154

#40 EMMA SANDER–5'7", Fr, Infield

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Barrington, IL/Barrington HS
High School: Attended Barrington High School.

Played varsity softball for three years under Coach Perry Petterson. During all three years of play, she was part of three different teams that made it to the state tournament, finishing second and third one time each. She was All-Daily Herald special mention. **Personal:** Born 12/4/88 in Barrington, IL. **Family:** Dennis and Sarah Sander. She has two brothers and one sister. **Hobbies:** Scrap-booking, movies and music. **Major:** English Secondary Education.



Meet the Spartans



#22 JESSICA SCOTT–5'3", Fr, Pitcher/Utility
Bats: Left–**Throws:** Right
Monee, IL/Crete Monee HS
High School: Attended Crete Monee High School. She played varsity softball for two years under Coach Sue Giannantonio and was named Team MVP. She also participated in two years of varsity tennis and three years of varsity bowling and was named Team MVP in both sports as well.

Personal: Born 9/10/88 in Chicago Heights, IL. **Family:** Jeff and Sheri Scott. She has one brother, Jeff. **Hobbies:** Tennis and softball.
Major: Athletic Training.

#1 GABBY SMITH–5'5", Fr, Pitcher/Outfield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Joliet, IL/Joliet Catholic Academy

High School: Attended Joliet Catholic Academy. She played four years of varsity softball under Coach Dave Douglas. She accumulated four South-Suburban All-Conference awards, also was named to the First-Team All-Area Daily Herald team three times and was named to the Sun-Times First-Team All-Area squad three times as well. She also participated in one year of varsity volleyball. **Personal:** Born 6/25/89 in Joliet, IL. **Family:** Greg and Becky Smith. She has one brother, Matthew. **Hobbies:** Sports, hanging out with friends, music and school work. **Major:** Health Science.



#9 ANNA SNYDER–5'6", So, Pitcher
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Grayslake, IL/Grayslake HS
College as a Freshman ('07): Appeared in 18 games, starting four and had one complete game. She has a 7-1 record with a 0.73 ERA and 69 strikeouts in 49 innings pitched. She was named to the NAC All-Rookie Team. **High School:** Attended Grayslake High School. Played softball

under Coach Stacy Selley. She was named All-Area and All-Conference. **Personal:** Born 7/16/88 in Barrington, IL. **Family:** Michael and Beth Snyder. She has one brother, Aaron. **Hobbies:** Photography. **Major:** Physical Education. **Minor:** Health.

Total	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'07	7	1	0	49	69	8	10/4	31	0.73

#3 SHANNON STARR–5'7", Fr, Outfield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Itasca, IL/Lake Park HS

High School: Attended Lake Park High School where she played varsity softball under Coach Cray Allen. She was the Team MVP her senior season and All-Conference that year as well. She was also named Team Captain in her final season.

Personal: Born 9/26/88 in Elk Grove, IL. **Family:** Mike and Robin Starr. She has three brothers and one sister. **Hobbies:** Sports, music, movies and friends. **Major:** Education.



#10 SARAH TJADEN–5'5", Fr, Outfield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Elgin, IL/Larkin HS
High School: Attended Larkin High School. She played three years of varsity softball under Coach Larry Hight. She was named All-Conference and All-Academic. She competed in one year of gymnastics under Coach Robert Todd and three years of cheerleading under Coaches Melinda Lemman and Elizabeth Sax. **Personal:** Born 9/16/88 in Sioux Falls, SD. **Family:** Lynn and Sherry Tjaden. She has one brother, Andrew. **Hobbies:** Hanging out with family and friends, softball, working out and board games. **Major:** Undecided.

#5 NIKKI VEEN–5'7", Jr, Outfield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Oak Lawn, IL/Oak Lawn HS

College as a Sophomore ('07): Started all 43 games, hitting .383 with 40 RBIs, 10 doubles, one triple and four home runs. She was named NAC All-Conference and National Fastpitch Coaches Association First-Team All-Region. **College as a Freshman ('06):** Appeared in 44 games, starting 38, and hit .303 with two home runs and 25 RBIs. **High School:** Attended Oak Lawn High School. Played three years of softball under Coach Pat Mayer. Was named All-Conference her sophomore, junior and senior years and All-State and All-Area her senior year. Was Team MVP and Most Offensive Player her sophomore, junior, and senior year. **Personal:** Born 3/25/87 in Oak Lawn, IL. **Parents:** Mike and Cathy Veen. She has two sisters, Sarah and Erika. **Hobbies:** Stage manager/set crew for plays and going to concerts. **Major:** Communication.



Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	128	32	49	10	1	4	1	14	10	40	.383
'06	109	29	33	7	1	2	0	11	23	25	.303



Meet the Spartans



#28 MOLLY WALTON–5'9", Fr, Outfield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Danville, IL/Danville HS
High School: Attended Danville High School. She played softball for Coach Wendy Koyer in final season. She was Big 12 honorable mention in her sophomore and junior seasons and was named the Team MVP in her final year. In her season campaign, she managed to make the Big 12 All-Conference First-Team and Second-Team All-Commercial News.
Personal: Born 11/10/88. **Family:** Cari Snyder and Robin Walton. She has one sister, Kelsi Walton. **Hobbies:** Singing, dancing and playing volleyball and softball. **Major:** Accounting.

#27 MEGHAN WERTZ–5'6", Fr, Infield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Manteno, IL/Manteno HS

High School: Attended Manteno High School. Played four years of varsity softball under Coach Krista and Josh Carlile. She was Second-Team All-Conference in 2006. She also played two years of varsity volleyball. **Personal:** Born 9/25/88 in Chicago Heights, IL. **Family:** Gary and Susan Wertz. **Hobbies:** Watching sports, listening to music, shopping and spending time with family. **Major:** Athletic Training.



#42 ABBY YOUNG–5'6", Jr, Catcher/Infield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Elgin, IL/Hampshire HS

College as a Sophomore ('07): Started 41 games, hitting .424 with 39 RBIs, seven doubles and four home runs. She was named NAC All-Conference and National Fastpitch Coaches Association First-Team All-Region. **College as a Freshman ('06):** Appeared in 43 games, starting 36, and hit .349 with two home runs and a team best 41 RBIs. She was named All-NIIC and All-Central Region Tournament Team.
High School: Attended Hampshire High School. Played two years of varsity basketball under Coach Sue Ellett. She was named All-Area and All-Conference her senior year. She also played four years of varsity softball under Coaches Sherm Morgan and Mike Wendt. She was All-Area her sophomore, junior and senior years; All-Conference her junior and senior years; All-State her senior year. **Personal:** Born 3/10/87 in Park Ridge, IL. **Family:** Robert and Linda Young. She has two brothers, Josh and Jared, and two sisters, Rebekah and Jessica. **Hobbies:** Playing softball and basketball, hanging out with friends, sleeping and talking to her brothers.
Major: Communication.

Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'07	132	28	56	7	0	4	0	10	3	39	.424
'06	129	14	45	7	0	2	0	3	6	41	.349



2007 Game By Game Results

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>AU PT. OF REC.</u>	<u>OVER. REC.</u>	<u>NAC REC.</u>
3-3	AU 14, Jhnsn & Whales 0	Capone (1-0)	1-0	
3-3	AU 5, Alfred College 3	Butcher (1-0)	2-0	
3-4	AU 1, Capitol 4	Capone (1-1)	2-1	
3-4	AU 1, Capitol 10	Butcher (1-1)	2-2	
3-5	AU 2, Hiram College 3	Capone (1-2)	2-3	
3-5	AU 11, Salve Regina 0	Snyder (1-0)	3-3	
3-7	AU 7, Mary Washington 6	Snyder (2-0)	4-3	
3-7	AU 9, Pine Manor 2	Butcher (2-1)	5-3	
3-8	AU 9, Emmanuel 0	Butcher (3-1)	6-3	
3-8	AU 9, Roch Inst Tech 0	Capone (3-2)	7-3	
3-25	*AU 10, Dominican 0	Capone (4-2)	8-3	1-0
3-25	*AU 10, Dominican 1	Butcher (4-1)	9-3	2-0
3-26	AU 9,Wheaton 3	Capone (5-2)	10-3	
3-26	AU 8, Wheaton 0	Butcher (5-1)	11-3	
3-28	AU 4, North Central 6	Butcher (5-2)	11-4	
3-28	AU 1, North Central 3	Capone (5-3)	11-5	
3-31	*AU 7,Edgewood 1	Capone (6-3)	12-5	3-0
3-31	*AU 3, Edgewood 1	Butcher (6-2)	13-5	4-0
4-09	*AU 8, Concordia (Chi) 0	Butcher(7-2)	14-5	5-0
4-09	*AU 9, Concordia (Chi) 0	Capone (7-3)	15-5	6-0
4-10	*AU 11, Concordia (WI) 5	Capone (8-3)	16-5	7-0
4-10	*AU 10, Concordia (WI) 1	Butcher (8-2)	17-5	8-0
4-14	*AU 8, Wis Lutheran 0	Butcher (9-2)	18-5	9-0
4-14	*AU 5, Wis Lutheran 0	Capone (9-3)	19-5	10-0
4-17	*AU 10, Alverno 0	Snyder (3-0)	20-5	11-0
4-18	*AU 12, Alverno 1	Butcher (10-2)	21-5	12-0
4-19	*AU 9, Rockford 0	Capone (10-3)	22-5	13-0
4-19	*AU 11, Rockford 1	Butcher (11-2)	23-5	14-0
4-20	AU 8, Elmhurst 0	Capone (11-3)	24-5	
4-20	AU 10, Elmhurst 0	Snyder (4-0)	25-5	
4-21	*AU 4, Marian 2	Capone (12-3)	26-5	15-0
4-21	*AU 2, Marian 0	Butcher (12-2)	27-5	16-0
4-23	*AU 9, Maranatha 0	Snyder (5-0)	28-5	17-0
4-23	*AU 11, Maranatha 0	Capone (13-3)	29-5	18-0
4-24	*AU 8, Benedictine 1	Butcher (13-2)	30-5	19-0
4-24	*AU 2, Benedictine 1	Capone (14-3)	31-5	20-0
4-27	AU 0, Chicago 3	Capone (14-4)	31-6	
4-27	AU 2, Chicago 6	Butcher (13-3)	31-7	
4-29	*AU 11, Lakeland 0	Capone (15-4)	32-7	21-0
4-29	*AU 5, Lakeland 6	Snyder (5-1)	32-8	21-1
5-04	*AU 10, Edgewood 3	Capone (16-4)	33-8	21-1
5-05	*AU 3, Edgewood 2	Butcher (14-3)	34-8	21-1
5-05	*AU 4, Lakeland 3	Snyder (6-1)	35-8	21-1

