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Senior • Catcher

Abby Young



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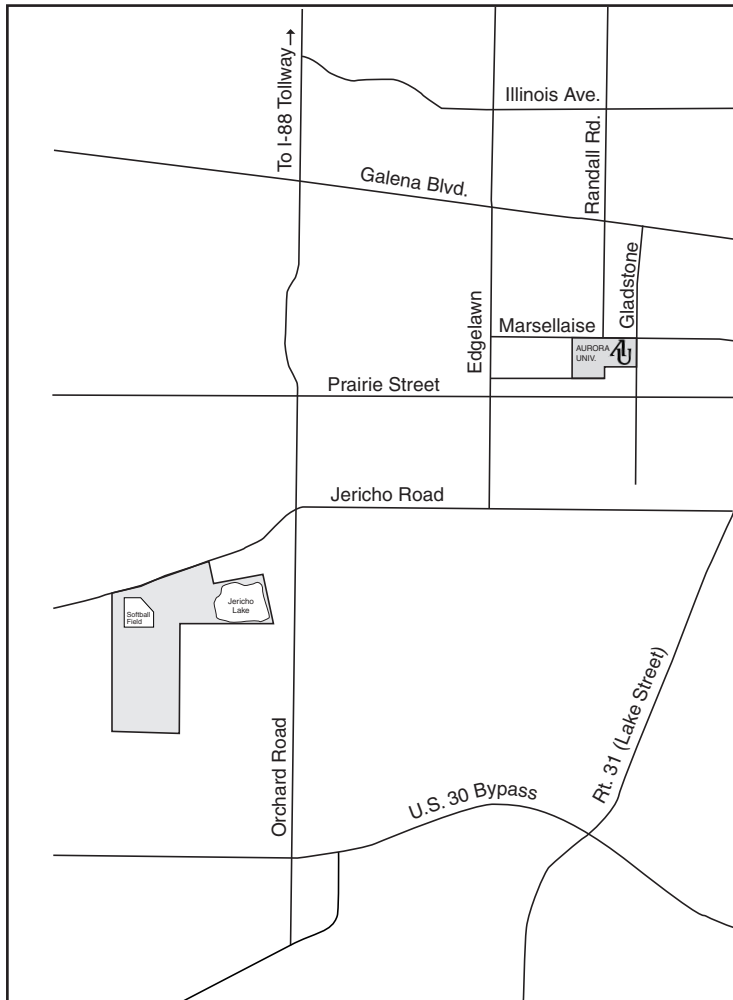


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Nikki Veen



Getting to the Field



2009 Media Guide

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AU Quick Facts

Location	Aurora, IL
Founded	1893
Enrollment	Approximately 4,300
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
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Head Softball Coach	Mike McKenzie
Coach's Record	179-44-2
Assistant Coach	Laura Stull and Jamie Walters
Athletic Trainer	Terry Smith
2008 Overall Record	37-8
2008 NAC Record	23-1
Sports Information Director	Brian Kipley
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On the Cover:

*2008 NAC Champions and
 2009 Seniors Abby Young and Nikki Veen*

AU Media Outlets

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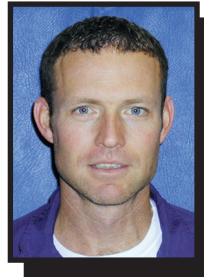
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Meet the Head Coach



MIKE MCKENZIE
Head Coach
(Sixth Season)

Mike McKenzie will enter his sixth 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 five seasons at AU, McKenzie's Spartans have a 179-44-2 record and have captured conference championships (three in the NIIC and two in the NAC) all five years. He captured his fourth consecutive Coach-of-the-Year Award following the 2008 season. 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

2009 AU Softball Prospectus



LAURA STULL
Assistant Coach
(Fifth Season)

Laura Stull enters her fifth 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
(Second Season)

Jamie Walters enters her second 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.

The Aurora University Spartan softball team is prepared to build upon a successful 2008 campaign. Last year, the program captured the Northern Athletics Conference title for the second consecutive season and fifth straight (the other three coming in the former Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference) and earned an NCAA regional bid for the third time in four seasons, all while compiling an impressive record of 37-8.

Head Coach Mike McKenzie (179-44-2) returns five starting position players, including sophomore outfielders Shannon Starr and Gabby Smith, senior outfielder Nikki Veen, junior catcher and designated player Briana Martin and catcher/infielder Abby Young.

On the mound, Anna Snyder returns as the ace of the staff. The junior recorded 24 wins against four losses last season while striking out 235 in 159 innings of work. She was named the NAC Pitcher-of-the-Year, First-Team All-Conference and Second-Team All-Region. Sophomores Smith and Jessica Scott look to add depth to the Spartan pitching staff along with freshman pitchers Maggie Cooper, Lindsay Decker and Jaynie Danielewski.

