

# 2012 Recruits

## Central Washington

### Central Signs Three Players to Early Letters (12/1/10)

Three high school standouts have signed National Letters of Intent during the early-signing period to play softball at Central Washington University.

Signing NLIs with the Wildcats were utility player Heidi Wells from Stadium High School in Tacoma, Wash., and outfielders Katie Focher (Missoula, Mont./Sentinel HS) and Shelby Yasuda (Woodinville, Wash.).

Wells is an all-around player who has starred both as a pitcher and a corner infielder at Stadium. The Tacoma News-Tribune All-Area selection and two-time Narrows League Most Valuable Pitcher helped the Tigers to a third-place finish at the WIAA Class 4A State Championships this past spring/

He posted an 11-2 record and 1.50 earned-run average with 155 strikeouts in 90 innings. She also batted .426 with 17 doubles and 15 runs batted in.

“Heidi has been a power pitcher that just has a presence in the (pitching) circle,” first-year coach Mallory Holtman said. “She finds ways to get the job done, has had success pitching, and brings something that we haven’t had for several years -- the ability to pitch, to swing the bat, and to field at multiple positions.”

Focher was a MHSA Class AA all-state selection and two-time all-Western AA Conference honoree at Sentinel High School in Missoula, Mont. She has played three positions -- pitcher, first base, and outfield -- during her prep career but will likely play in the outfield for the Wildcats when she begins her collegiate career in Ellensburg for the 2012 season.

“Katie has a great throwing arm,” Holtman said. “She has impressed me from the first day -- defensively, offensively, and as an overall person. And she has an absolute gun throwing the softball from the outfield.”

Yasuda was a high school teammate of current CWU freshman Maria Gau at Woodinville High School. At 5-foot-2, the left-handed-hitting outfielder has an abundance of speed that helped the Falcons win the KingCo League championship during her junior season in 2010.

“Shelby brings a speed element to our program that we like to consistently build our lineup around,” Holtman said. “She has great defensive range, has the

ability to play all three outfield positions, and has great potential.

“Outfield-wise, Katie and Shelby will join an established outfield but can make an immediate impact as freshmen,” Holtman continued. “Heidi is not only a two-time pitcher of the year in her conference, but she also brings a bat that has the potential to be as good as that of anyone in our current lineup.”

## Montana State Billings

### Billings West Standout Jessyka MacDonald Signs With Jackets (7/7/11)

Billings West standout Jessyka MacDonald, who set numerous Montana State high school pitching records, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play for Montana State University Billings.

MacDonald (5-8, Billings, MT) set all-class records for career strikeouts (714), career victories (48) and career shutouts (32). She tossed four career no-hitters and pitched an eight-inning perfect game during her senior season against Butte High in the state tournament.

This past season she went 16-6 with a 2.06 ERA and recorded 244 strikeouts in the circle. At the plate she hit .474 with five homers, 17 RBIs and had a slugging percentage of .724. She also helped Billings West to a runner-up finish at the state tournament in 2011.

MacDonald's junior campaign saw her earn the state 2010 Gatorade Player of the Year in after going 18-2 with a 1.23 ERA in the circle. That season she tossed three no-hitters and struck out 258 batters in 142 innings pitched. She also helped Billings West to their first state title since 1989, hitting .430 with four homers and six doubles.

She twice earned the West team MVP award and was the team offensive player of the year this past season. MacDonald also earned multiple all-state awards during her career and was twice named to the Great Falls Tribune Super-State softball team.

### Yellowjackets Add Two More Recruits (5/23/11)

Pitcher Mary Bywater (Tualatin, Ore.) and shortstop Brittney Soares (Folsom, Calif.) have signed letters of intent to play softball with Montana State University Billings.

Bywater (5-8, Tualatin, OR) will join the Yellowjackets as an accomplished pitcher out of a successful Tualatin program. She lettered all four years at THS and helped lead the team to three state tournament appearances.

This past season she helped Tualatin to a second place finish in the league and an appearance in the state tournament.