*NAC Game



2007 Record 35-8
Home 13-2, Away 15-3, Neutral 7-3
NAC Record 21-1

2007 Spartan Statistics

BATTING

PLAYER	AB	R	H	RBI	2-3-HR	SO	BB	BA
Patkus	10	1	5	3	0-0-0	2	1	.500
Cebular	145	60	70	38	16-7-10	11	13	.483
Niemann	9	1	4	5	1-0-0	1	0	.444
Young	132	28	56	39	7-0-4	3	10	.424
Veen	128	32	49	40	10-1-4	10	14	.383
Beenes	54	18	20	16	1-2-1	4	9	.370
Okrie	103	27	37	27	5-4-0	13	18	.359
Douglas	130	31	39	23	4-0-3	22	14	.300
Spoden	74	20	21	11	2-0-1	9	10	.284
Holtorf	89	22	25	14	3-0-1	13	12	.281
Mueller	107	23	30	27	2-0-0	8	5	.280
Steinway	4	1	1	1	0-0-0	1	0	.250
Alling	4	2	1	0	0-0-0	1	0	.250
Martin	113	17	28	26	5-0-3	20	11	.248
Butcher	18	7	4	2	2-0-0	3	6	.222
Hansen	12	9	2	1	0-0-0	4	1	.167
Osness	6	1	1	0	0-0-0	1	0	.167
Peters	13	2	2	0	0-0-0	0	1	.154
Spellman	8	0	1	2	0-0-0	2	0	.125
Ganzer	3	0	0	1	0-0-0	0	2	.000
Totals	1162	302	396	276	58-14-27	128	127	.341
Opponents	990	78	222	61	27-7-6	209	64	.224

MISC. LEADERS

STOLEN BASES: Cebular (11)
 PUTOUTS: Young (186)
 ASSISTS: Cebular (96)
 ERRORS: Okrie (16)
 TIMES HIT BY PITCH: Veen and Cebular (2)
 SLUGGING %: Cebular (.897)
 ON-BASE: Cebular (.531)

PITCHING

PLAYER	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	W-L-S	ERA
Hansen	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
Cummings	13.0	11	1	1	10	3	0-0	0.69
Snyder	49.0	31	10	4	69	8	7-1	0.73
Butcher	95.2	86	31	16	66	27	13-3	1.51
Capone	107.1	94	36	28	64	26	15-4	2.35
AU Totals:	265.0	222	78	49	209	64	35-8	1.66
Opponents:	252.0	396	302	231	128	127	8-35	8.25



The Northern Athletics Conference

-2008 marks the second season of competition with the Northern Athletics Conference-

Teams

Alverno College
Aurora University
Benedictine University
Concordia University-Chicago
Concordia University-Wisconsin
Dominican University
Edgewood College
Lakeland College
Maranatha Baptist Bible College
Marian College
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Rockford College
Wisconsin Lutheran College