The outfield should be the strength of the Spartans. Starr returns after a stellar freshman season that saw her hit an astounding .441 with four home runs. She was named First-Team NFCA, Great Lakes All-Region, First-Team NAC All-Conference and NAC All-Rookie. Along with Starr, Veen batted .406 with five home runs and eight doubles while being named Third-Team NFCA All-Region and First-Team NAC All-Conference and Smith hit .278 with two home runs, two triples and three doubles and was named NAC All-Rookie.

In the infield, McKenzie must replace four starters, including All-American Dana Cebular. Behind the plate, Martin returns. She batted .288 with a home run and three doubles a season ago. Also, senior Abby Young returns as a catcher/infielder after hitting .352 with a home run and three doubles during the 2008 season and was NAC Second-Team All-Conference. The versatile junior Karisa Hansen will compete for playing time in the outfield and infield and sophomores Kylie Albright and Lisa Liace will add depth behind the plate and in the outfield respectively for the Spartans.

Newcomers to the Spartans that hope to make an immediate impact are sophomore infielder Kayla Westemeier and freshmen Jessica Nichols (catcher/infield), Lindsay Decker (pitcher), Maggie Cooper (infield/pitcher), Jen Robinson (infield/outfield) and Kelly Sullivan (infield).

The Spartans will open the 2009 season in Orlando, Florida, on Saturday, March 7, when they play Simpson College in the Rebel Spring Games Tournament.

2009 AU Softball Roster

NO.	NAME	Pos	Ht	Yr.	B/T	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
1	Gabby Smith	UTIL	5'5	So	R/R	Joliet, IL/Joliet Catholic Academy
2	Felicia Camacho	C/OF	5'2	Fr	R/R	Plainfield, IL/Plainfield Central
3	Shannon Starr	OF	5'7	So	R/R	Itasca, IL/Lake Park
4	Lauren Michalczyk	OF	5'6	Fr	L/R	St. Simons Island, GA/Glynn Academy
5	Nikki Veen	OF	5'7	Sr	R/R	Oak Lawn, IL/Oak Lawn
6	Briana Martin	C	5'10	Jr	R/R	Andalusia, IL/Rockridge
7	Lindsay Decker	P	5'6	Fr	R/R	Genoa, IL/Genoa-Kingston
8	Tawni Downen	OF	5'2	Fr	R/R	Mountain Home, ID/Mountain
9	Anna Snyder	P	5'6	Jr	R/R	Grayslake, IL/Grayslake
10	Jen Robinson	IF	5'4	Fr	R/R	Sandwich, IL/Sandwich
11	Cecily Sendzimer	IF	5'5	Fr	R/R	Montgomery, IL/Oswego East
14	Jessica Nichols	UTIL	5'4	Fr	L/R	Mattoon, IL/Mattoon
15	Kayla Westemeier	IF	5'2	So	S/R	Crystal Lake, IL/Crystal Lake South
16	Maggie Cooper	P/IF	5'7	Fr	R/R	Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian
17	Andrea Dreher	IF	5'3	Fr	R/R	Silvis, IL/United Township
18	Liz Todd	OF	5'7	Fr	R/R	Lisle, IL/Lisle
21	Kylie Albright	C	5'6	So	R/R	Joliet, IL/Joliet West
22	Jessica Scott	P	5'3	So	L/R	Monee, IL/Crete Monee
24	Kelly Sullivan	IF	5'8	Fr	R/R	Elmhurst, IL/York
25	Jill Wichert	IF	5'9	Fr	R/R	Dyer, IN/Lake Central
26	Karisa Hansen	IF/OF	5'4	Jr	R/R	Elgin, IL/Larkin
27	Miranda Murley	IF/OF	5'3	Fr	R/R	Sheridan, IL/Serena
28	Caitlyn Clay	OF	5'3	So	R/R	Davenport, IA/Davenport North
30	Lisa Liace	IF/OF	4'11	So	R/R	Addison, IL/Addison Trail
32	Jessica Lobraco	OF	5'2	Fr	L/R	Aurora, IL/Waubonsie Valley
34	Jaynie Danielewski	P	5'7	Fr	R/R	Lansing, IL/Thornton Fractional South
42	Abby Young	C/IF	5'6	Sr	R/R	Elgin, IL/Hampshire

Head Coach: Mike McKenzie

Assistant Coaches: Laura Stull and Jamie Walters

Meet the Spartans



#21 KYLIE ALBRIGHT-5'6", So, Catcher/Utility
Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Joliet, IL/Joliet Township HS
College as a Freshman ('08): Appeared in 11 games. She hit .400 with six hits, two doubles and four runs. **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.

Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'08	15	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	.400

#2 FELICIA CAMACHO-5'3", Fr, Catcher/Outfield
Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Plainfield, IL/Plainfield HS

High School: Attended Plainfield High School where she played four years of varsity softball under Coach Anne Campbell. She also played four years of varsity golf under Coach Scott Bantz.

Personal: Born 2/15/90 in Oak Park, IL. **Family:** Luis and Silvia Camacho. **Hobbies:** Singing/choir, sports, reading and TV. **Major:** History.

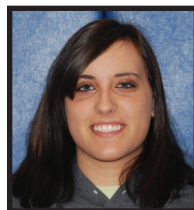


#28 CAITLYN CLAY-5'3", So, Outfield
Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Davenport, IA/Davenport North HS
College as a Freshman ('08): Attended Western Illinois University. **High School:** Attended Davenport North High School where she played four years of varsity softball under Coach Jeff Manders and was named First-Team All-Conference in 2007. She also played four years of

varsity soccer under Coach Jon Mannall, where she was named Second-Team All-Conference in 2006. She played two years of varsity volleyball and ran track under Coaches Amy Baker and Kyle Fox. She also participated in three years of cheerleading. **Personal:** Born 3/6/89 in Davenport, IA. **Family:** Craig and Carol Clay. She has one sister, Cayce. **Hobbies:** Softball, shopping, reading and working out. **Majors:** Biology and Health Science. **Minor:** Spanish.

#16 MAGGIE COOPER-5'7", Fr, Pitcher/Infield
Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian HS

High School: Attended Perry Meridian High School and played four years of softball under Coach Shannon Burton. She was awarded Team MVP three years and named All-Conference three years as well. **Personal:** Born 4/16/90 in Indianapolis, IN. **Family:** Jim and Elizabeth Cooper. She has one brother, Sam. **Hobbies:** Sports, TV, shopping and reading. **Major:** Special Education.



#34 JAYNIE DANIELEWSKI-5'7", Fr, Pitcher
Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Lansing, IL/Thornton Fractional South HS
High School: Attended T.F. South High School where she played three years of varsity softball under Coach Shawn Jensen and was named All-Conference and Second-Team All-Area. She also participated in one year of varsity basketball. **Personal:** Born 6/22/89 in Hammond, IN. **Family:** Larry and Liz Danielewski. **Hobbies:** Softball and basketball. **Major:** Elementary Education.

#7 LINDSAY DECKER-5'6", Fr, Pitcher

Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Genoa, IL/Genoa-Kingston HS

High School: Attended Genoa-Kingston High School and played four years of varsity softball under Coach Mike Lauer. She was named All-Conference, Team MVP, Pitcher-of-the-Year and Team Captain. She also played three years of varsity basketball under Coach Larry Todd

McDillon. **Personal:** Born 3/20/90 in Rockford, IL. **Family:** Bob and Sheri Decker. She has one sister, Brittany. **Hobbies:** Playing sports, exercising, reading, listening to music, and being with friends and family. **Major:** Elementary Education.



#8 TAWNI DOWNEN-5'2", Fr, Outfield

Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Mountain Home, ID/Mountain Home HS

High School: Attended Mountain Home High School and played three years of varsity softball under Coach Chris Asbury and was named All-Conference. She also played one year of varsity volleyball under Coach Sarah DeVore. **Personal:** Born 12/25/89 in Mountain Home, ID. **Family:** Daniel and Tamra Downen. She has two brothers, Danny and Benji, and one sister, Tori. **Hobbies:** Softball, photography, music, running, volleyball and snowboarding. **Major:** Nursing.

#17 ANDREA DREHER-5'3", Fr, Infield

Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Silvis, IL/United Township HS

High School: Attended United Township High School and played four years of varsity softball under Coach John Alonzo. She was named All-Conference two years and Team Captain her senior year. She also played four years of varsity basketball under Coach Scott Harding and was named All-Conference. **Personal:** Born 10/20/89 in Silvis, IL. **Family:** Bob and Diane Dreher. She has one sister, Jamie. **Hobbies:** Playing sports, listening to music, scrap booking and spending time with friends. **Major:** Business Administration.



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#26 KARISA HANSEN-5'4", Jr, Utility

Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Elgin, IL/Larkin HS

College as a Sophomore ('08): Appeared in 36 games, starting 16. She hit .300 with 12 hits, two triples and 14 runs scored. **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, Neal and Justin, and two sisters, Vanessa and Alissa. **Hobbies:** Sudoku and movies. **Majors:** Business Commerce and Business Administration.

Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'08	40	14	12	0	2	0	2	4	7	5	.300
'07	12	9	2	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	.167

#30 LISA MICHELLE LIACE-4'11", So, Infield

Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Addison, IL/Addison Trail HS

College as a Freshman ('08): Appeared in 15 games. She hit .200 with eight runs scored.