During her junior season the team won the district tournament and appeared at state with Bywater going 12-3 during the season, carrying a 1.26 ERA in 111 innings pitched. At the plate she hit .395 with a .674 slugging percentage and an on base percentage of .469.

In 2010 she was named first team all-league, conference pitcher of the year and honorable mention all-state. Bywater was also named second team all-league in 2009 and 2008.

Soares (5-4, Folsom, CA - Vista del Lago) comes to Billings after lettering all four years at Vista del Lago HS in California. At the plate Soares hit a career .475 with 14 home runs, 29 doubles, 23 triples, 102 runs scored and 99 RBIs. She also stole 66 bases and maintained a .989 slugging percentage.

During her senior campaign, Soares helped her team to a second place finish in Division 2 and helped the team earn a spot in the CIF Playoffs. She earned MVP and all-league first team honors all four seasons of high school.

In 2010 she was the offensive MVP and earned all-city honors at second base. She plays her club ball with Mizuno All-American 18 Gold.

#### **Softball Signs Quick Bats (5/13/11)**

Interim head coach Lisa Allen has signed third baseman Taylor Hoke and catcher Nicole Wilkerson to National Letters of Intent.

“Both players are very strong in the field and can spread the ball around with their bats,” Allen said. “Both players have tremendous potential and will only make our roster stronger in 2012.”

Hoke (5-2, Chehalis, WA) was a talented three-sport athlete at Adna High School, earning four letters in volleyball, basketball and softball. She has been an all-league and all-state selection her past two seasons and is well on her way toward another selection in 2011.

Hoke was batting .510 with 15 runs batted in, three doubles, two triples and a pair of home runs halfway through her senior season.

Hoke has earned the team's defensive player of the year honors in her first three seasons at AHS. She's helped her team to three-straight league titles and has finished runner-up at the state tournament twice (2008 and 2010), winning the state title in 2009.

As a basketball player, Hoke earned all-league honors three times (2009, 2010 and 2011) and was an all-area

selection in 2011. She helped Adna to a regional title in 2011 – the first trip to state in 25 years – averaging 18 points per game.

Wilkerson (5-6, Lincoln, CA) becomes the third Yellowjacket from Southwestern Oregon Community College, joining GNAC Newcomer of the Year Meg Harasymczuk and pitcher Annaleisha Parsley on the 2012 roster.

Wilkerson has helped lead Southwestern Oregon to a 24-10 record overall and a league record of 13-3, earning a spot in the NWAACC tournament. She is hitting .346 this season with 37 hits in 107 at bats. Wilkerson has scored 24 runs and knocked in 23 RBI with five doubles and three home runs.

Wilkerson was named an NWAACC All-Star in 2010 and was also named to the NWAACC all-tournament team during her freshman year. She has earned Dean's List honors in five terms at SWOCC, earning April's Athlete of the Month in the conference this past season.

The Lincoln, Calif., native was a three-sport athlete in high school, lettering in cheer, basketball and softball. She was on the honorable mention all-league team for softball in 2007 and 2008, and was named all-league first team in 2009.

#### **Yellowjackets Sign Players From Montana, Washington (4/26/11)**

Pitcher Jessica Campbell (Hardin, Mont.) and catcher Brittany Sanders (Kelso, Wash.) have signed National Letters of Intent to play softball at Montana State University Billings beginning with the 2012 season.

Campbell (5-7, Hardin, MT) participated in three sports at Hardin High School, lettering all four years in softball and volleyball and two years as a cheerleader. As a pitcher at HHS, she was a first team all-conference selection as a second baseman during her sophomore season and during her junior year she earned all-state honors as a pitcher.

Her junior year stats included 148 strikeouts and batted .452 as the team's leader in RBIs, extra base hits, total bases and on base percentage. In the classroom she is an honor roll student with a 3.85 GPA and is a member of National Honor Society and student council. She was also a six-time academic all-state selection and a member of other numerous clubs.

Sanders (5-6, Kelso, WA) was a two-sport athlete at Kelso, earning four letters in softball and two on the volleyball court. During her junior and senior seasons she helped Kelso to back-to-back Washington State 4A titles in softball.