Past Champions

2007: Aurora University

2007 Spartan All-NAC Selections

Brittany Butcher
Nicole Capone
Dana Cebular
Nikki Veen
Abby Young

Anna Snyder (All-Rookie Team)

NAC Player of the Year

2007: *Dana Cebular*

NAC Coach of the Year

2007: *Mike McKenzie*

AU's Northern Athletics Conference

"Player-of-the-Year" Selections

2007: Dana Cebular (IF)



Dana Cebular
2007



The NIIC

AU's Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference

"Player-of-the-Year" Selections

- 1986: Amy Baudouin (P)
- 1990: Lisa Aprati (P)
- 1991: Lisa Aprati (P)
- 1994: Amy Periman (OF)
- 1995: Karyn Ericson (3B)
- 1997: Beth Cwinski (OF)
- 2004: Taylor Petersen (P/IF)
- 2005: Taylor Petersen (P/IF)
- 2006: Marissa Matis (OF)



Marissa Matis
2006

PAST NIIC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

- 1978: Aurora
- 1979: Aurora
- 1980: Aurora
- 1981: Aurora
- 1982: Aurora
- 1983: Aurora
- 1984: Concordia
- 1985: Aurora
- 1986: Aurora
- 1987: Benedictine*
- 1988: Benedictine*
- 1989: Aurora
- 1990: Aurora
- 1991: Aurora
- 1992: Benedictine*
- 1993: Aurora
- 1994: Benedictine*
- 1995: Benedictine*
- 1996: Benedictine*
- 1997: Aurora
- 1998: Benedictine*
- 1999: Clarke
- 2000: Benedictine*
- 2001: Benedictine*
- 2002: Benedictine*
- 2003: Clarke
- 2004: Aurora
- 2005: Aurora
- 2006: Aurora

*Formerly known as St. Procopius and also as Illinois Benedictine.

AU All-NIIC Selections

- 1978 - Brenda May, Kathy Burdette, Donna Benson, Karen Unger.
- 1979 - Kathy Burdette, Michelle Doucette, Karen Unger, Shelly Schmidt, Kim Colweck, Donna Benson.
- 1980 - Kathy Burdette, Janine Perle, Karen Unger, Shelly Schmidt, Therese Plachetka, Donna Benson, Katie Keller.
- 1981 - Beth Sparks, Debbie Fitzgerald, Holly Suchan, Therese Plachetka, Janine Perle, Katie Keller, Chris Martner.
- 1982 - Missy Lloyd, Leslie LaPrise, Holly Suchan, Kathy Lang, Katie Keller, Janine Perle.
- 1983 - Katie Keller, Holly Suchan, Chris Martner, Therese Plachetka, Leslie LaPrise, Julie Freund.
- 1984 - Gina Crane, Pam Yurek, Leslie LaPrise, Sue Ebel, Holly Suchan, Stacey Peterson.
- 1985 - Amy Baudouin, Leslie LaPrise, Charlotte Shepherd, Therese Meaden.
- 1986 - Amy Baudouin, Charlotte Shepherd, Sue Ebel, Lynda Schepler, Venna Raye Hoffman, Jill Bruzan, Therese Meaden.
- 1987 - Stacey Peterson, Melissa Ivlow, Mindi Smith.
- 1988 - Lisa Aprati, Kelli Gaisford, Sue Melka, Sheila Bullock, Melissa Ivlow, Therese Meaden.
- 1989 - Chris VanBuskirk, Diane Tuttle, Kris Malone, Kelli Gaisford, Sheila Bullock, Lisa Aprati, Melissa Ivlow.
- 1990 - Lisa Aprati, Sheila Bullock, Carol Christopherson, Kelli Gaisford, Kris Malone, Diane Tuttle.
- 1991 - Lisa Aprati, Carol Christopherson, Kris Malone, Kelli Gaisford, Sheila Bullock.
- 1992 - Angela Conner, Carol Christopherson, Andrea Fulfer, Tracy Humphrey, Kelly LeFevre, Kim Schaubel.
- 1993 - Carol Christopherson, Kelly LeFevre, Amy Periman, Angela Conner, Sona Bedenian, Ann Drankiewicz, Karyn Ericson.
- 1994 - Amy Periman, Angela Conner, Laurie Davidson, Karyn Ericson, Robin Beck, Ann Drankiewicz, Kelly LeFevre.
- 1995 - Karyn Ericson, Ann Drankiewicz, Karen Bode, Tina Valentino, Robin Beck.
- 1996 - Karen Bode, Jaime Lawrence, Melissa Ericson, Stacy Ladra.
- 1997 - Beth Cwinski, Jaime Lawrence, Nan Malerich, Stacy Ladra, Jenni Rinella.
- 1998 - Kelly Kramer, Jaime Lawrence, Nan Malerich, Jenni Rinella, Brandi Vogeler.
- 1999 - Kristi Haage, Jaime Lawrence, Joanne Lewis, Jenni Rinella.
- 2000 - Dawn Fryman, Tara Peters
- 2001 - Stephanie Pittenger, Joanne Lewis, Dawn Fryman
- 2002 - Stephanie Pittenger, Tracy Maddox, Alicia Uzoras
- 2003 - Haley Zimmerman, Rebecca Gonzalez, Melissa Rouse, Elizabeth Parker
- 2004 - Taylor Petersen, Beth Nyhlen, Melissa Rouse, Kristy Vetter
- 2005 - Dana Cebular, Kristin Cumbo, Beth Nyhlen, Taylor Petersen, Melissa Rouse
- 2006 - Brittney Butcher, Nicole Capone, Dana Cebular, Caryssa Douglas, Marissa Matis, Abby Young