High School: Attended Addison Trail High School where she played one year of varsity softball under Coach Remus and was named All-Conference 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.



Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'08	5	8	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	.200

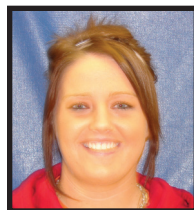


#32 JESSICA LOBRACO-5'2", Fr, Outfield

Bats: Left-Throws: Right
Aurora, IL/Waubonsie Valley HS

High School: Attended Waubonsie Valley High School. She played three years of varsity softball under Coach Kris Kalivas. **Personal:** Born 11/10/89 in Hinsdale, IL. **Family:** Samuel and Susan Lobraco. She has one brother, Joe.

Hobbies: Scrap booking, watching movies and working out. **Major:** Physical Education. **Minor:** Coaching.



#6 BRIANA MARTIN-5'10", Jr, Catcher

Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Andalusia, IL/Rockridge HS

College as a Sophomore ('08): Appeared in 28 games, starting 23. She hit .288 with 18 RBI's, 21 hits, one home run and nine runs scored.

College as a Freshman ('07): She started 40 games, batting .248 with 26 RBI's, 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
'08	73	9	21	3	0	1	1	6	19	18	.288
'07	113	17	28	5	0	3	1	11	20	26	.248

#4 LAUREN MICHALCZYK-5'6", Fr, Outfield

Bats: Left-Throws: Right
St. Simons Island, GA/Glynn Academy

High School: Attended Glynn Academy where she played three years of varsity softball under Coach Bob Fotel. She was named to the First-Team All-Region her senior season and also ran one year of varsity track under Coach Theresa Adams.

Personal: Born 4/8/90 in Bolingbrook, IL. **Family:** Alan Michalczyk. **Hobbies:** Fashion, reading, working out, eating and hanging out. **Major:** Health Science.



#27 MIRANDA MURLEY-5'3", Fr, Infield/Outfield

Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Serena, IL/Serena HS

High School: Attended Serena High School where she played four years of varsity softball under Coach Kelly Baker. She was All-Conference, Second-Team All-Area and Team MVP her senior year. She also played three years of varsity volleyball under Coach Linda Ryg and

participated in two years of varsity basketball under Coach Craig Twait. **Personal:** Born 9/29/89 in Aurora, IL. **Family:** Randy and Andrea Murley. She has one brother, Jordan, and one sister, Molly. **Hobbies:** Sports, piano, reading, friends and family and watching movies. **Major:** Math and Secondary Education. **Minor:** Business Administration.

#14 JESSICA NICHOLS-5'4", Fr, Utility

Bats: Right-Throws: Right
Mattoon, IL/Mattoon HS

High School: Attended Mattoon High School and played three years of softball under Coach Dave McDowell. She was named First-Team All-Conference, All-State and Team Captain her senior year. **Personal:** Born 11/20/89 in Mattoon, IL.

Family: Ted and Debbie Nichols. **Hobbies:** Spending time at the lake, water skiing, tubing and knee boarding. **Majors:** Health Science and Biology. **Minor:** Chemistry.



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#10 JEN ROBINSON–5'4", Fr, Infield,
Bats: Right–Throws: Right
Sandwich, IL/Sandwich HS

High School: Attended Sandwich High School and played four years of varsity basketball under Coach Randy Malloy. She was honored with Best Free Throws her sophomore year, MVP, Beacon News All-Area, DeKalb Chronicle All-Area, All-Conference and 1,000 Point Club her junior year

and Ottawa Times All-Conference her sophomore, junior and senior year, Best Offensive Player and All-Academic her junior and senior years, Interstate-8 All-Tourney Team, All-Time Leading Scorer her senior year. She also played four years of varsity softball under Coach Randy Malloy. She was named Rookie-of-the-Year and Beacon News All-Area her freshman year, MVP her freshman and junior years, All-Conference her freshman, junior and senior seasons, All-Academic her sophomore, junior and senior seasons, Best Offensive Player her junior and senior years, Best Defensive Player her junior year and Team Captain her senior year. She also played two years of varsity volleyball under Coach Bryanne Callahan. She was named Best Offensive Player and Top Server her junior year, All-Academic and All-Conference her junior and senior seasons, and MVP, Captain, Best Defensive Player and Ottawa Times All-Area her senior year.

Personal: Born 8/4/90 in Princeton, IL. **Family:** Rich and Monica Robinson. She has one brother, Josh, one sister, Maddie. Two members of her family, Steve Johnson and Stacy Bland attended AU. **Hobbies:** Sports, driving, photography, tanning and being with friends and family. **Major:** Business Administration.

#22 JESSICA SCOTT–5'3", So, Pitcher

Bats: Left–Throws: Right
Monee, IL/Crete Monee HS

College as Freshman ('08): Appeared in 27 games, starting six. She hit .200 with seven hits and four runs scored. **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.



Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'08	35	4	7	0	0	0	0	5	2	4	.200



#11 CECILY SENDZIMER–5'5", Fr, Infield
Bats: Right–Throws: Right
Montgomery, IL/Oswego East HS

High School: Attended Oswego East High School where she played three years of varsity softball under Coach Mario Serra. She was Team Captain as a senior. **Personal:** Born 2/18/90 in Hinsdale, IL. **Family:** Mark and Cindy Sendzimer. She has one brother, Anthony, and one sister, Haley.

Hobbies: Working with children, watching and playing sports, family and friends. **Major:** Nursing. **Minor:** Spanish.



#1 GABBY SMITH–5'5", So, Utility
Bats: Right–Throws: Right
Joliet, IL/Joliet Catholic Academy

College as Freshman ('08): Appeared in 34 games, starting 27. She hit .278 with 22 hits, two doubles, two triples, two home runs, 16 RBI's and 13 runs scored. She was named to the NAC All-Rookie Team. **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, was named to the First-Team All-Area Daily Herald team three times and also was named to the Sun-Times First-Team All-Area squad three times. 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.

Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'08	79	13	22	3	2	2	3	11	19	16	.278

#9 ANNA SNYDER–5'6", Jr, Pitcher

Bats: Right–Throws: Right
Grayslake, IL/Grayslake HS

College as a Sophomore ('08): Appeared in 33 games, starting 26 with 17 complete games. She had a 24-4 record with a 1.30 ERA and 235 strikeouts in 159 innings pitched. She was named 2008 NAC Softball Pitcher-of-the-Year and 2008 Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches

Association All-Region Team. **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.



Total	W	L	S	IP	K	BB	R/E	H	ERA
'08	24	4	4	159	235	29	31/23	89	1.30
'07	7	1	0	49	69	8	10/4	31	0.73



#3 SHANNON STARR–5'7", So, Outfield

Bats: Right–Throws: Right
Itasca, IL/Lake Park HS

College as Freshman ('08): Appeared in and started all 45 games. She hit .441 with 63 hits, eight doubles, three triples, four home runs, 44 RBI's and 31 runs scored. She was named to the NAC First-Team All-Conference as well as NAC All-Rookie Team. She also was named to the 2008

Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region Team. **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:** Health Science.

Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'08	143	31	63	8	3	4	2	12	10	44	.441

Meet the Spartans



#24 KELLY SULLIVAN–5'8", Fr, Infield
Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Elmhurst, IL/York HS
High School: Attended York High School and played two years of varsity softball under Coach Tom Babyar. She was named All-Conference and Team-Captain. She also participated in two years of varsity swimming under Coach Dave Davis.
Personal: Born 11/13/89 in Elmhurst, IL. **Family:**

John and Carole Sullivan. She has two brothers, Kevin and Andrew, and one sister, Shannon. **Hobbies:** Shopping, hanging out, playing sports, working out and eating. **Major:** Nursing.

#18 LIZ TODD–5'7", Fr, Outfield

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Lisle, IL/Lisle Senior HS

High School: Attended Lisle Senior High School and played three years of varsity softball under Coach Rick Beato, where she was Team Captain and Gold Glove Award recipient. She also played two years of basketball under Coach Javior and was named All-Conference and All-Star. She participated in two years of varsity volleyball under Coach Hurbuskie and named All-Conference. **Personal:** Born 12/31/88 in Lisle, IL. **Family:** John and Maureen Todd. She has one brother, Eric, and one sister, Jackie. **Hobbies:** Painting, listening to music, watching college basketball and being with family and friends. **Major:** Education.



#5 NIKKI VEEN–5'7", Sr, Outfield

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Oak Lawn, IL/Oak Lawn HS

College as a Junior ('08): Appeared in and started all 45 games. She hit .406 with 58 hits, eight doubles, five home runs, 25 RBI's and 45 runs scored. She was named NAC First-Team All-Conference and 2008 Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association

All-Region Team. **College as a Sophomore ('07):** Started all 43 games, hitting .383 with 40 RBI's, 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 RBI's. **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 Valuable 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:** Business Administration. **Minor:** Communication.

Total	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K	RBI	BA
'08	143	45	58	8	0	5	2	17	22	25	.406
'07	128	32	49	10	1	4	1	14	10	40	.383
'06	109	29	33	7	1	2	0	11	23	25	.303



#15 KAYLA WESTEMEIER–5'2", So, Infield
Bats: Switch–**Throws:** Right
Crystal Lake, IL/Crystal Lake South HS
College as Freshman ('08): Attended Luther College and played softball. **High School:** Attended Crystal Lake South High School and played two years of varsity softball under Coach Scott Busam. She was named All-Conference and All-Area Honorable Mention as a junior and senior.