In 2010 she was second team all-league as a catcher and hit .397 with 31 hits, 10 home runs and 35 RBI.

Sanders earned second team all-league honors as a third baseman in her sophomore season and during her freshman year she was voted first team academic all-conference and second team all-area. She was a scholar athlete all four years in both softball and volleyball.

#### **MSUB Signs Players From California, Nevada (4/22/11)**

Aubrey Conceicao (Temecula, Calif.) and Emily Osborn (Las Vegas, Nev.) have signed National Letters of Intent to play softball at Montana State Billings.

"We're very excited to add two extremely talented players to our roster," MSUB coach Lisa Allen said. "Both players will add depth in positions where we are losing players this year to graduation."

Conceicao (UT, 5-3, Temecula, CA) lettered for four years in softball at Great Oak High School. She won the Team MVP award her sophomore year and was voted onto the all-league team as a second team choice. During her junior season she won the integrity award, voted on by the team. In the most recent stats of her senior season, Conceicao is batting .389 with a slugging percentage of .558 and an on base percentage of .444

"Although she's played first during her high school career, Aubrey will play a lot of second base and we have high hopes that she will make a difference in the infield and in the batting lineup as a strong hitter," Allen said.

Osborn (1B, 5-8, Las Vegas, NV) played four years of softball at Bonanza High, lettering every season. In 2008 she was named the team's defensive player of the year and also earned second team all-southwest league honors.

In 2009 she was the team MVP and again took home second team all-southwest league honors. She also earned first team all-state honors during 2009. In her 2010 season, Osborn was second team all-state, first team all-southwest league and was the team MVP for the second consecutive year.

Her 2010 stats included a batting average of .552 with 43 RBI and a slugging percentage of .924. In 183 innings played, she committed just six errors for a .975 fielding percentage.

"We are extremely excited to have Emily join the Yellowjacket softball team," Allen said. "Emily will have some big shoes to fill coming in for Kaycee Hoffman at first base, but we are positive that her glove and bat will take care of business. She is a power, natural lefty that will be a great addition to our lineup."

## **Simon Fraser**

### **Clan Signs Three to Letters of Intent (1/3/11)**

Iris Chow (Maple Ridge, B.C.), Danielle Raison (Langley, B.C.) and Kaitlyn Cameron (Langley, B.C.) have signed national letters-of-intent to play softball next season at Simon Fraser University.

Chow, Raison and Cameron all hail from the powerful Surrey Storm Midget "A" team. Shortstop Raison and catcher Cameron are considered power hitters, while centerfielder Chow is a left-handed slap-hitter with speed.

"All three can play, each are fundamentally sound in their own right," SFU coach Mike Renney said. "Iris is one of the quickest athletes I have seen in years, and as a left-handed slapper will give opposing infielders all they can handle with her short game, while her speed also provides great range in the outfield.

"Both Danielle and Kaitlyn can hit for power and have shown long ball potential. Danielle currently plays shortstop with her club team, and if she is hitting I am confident she can play any number of positions in the field.

"Kaitlyn has good size and has the potential to be a dominant catcher at our level and that fact combined with good plate presence makes her a good fit for the position."

"With these three recruits we have filled a number of our primary needs for the years to come," added Renney. "We are not done yet and will be looking to add a couple more recruits during the spring signing period."

## **Western Oregon**

### **Wolves Sign Five For 2012 Season (7/15/11)**

Junior college transfers Myranda Sawyer, Desiree Villegas, Meredith Barnes and Korissa Hall and freshman pitcher Jourdan Williams will join Western Oregon University's softball team for the 2012 season.

Williams was a four-time all-state performer in softball for McMinnville Senior High. The 5-8 right handed pitcher helped lead the Grizzlies to the state tournament and will come to Western Oregon to seek a degree in pre-medicine.

"Jourdan is an extremely competitive and athletic kid. Jourdan has played third base and is always in the lineup with her bat." said Western Oregon head coach Pam Knox. "She throws hard and has good movement on her pitches."