Regional and National Honors

NCAA Division III All-America Selections

1983	Katie Keller	P/IF	1st team
1984	Leslie LaPrise	OF	1st team
1985	Amy Baudouin	P	2nd team
1986	Amy Baudouin	DP	1st team
1986	Charlotte Shepherd	2B	2nd team
1986	Stacey Peterson	1B	2nd team
1991	Carol Christopherson	SS	2nd team
1993	Amy Periman	OF	1st team
1993	Kelly LeFevre	DP	2nd team
1994	Kelly LeFevre	DP	2nd team
1995	Karyn Ericson	#B	1st team
1995	Laurie Davidson	C	1st team
1995	Kim Horn	OF	1st team
1995	Kelly LeFevre	Utl.	2nd team
1995	Ann Drankiewicz	P	3rd team
1996	Karen Bode	OF	2nd team
1997	Beth Cwinski	OF	1st team
2005	Taylor Petersen	P	1st team

Academic All-Americans

1990	Sheila Bullock	OF	2nd team
1991	Sheila Bullock	OF	1st team
1992	Tracy Humphrey	OF	1st team
1993	Sona Bedenian	OF	1st team
2005	Taylor Petersen	P	2nd team

Most Valuable Player Awards

1976	Debbie Hopkins	1993	Amy Periman
1977	Donna Benson	1994	Karyn Ericson
1978	Kathy Burdette	1995	Karyn Ericson
1979	Kathy Burdette	1996	Karen Bode
1980	Katie Keller	1997	Beth Cwinski
1981	Beth Sparks	1998	Kelly Kramer
1982	Katie Keller	1999	Jennifer Rinella
1983	Katie Keller	1999	Jaime Lawrence
1984	Leslie LaPrise	2000	Dawn Fryman
1985	Amy Baudouin	2001	Tracy Maddox
1986	Amy Baudouin	2001	Joanne Lewis
1987	Stacey Peterson	2002	Tracy Maddox
1988	Melissa Ivlow	2003	Elizabeth Parker
1989	Dianne Tuttle	2004	Taylor Petersen
1990	Kris Malone	2005	Taylor Petersen
1991	Melissa Ivlow	2006	Marissa Matis
1992	Kim Schaubel	2007	Dana Cebular

NIIC/NAC Champions: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Year By Year Results