As a sophomore, she was named Defensive Player-of-the-Year and National Base Running Champion. As a freshman, she was named Gatorade Rookie-of-the-Year. **Personal:** Born 12/18/88 in Dubuque, IA. **Family:** Don and DJ Gabric and Tim and Jennifer Westemeier. She has two brothers, Buddy and Stephen, and two sisters, Lindsey and Shelby. She is related to Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Paul Molitor. **Hobbies:** Travel softball and slow-pitch with her family. **Major:** Elementary Education. **Minor:** Spanish.

#25 JILL WICHERT–5'9", Fr, Utility

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Dyer, IN/Lake Central HS

High School: Attended Lake Central High School and played one year of varsity softball under Coach Keith Hauber. **Personal:** Born 9/27/90 in Chicago, IL. **Family:** Larry and Cindy Wichert. She has two sisters, Kim and Pam. **Hobbies:** Sports, friends, movies and playing Guitar Hero.

Majors: Secondary Education and History.



#42 ABBY YOUNG–5'6", Sr, Catcher/Infield

Bats: Right–**Throws:** Right
Elgin, IL/Hampshire HS

College as a Junior ('08): Appeared in and started all 45 games. She hit .352 with 51 hits, three doubles, one home run, 28 RBI's and 24 runs scored. She was named NAC Second-Team All-Conference. **College as a Sophomore ('07):** Started 41 games, hitting .424 with 39 RBI's,

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 RBI's. 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
'08	145	24	51	3	0	1	0	13	5	28	.352
'07	132	28	56	7	0	4	0	10	3	39	.424
'06	129	14	45	7	0	2	0	3	6	41	.349

2008 Game By Game Results

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>AU PT. OF REC.</u>	<u>OVER. REC.</u>	<u>NAC REC.</u>
3-2	AU 2, Roanoke 0	Snyder (1-0)	1-0	
3-2	AU 4, Augustana 0	Capone (1-0)	2-0	
3-3	AU 8, U.S. Merch. 3	Smith (1-0)	3-0	
3-3	AU 2, Geneva 5	Snyder (1-1)	3-1	
3-4	AU 4, Muskingum 3	Capone (2-0)	4-1	
3-4	AU 5, Methodist 1	Snyder (2-1)	5-1	
3-5	AU 0, Muskingum 3	Snyder (2-2)	5-2	
3-5	AU 5, Bluffton 4	Capone (2-1)	6-2	
3-6	AU 4, Muhlenberg 1	Smith (2-0)	7-2	
3-6	AU 9, King 2	Snyder (3-2)	8-2	
3-25	AU 5, North Central 9	Capone (2-2)	8-3	
3-25	AU 3, North Central 4	Snyder (3-3)	8-4	
4-2	*AU 7, Rockford 1	Snyder (4-3)	9-4	1-0
4-2	*AU 9, Rockford 2	Capone (3-2)	10-4	2-0
4-5	*AU 13, Maranatha 0	Snyder (5-3)	11-4	3-0
4-5	*AU 18, Maranatha 0	Capone (4-2)	12-4	4-0
4-6	*AU 8, Edgewood 0	Snyder (6-3)	13-4	5-0
4-6	*AU 5, Edgewood 2	Capone (5-2)	14-4	6-0
4-7	*AU 16, MSOE 0	Snyder (7-3)	15-4	7-0
4-7	*AU 29, MSOE 0	Cummings (1-0)	16-4	8-0
4-8	*AU 2, Concordia (Chi) 0	Snyder (8-3)	17-4	9-0
4-8	*AU 5, Concordia (Chi) 0	Capone (6-2)	18-4	10-0
4-14	*AU 12, Alverno 0	Snyder (9-3)	18-5	11-0
4-14	*AU 11, Alverno 0	Capone (7-2)	19-4	12-0
4-15	*AU 6, Benedictine 5	Snyder (10-3)	20-4	13-0
4-15	*AU 1, Benedictine 8	Capone (7-3)	21-5	13-1
4-16	*AU 3, Wis Lutheran 1	Snyder (11-3)	22-5	14-1
4-16	*AU 9, Wis Lutheran 0	Snyder (12-3)	23-5	15-1
4-20	*AU 12, Concordia (WI) 0	Snyder (13-3)	24-5	16-1
4-20	*AU 6, Concordia (WI) 4	Capone (8-3)	25-5	17-1
4-21	*AU 11, Lakeland 0	Snyder (14-3)	26-5	18-1
4-21	*AU 6, Lakeland 3	Snyder (15-3)	27-5	19-1
4-22	*AU 8, Dominican 0	Snyder (16-3)	28-5	20-1
4-22	*AU 7, Dominican 1	Capone (9-3)	29-5	21-1
4-27	*AU 2, Marian 1	Snyder (17-3)	30-5	22-0
4-27	*AU 5, Marian 0	Capone (10-3)	31-5	23-1
4-30	AU 12, Elmhurst 0	Snyder (18-3)	32-5	
4-30	AU 7, Elmhurst 3	Snyder (19-3)	33-5	
5-3	AU 4, Lakeland 0	Snyder (20-3)	34-5	
5-3	AU 6, Marian 0	Snyder (21-3)	35-5	
5-4	AU 6, Marian 1	Snyder (22-3)	36-5	
5-8	AU 0, Wis Oshkosh 5	Snyder (22-4)	36-6	
5-9	AU 8, North Central 0	Snyder (23-4)	37-6	
5-10	AU 6, Simpson 0	Snyder (24-4)	38-6	
5-10	AU 1, Wis Oshkosh 2	Capone (10-4)	38-7	