Desiree Villegas will join Western Oregon after a two-year stop at Long Beach City College (Calif.) She played second base and shortstop for LBCC while posting a .361 batting average, 39 runs batted in and a .504 slugging percentage.

"Desiree is a clutch hitter and drives in runs," Knox noted. "She is a leader, has experience and adds a solid bat to our team."

Sawyer, a 5-11 pitcher from Bakersfield, Calif., was a two-time all-league performer in high school. She will come to WOU from Mount Hood CC to major in criminal justice while helping solidify the pitching staff.

"Myranda has a great presence on the mound. She has a great change-up and moves the ball around the zones very well." Knox said.

Meredith Barnes, from College of the Siskiyous, was named to the All-NorCal team as a centerfielder. She was also an all-state and all-conference selection as an outfielder at South Salem High School.

"She will cover a lot of ground in the outfield. Meredith can hold her own behind the plate as well. She will contribute with her bat and her speed on the bases," Knox said.

Korissa Hall, from College of the Redwoods, also signed during the spring. A true utility player, she has experience behind the plate, at shortstop and in the outfield. "Korissa is very versatile defensively. She will get on base and be an asset with her speed."

### **Wolves Sign Two Oregon Preps to National Letters (12/7/10)**

Ashley Edwards, an infielder from Cascade High School in Turner, Ore., and Amanda Evola, an outfielder from Westview in Beaverton, Ore., have signed National Letters of Intent to play softball next year at Western Oregon University.

Edwards earned first team honors at the conference, regional and state level during her junior season at Cascade. In her sophomore year she hit .583 with 11 home runs. Edwards was also a member of the Northwest Fireballs Gold summer league team.

"Ashley is an outstanding athlete, who is versatile as well," said WOU coach Pam Knox. "She will be able to transition to the college game right away. What is impressive about Ashley is her ability to hit with power."

Evola was a starting outfielder on a state playoff team and a first team All-Metro League performer. She also played summer ball for the Oregon Silver Bullets Gold-BLK team and maintained a 3.8 grade point average through her junior season.

"Amanda impresses me with her presence on the field," Knox said. "She will be able to come right in and be an impact player in the outfield. (She has) leadoff batter capabilities."

## **Western Washington**

### **Four Prep Standouts Sign With Vikings (6/14/11)**

Four high school seniors have signed national letters of intent to play softball at Western Washington University. The quartet includes third baseman Cheyenne Best from Sedro-Woolley, outfielder Tayler Blumenfeld from Lake Stevens, pitcher Janelle Kasch from Snohomish and shortstop Matti Tetzlaff from Jackson.

Also added to Western's roster is walk-on Allie Crowe, an outfielder at Jefferson .

Best earned first-team Skagit Valley Herald all-Area and Northwest Conference all-star recognition, each for the fourth straight year, as a senior at Sedro-Woolley. A participant in the Senior Challenge all-star game, she broke school records for runs scored in a season (51) and career (141).

Best hit .479 with eight home runs, helping the Cubs to a conference title and a trip to the Class 3A state tournament.

As a junior, Best was a first-team all-state choice and SVH Female Athlete of the Year on a state championship team.

Blumenfeld was a first-team Western Conference North Division choice as a senior at Lake Stevens , hitting .444. She was a second-team Everett Herald all-Area pick as a junior.

Kasch received all-Western Conference North Division honorable mention as a senior, helping the Panthers to the district playoffs. She was team captain and inspirational award winner, both for the second year.

Tetzlaff was a first-team Everett Herald all-Area pick and first-team Western Conference South Division all-star as a senior. She hit .405 with five home runs, helping Jackson to league and district titles and fifth place at the Class 4A state tournament. Tetzlaff also earned first-team all-conference honors as a junior as the Timberwolves finished third at state.

Crowe earned honorable mention all-South Puget Sound League North Division honors as a senior at Thomas Jefferson, helping the Raiders to the Class 4A state tournament.

### **JC All-American Signs With Vikings (5/25/11)**

Utility player Kristen Allen, who earned All-America and region all-star honors as a sophomore at Bellevue CC, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball at Western Washington University.