Year	Coach	Overall	NIIC	NCAA	IAIAW
1976	Karen Heiden	4-3	-	-	-
1977	Sam Bedrosian	8-4	-	-	1-2
1978	Sam Bedrosian	11-3	5-0*	-	0-1
1979	Sam Bedrosian	18-0	5-0*	-	4-0
1980	Sam Bedrosian	11-7	4-1*	-	1-2
1981	Sam Bedrosian	16-10	6-0*	-	1-2
1982	Sam Bedrosian	24-12	10-2*	2-2	-
1983	Sam Bedrosian	17-11	11-1*	-	-
1984	Sam Bedrosian	16-15	8-4	-	-
1985	Sam Bedrosian	29-5	10-0*	2-2	-
1986	Sam Bedrosian	31-8	10-0*	1-2	-
1987	Sam Bedrosian	22-12	6-2	-	-
1988	Sam Bedrosian	25-15	6-2	1-2	-
1989	Sam Bedrosian	17-13	7-1*	-	-
1990	Sam Bedrosian	31-7	10-0*	1-2	-
1991	Sam Bedrosian	32-7	10-0*	0-2	-
1992	Sam Bedrosian	28-12	8-2	2-2	-
1993	Sam Bedrosian	23-8	9-1*	0-2	-
1994	Sam Bedrosian	24-15	8-2	0-2	-
1995	Robin Voss	32-8-1	8-2	1-2	-
1996	Bill Smith	18-18	8-2	-	-
1997	Lori Brown	22-13-1	8-2*	-	-
1998	Lori Brown	21-18-1	9-4	-	-
1999	Lori Brown	15-28	10-5	-	-
2000	Darcy Earley	10-27	2-9	-	-
2001	Janeé Heath	11-38	5-11	-	-
2002	Janeé Heath	16-25	12-5	-	-
2003	Janeé Heath	21-18-1	13-3	-	-
2004	Mike McKenzie	29-11-1	13-3*	-	-
2005	Mike McKenzie	40-6-1	14-1*	2-2	-
2006	Mike McKenzie	38-11	12-3*	2-2	-
2007	Mike McKenzie	35-8	21-1*	-	-
32-year totals		695-396-6	268-69	14-24	7-7

*denotes NIIC/NAC champions

AU Post-Season Highlights

1977	-	Illinois AIAW Participant
1978	-	Illinois AIAW Participant
1979	-	Illinois AIAW State Champions
1980	-	Illinois AIAW Participant
1981	-	Illinois AIAW Participant
1982	-	NCAA Division III Finals (4th in nation)
1985	-	NCAA Division III Central Regional (2nd)
1986	-	NCAA Division III Midwest Regional (3rd)
1988	-	NCAA Division III Midwest Regional (3rd)
1990	-	NCAA Division III At-Large Regional (2nd)
1991	-	NCAA Division III Midwest Regional (3rd)
1992	-	NCAA Division III Central Regional (2nd)
1993	-	NCAA Division III Midwest Regional (3rd)
1994	-	NCAA Division III Midwest Regional (3rd)
1995	-	NCAA Division III Midwest Regional (3rd)
2005	-	NCAA Division III Alma Regional (2nd)
2006	-	NCAA Division III Augustana Regional

AU Softball Records

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

BATTING

(# denotes NCAA record)

AT BATS:

G: 7 Kelli Gaisford vs. Trinity (4/12/89)
Chris VanBuskirk vs. Trinity (4/12/89)
S: 166 Marissa Matis 2006
C: 480 Carol Christopherson 1990-93

HITS:

G: 6 Karen Howe vs. North Park (5/7/76)
S: 76 Marissa Matis 2006
C: 197 Carol Christopherson 1990-93

SINGLES:

S: 64 Marissa Matis 2006
C: 149 Carol Christopherson 1990-93

DOUBLES:

G: 3 Carol Christopherson vs. Hartford (3/15/93)
Amy Baudouin vs. Concordia (5/6/85)
S: 19 Karyn Ericson 1994
Melissa Ivlow 1991
C: 39 Melissa Ivlow 1987-91
Dana Cebular 2005-present

TRIPLES:

G: 2 Dana Cebular vs. Maranatha (4/23/97)
(most recent...also by several other players)
S: 10 Amy Periman 1993
(most recent...also by several other players)
C:# 35 Melissa Ivlow 1987-91

HOME RUNS:

G: 2 Andrea Fulfer vs. Suffolk (3/14/95)
Angie Miller vs. Babson (3/12/95)
Dana Cebular vs. Jhnsn & Whales (3/3/07)
(most recent...also by several other players)
S: 11 Dana Cebular 2005
C: 27 Dana Cebular 2005-present

CONSECUTIVE HITS:

S: 11 Melissa Ivlow 4/10/91-4/16/91

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE:

S:1.022 Amy Periman 1993

RUNS SCORED:

G: 6 Tina Valentino vs. Judson (4/24/95)
Chris VanBuskirk vs. Trinity (4/12/89)
Kay Suddeth vs. Judson (4/27/76)
S: 52 Kris Malone 1990 (1.41 r.p.g.)