*NAC Game



2008 Record 37-8
Home 16-1, Away 10-2, Neutral 11-5
NAC Record 23-1

2008 Spartan Statistics

BATTING

PLAYER	AB	R	H	RBI	2-3-HR	SO	BB	BA
Orlik	1	0	1	1	0-0-0	0	0	1.000
Hayducak	7	1	4	4	0-0-0	0	1	.571
Cebular	147	54	75	44	7-5-11	14	22	.510
Starr	143	31	63	44	8-3-4	10	12	.441
Veen	143	45	58	25	8-0-5	22	17	.406
Albright	15	4	6	5	2-0-0	2	0	.400
Young	145	24	51	28	3-0-1	5	13	.352
Hansen	40	14	12	5	0-2-0	7	4	.300
Patkus	20	4	6	7	0-0-1	4	3	.300
Mueller	117	26	35	18	3-1-0	8	19	.299
Martin	73	9	21	18	3-0-1	19	6	.288
Beenes	92	15	26	24	5-1-2	11	17	.283
Smith	79	13	22	16	3-2-2	19	11	.278
Barichello	55	17	15	5	0-1-0	9	11	.273
Michelli	16	1	4	1	0-0-0	7	1	.250
Ganzer	4	12	1	1	0-0-0	0	5	.250
Scott	35	4	7	4	0-0-0	2	3	.200
Sander	10	3	2	2	0-0-0	1	6	.200
Liace	5	8	1	1	0-0-0	0	3	.200
Okrie	94	25	18	14	3-0-0	18	24	.191
Peters	8	1	1	1	0-0-0	0	1	.125
Tjaden	1	2	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	.000
Feeney	1	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	.000
Catterson	1	0	0	0	0-0-0	0	1	.000
Totals	1252	311	429	268	45-15-27	158	180	.343
Opponents	1039	76	191	69	35-5-5	345	72	.184

MISC. LEADERS

STOLEN BASES: Cebular (8)
 PUTOUTS: Young (235)
 ASSISTS: Cebular (57)
 ERRORS: Okrie (15)
 TIMES HIT BY PITCH: Cebular, Starr, Veen, Hansen, Patkus, Barichello, Scott (1)
 SLUGGING %: Cebular (.850)
 ON-BASE: Cebular (.625)

PITCHING

PLAYER	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	W-L-S	ERA
Scott	2.0	0	0	0	3	0	0-0	0.00
Smith	17.1	11	4	2	16	6	2-0	1.04
Cummings	29.1	26	7	4	25	11	1-0	1.23
Snyder	159.1	89	31	23	235	29	24-4	1.30
Capone	80.0	65	34	25	66	26	9-4	2.81
AU Totals:	288.0	191	76	53	345	72	36-8	1.66
Opponents:	275.1	429	311	247	158	180	8-36	8.07



The Northern Athletics Conference

-2009 marks the third 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
2008: Aurora University

2008 Spartan All-NAC Selections

Dana Cebular
Shannon Starr
Anna Snyder
Nikki Veen
Abby Young

Gabby Smith (All-Rookie Team)
Shannon Starr (All-Rookie Team)

NAC Player of the Year

2007: Dana Cebular
2008: Dana Cebular

NAC Pitcher of the Year

2008: Anna Snyder

NAC Coach of the Year

2008: Mike McKenzie

AU's Northern Athletics Conference

"Player-of-the-Year" Selections

2008: Dana Cebular (IF)
2007: Dana Cebular (IF)



Dana Cebular
2008

AU All-NAC Selections

2007 - Brittany Butcher, Nicole Capone, Dana Cebular, Nikki Veen, Abby Young, Anna Snyder.

2008 - Dana Cebular, Shannon Starr, Anna Snyder, Nikki Veen, Abby Young.