RUNS BATTED IN:

G:# 11 Karyn Ericson vs. Judson (4/24/95)
S: 72 Melissa Ivlow 1991
C: 144 Melissa Ivlow 1987-91

BATTING AVERAGE: (S.=60+ ABS; C.= 240+ ABS)

S: .566 Beth Cwinski 1997 (56-99)
C: .433 Amy Baudouin 1985-86 (107-247)

BASES ON BALLS:

G.# 6 Kris Malone vs. Trinity (4/12/89)
S: 32 Kris Malone 1991
C: 101 Kris Malone 1987-91

STOLEN BASES:

G: 7 Karen Howe vs. Judson (4/27/76)
S: 32 Carol Christopherson 1991
C: 100 Carol Christopherson 1990-93

CONSECUTIVE SUCCESSFUL STOLEN BASES:

C: 43 Karyn Ericson 3/19/92-5/13/95

TOTAL BASES:

G: 11 Karyn Ericson vs. Judson (4/24/95)
(most recent...also by several other players)
S: 130 Dana Cebular 2007

GAMES PLAYED:

S: 49 Kaitlin Leach, Dana Cebular, 2006
Marissa Matis
C: 172 Caryssa Douglas 2004-2007

FEWEST TIMES STRUCK OUT (MIN. 60 ABS):

S: 0 Robyn Beck 1993 (68 at-bats)

PINCH-RUNS SCORED:

S: 21 Maria Sciannameo 1995
C: 44 Maria Sciannameo 1992-95

PITCHING

(#denotes NCAA record)

EARNED RUN AVERAGE (100+ IP):

S:#0.18 Amy Baudouin 1985 (3 ERs/120.0 IP)
C: 0.16 Kathy Burdette 1978-80 (176.1 IP)

EARNED RUN AVERAGE (LESS THAN 100 IP):

S: 0.00 Kathy Burdette 1979 (65.2 IP)

VICTORIES:

S: 27 Taylor Petersen 2005
C: 47 Kelly LeFevre 1992-1995

BEST WIN-LOSS PERCENTAGE:

C: .983 Kathy Burdette 26.1

BEST WIN-LOSS RECORD:

S: 11-0 Kathy Burdette 1979
7-0 Deb Fitzgerald 1979
7-0 Therese Plachetka 1982
6-0 Kathy Burdette 1980
C: 26-1 Kathy Burdette 1978-80

STRIKEOUTS:

G: 19 Kathy Burdette 1979
S: 274 Taylor Petersen 2005
C: 450 Taylor Petersen 2004-2005

NO-HIT GAMES:

S: 3 Lisa Aprati 1990
C: 3 Taylor Petersen 2004-2005
Kim Schaubel 1991-1992
Lisa Aprati 1988-1990
Katie Keller 1980-1983

AU Softball Records

SHUTOUTS PITCHED:

S: 16 Taylor Petersen 2006
C: 27 Taylor Petersen 2004–2005

GAMES STARTED:

S: 29 Tara Peters 2000–2001
C: 70 Ann Drankiewicz 1992–1995

COMPLETE GAMES:

S: 41 By Several Players 1995, 2002, 2004
C: 60 Ann Drankiewicz 1992–1995

INNINGS PITCHED:

S:208.1 Tara Peters 2000–2001
C:491.2 Tara Peters 2000–2001

TEAM RECORDS

(# denotes NCAA record)

MOST VICTORIES:

S: 40 2005

MOST LOSSES:

S: 28 1999

BEST WIN-LOSS PERCENTAGE:

S:1.000 1979 (18-0)

CONSECUTIVE WINS:

S: 18 2005, 1979

CONSECUTIVE LOSSES:

S: 7 2002

CONSECUTIVE HOME WINS:

23 1978–1981

LONGEST UNBEATEN STREAK:

S: 23 3/12/1995–4/21/1995 (22 wins; 1 tie)

STOLEN BASES:

S: 103 1991

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY:

G: 42 vs. Trinity (AU 42, TC 0) 4/12/1989

BATTING AVERAGE:

S: .470 1977 (167-of-355)

RUNS SCORED:

G: 42 vs. Trinity (AU 42, TC 0) 4/12/1989
S: 372 1995 41 games (9.07 r.p.g.)

RUNS SCORED, COMBINED:

G: 52 AU 27, No. Park 25 5/7/1976

AT BATS:

G: 48 vs. Trinity 4/12/1989

HITS:

G: 28 vs. Judson 5/3/1994
S: 508 1995

DOUBLES:

G: 6 vs. Lake Forest 3/24/1995
(most recent)

S: 79 1990

TRIPLES:

G: 4 vs. Judson 4/18/1994 & 5/1/1991
S: 37 1991

HOME RUNS:

G:# 7 vs. Suffolk 3/14/1995
S: 24 2005

RUNS BATTED IN:

G.# 35 vs. Trinity 4/12/1989

TOTAL BASES:

G:# 54 vs. Suffolk 3/14/1995

FEWEST TIMES STRUCK OUT:

S: 44 1993

MOST WALKS RECEIVED:

G: 26 vs. Trinity 4/12/1989
S: 217 1990



AU Directory

(All numbers are 630 area code)

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Brian Kipley
Sports Information
Director

AU Administration



Rebecca L. Sherrick
President

Currently in her eighth year as Aurora University President, Rebecca Sherrick is a true Spartan booster and often attends athletic events. She earned her B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan University and Ph.D. from Northwestern University.



Andrew Manion
Provost

Previously Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1998 to 2000, Andrew Manion earned his B.A. from Saint Norbert College and his Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Adelphi University.



Mark Walsh
Director of Athletics

Mark Walsh was named Director of Athletics in 1998. Previously, Walsh was AU's Head Baseball Coach from 1992-2002 and Assistant Coach from 1987-1992. Walsh led the Spartans to nine NIIC Conference Championships and nine NCAA Tournament appearances while posting a 320-85 (.790) won-lost record in 10 seasons. Walsh also served as Assistant Football Coach at AU from 1986-1996 and was part of the coaching staff who reinstated football after it had been dropped in 1952. Walsh earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Aurora University.

This Is Aurora University



Eckhart Hall

Aurora University traces its origins to the 1893 founding of a seminary in the small town of Mendota, IL. Though established initially to prepare graduates for ministry, the institution soon adopted a broader mission and moved to a new campus on the western edge of the nearby community of Aurora. With this change came a different name and a growing enrollment. In 1985, the institution was rechristened Aurora University.

In 1992, the Aurora and George Williams College traditions blended when the two institutions entered into the affiliation agreement that paved the way for a merger eight years later.

Today Aurora University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels. The institution enrolls approximately 4,000 degree-seeking students a year on its Illinois and Wisconsin campuses.

The Aurora campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs through the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and the College of Professional Studies (including the Dunham School of Business, School of Nursing, School of Social Work and School of Health and Physical Education). The graduate programs offer areas of specialization, leading to master's degrees in business administration, recreation administration, teaching and social work, as well as a doctorate in education.

At AU, academic programs are enhanced through learning opportunities. The Dunham Scholars Program incorporates service learning and extracurricular activities into its business curriculum. The Honors Program offers students advanced coursework, innovative seminars and participation in special events. May Term is a three-week program offering opportunities to study abroad, research a science topic on campus or travel to Chicago to explore the city's culture.

AU offers its undergraduates a wide range of on- and off-campus learning experiences. Students participate in more than 60 musical, literary, religious, social and service organizations and play active roles in campus governance. The university also fields 18 NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletic teams. The Spartans boast a winning tradition with 52 conference titles in recent years and 28 regular appearances in national tournaments.

The Alumni Hall of Physical Education features a racquetball court, climbing wall, complete locker room facilities, training room, weight room, aerobic-activities room, classroom and coaches' offices.

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Date	Opponent	Time
Sun, March 2	Roanoke College	9:00 a.m.
Sun, March 2	Augustana College	1:00 p.m.
Mon, March 3	United States Merchant Marine Academy	9:00 a.m.
Mon, March 3	Geneva College	1:00 p.m.
Tue, March 4	Muskingum College	9:00 a.m.
Tue, March 4	Methodist University	11:00 a.m.
Wed, March 5	Muskingum College	9:00 a.m.
Wed, March 5	Bluffton College	1:00 p.m.
Thu, March 6	Muhlenberg College	3:00 p.m.
Thu, March 6	King College	5:00 p.m.
Tue, March 18	Elmhurst College (2)	3:00 p.m.
Tue, March 25	North Central College (2)	3:00 p.m.
Wed, March 26	*Milwaukee School of Engineering (2)	3:00 p.m.
Sat, March 29	*Rockford College (2)	Noon
Sun, March 30	*WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE (2)	Noon
Tue, April 1	*Alverno College (2)	3:00 p.m.
Sat, April 5	*MARANATHA BAPTIST COLLEGE (2)	Noon
Sun, April 6	*EDGEWOOD COLLEGE (2)	Noon
Wed, April 9	*CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO (2)	3:00 p.m.
Sat, April 12	*Lakeland College (2)	Noon
Sun, April 13	*Marian College (2)	Noon
Tue, April 15	*BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY (2)	3:00 p.m.
Sat, April 19	*DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY (2)	Noon
Sun, April 20	*Concordia University Wisconsin (2)	Noon
Thu, April 24	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (2)	3:00 p.m.
Thu, May 1-		
Sat, May 3	NAC Tournament	TBA

*Denotes NAC Event

Bold Type indicates home games.



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