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 Rousse, Elizabeth Parker
- 2004 - Taylor Petersen, Beth Nyhlen, Melissa Rousse, Kristy Vetter
- 2005 - Dana Cebular, Kristin Cumbo, Beth Nyhlen, Taylor Petersen, Melissa Rousse
- 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	3B	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	1994	Karyn Ericson
1977	Donna Benson	1995	Karyn Ericson
1978	Kathy Burdette	1996	Karen Bode
1979	Kathy Burdette	1997	Beth Cwinski
1980	Katie Keller	1998	Kelly Kramer
1981	Beth Sparks	1999	Jennifer Rinella
1982	Katie Keller	1999	Jaime Lawrence
1983	Katie Keller	2000	Dawn Fryman
1984	Leslie LaPrise	2001	Tracy Maddox
1985	Amy Baudouin	2001	Joanne Lewis
1986	Amy Baudouin	2002	Tracy Maddox
1987	Stacey Peterson	2003	Elizabeth Parker
1988	Melissa Ivlow	2004	Taylor Petersen
1989	Dianne Tuttle	2005	Taylor Petersen
1990	Kris Malone	2006	Marissa Matis
1991	Melissa Ivlow	2007	Dana Cebular
1992	Kim Schaubel	2008	Dana Cebular
1993	Amy Periman		

NIIC/NAC Champions: 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

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*	-	-
2008	Mike McKenzie	37-8	23-1*	-	-
33-year totals		732-404-6	291-70	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
2008	-	NCAA Division III UW Eau Claire 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: 589 Dana Cebular 2005-08

HITS:

G: 6 Karen Howe vs. North Park (5/7/76)
S: 76 Marissa Matis 2006
C: 252 Dana Cebular 2005-08

SINGLES:

S: 64 Marissa Matis 2006
C: 154 Dana Cebular 2005-08

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: 44 Dana Cebular 2005-08

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: 37 Dana Cebular 2005-08

CONSECUTIVE HITS:

S: 17 Nikki Veen 2008

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: 60 Dana Cebular 2007

RUNS BATTED IN:

G:# 11 Karyn Ericson vs. Judson (4/24/95)
S: 72 Melissa Ivlow 1991
C: 154 Dana Cebular 2005-08

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,
Marissa Matis
C: 188 Dana Cebular 2005-2008

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: 20 2007

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 ninth 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.



Lora de Lacey
Vice President for Student Life
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Lora de Lacey assumed the position of Vice President for Student Life in May of 2008. She also has served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since December 2001. She earned her B.S. from Middle Tennessee State University and her M.S., as well as Ph.D., from Vanderbilt 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 to 2002 and Assistant Coach from 1987 to 1992. Walsh led the Spartans to nine NIIC 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 to 1996 and was part of the coaching staff that reinstated football after it had been dropped in 1952. Walsh earned both his bachelor's and master's degree from Aurora University.

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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 4,300 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 (including the School of Physical Education) and the College of Professional Studies (including the Dunham School of Business, School of Nursing and School of Social Work). 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 50 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 48 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 and coaches' offices.

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Date	Opponent	Time
Sat, March 7	Simpson College	3:00 p.m.
Sat, March 7	Albion College	5:00 p.m.
Sun, March 8	United States Coast Guard Academy	1:00 p.m.
Sun, March 8	Beloit College	3:00 p.m.
Mon, March 9	Coe College	9:00 a.m.
Mon, March 9	Chatham University	11:00 a.m.
Wed, March 11	Webster University	11:00 a.m.
Wed, March 11	Trine University	3:00 p.m.
Thu, March 12	Transylvania University	1:00 p.m.
Thu, March 12	St. Francis University (IN)	5:00 p.m.
Wed, March 25	*MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING (2)	3:00 p.m.
Sat, March 28	*ROCKFORD COLLEGE (2)	Noon
Sun, March 29	*Wisconsin Lutheran College (2)	Noon
Tue, March 31	*ALVERNO COLLEGE (2)	3:00 p.m.
Thu, April 2	Elmhurst College (2)	3:00 p.m.
Sat, April 4	*Maranatha Baptist College (2)	Noon
Sun, April 5	*Edgewood College (2)	Noon
Wed, April 8	*Concordia University Chicago (2)	3:00 p.m.
Thu, April 9	University of Chicago (2)	3:00 p.m.
Mon, April 13	NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE (2)	3:00 p.m.
Tue, April 14	*Benedictine University (2)	3:00 p.m.
Sat, April 18	*Dominican University (2)	Noon
Sun, April 19	*CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN (2)	Noon
Sat, April 25	*LAKELAND COLLEGE (2)	Noon
Sun, April 26	*MARIAN UNIVERSITY (2)	Noon
Thu, May 1-		
Sat, May 3	NAC Tournament	TBA

*Denotes Northern Athletics Conference (NAC) Game

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