Allen received Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America and Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Northern Region all-star recognition this spring. She ranked second among NWAACC batting leaders with a .575 average (65-for-113), while tying for eighth in runs batted in with 47 and tying for ninth in home runs with nine.

“We’re excited about her versatility and, of course, her bat,” said Suiter of Allen, who can play first base, second base and the outfield. “She will bring experience to a young team.”

Allen also had 47 runs scored, 14 doubles, three triples and a .635 on-base percentage in helping Bellevue to a 38-3 record, first place in the North Region (24-0) and fourth place at the NWAACC Championships.

The 5-foot-7 Allen also played one year at NCAA I Purdue as a freshman, seeing action in 45 games for the Boilermakers. She tied a school record by stealing three bases in one game against Michigan State .

Allen was named All-Sports Athlete of the Year as a senior at Arlington High School . She hit over .400 in each of her four seasons in softball, being a first-team Western Conference all-star as a junior and senior.

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### Ellensburg Product Early Signee With Wildcats (12/8/09)

Jessica Harris , a senior at Ellensburg High School, has signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her softball career at Central Washington University beginning with the 2011 season.

Harris, who pitches and also plays third base for the hometown Bulldogs, was part of an Ellensburg team that finished 24-2 and was the WIAA Class 2A state runner-up this past spring.

She earned second-team all-Central Washington Athletic Conference honors in the pitching circle for Ellensburg as a junior, tossing five no-hitters and posting a 0.14 earned-run average during the regular season. In the postseason, she had a 13-strikeout complete-game win over East Valley in the CWAC semifinals and a one-hit shutout in the state quarterfinals against North Mason.

"Jessica throws hard enough to be successful at the Division II level," CWU coach Gary Frederick said. "She is the type of pitcher that will only improve with time and practice within our program."

Harris will join former prep teammate Meghan Kopczyński , daughter of EHS coach Dave Kopczyński, on the Wildcat roster in 2011. Meghan Kopczyński will be a sophomore catcher/third baseman for CWU this coming spring after playing in 42 of the Wildcats' 53 games as a true freshman in 2009.

### Montana State Billings

#### Two From Southwestern Oregon Sign Letters With Yellowjackets (6/14/10)

Megan Harasymczuk and Annaleisha Parsley, who both played last season at Southwestern Oregon Community College, have signed national letters of intents to play softball for Montana State University Billings.

"Both Megan and Annaleisha are two of the best girls you're going to find out on the recruiting trail," said MSUB coach Anthony Stone. "Not only can they play softball at a very high level, but they are good people. They demonstrated that right away during their campus visit, as they were very open with our current team members, and that certainly goes a long way for building team chemistry."

Harasymczuk, a native of Spring Creek, Nev., spent the last two seasons playing at Southwestern Oregon. In both seasons, she was named to the NWAACC all-tournament team for her play in the outfield. This past season she earned Louisville Slugger All-America status and was the NWAACC Southern Region Co-MVP.

In high school Harasymczuk was a two-sport athlete, earning a letter all four years in softball and twice in basketball. She was named to the all-state team her final three seasons at Spring Creek, earning the Elko County MVP her senior season.

She helped SCHS to a state runner-up finish during her freshman season and a third place finish her senior year. Harasymczuk was also a member of the U.S. Triple Crown team that traveled to Australia and New Zealand for a competitive tour.

Parsley, a native of Lacey, Wash., also played two seasons at Southwestern Oregon. A 5-8 pitcher and first baseman, She earned NFCA All-American honors both seasons and was named to the all-tournament team in 2010.

Parsley was also NWAACC Pitcher of the Year in 2009 and was co-Pitcher of the Year this past season. During her high school career at Timberline High School, Parsley earned four letters in softball. She was also a member of numerous traveling teams throughout Washington State.

#### Yellowjackets Sign Two Montana Preps for Softball (6/2/10)

Montana prep standouts Samantha Church and Amanda Todd have signed national letters of intent to play softball for Montana State Billings starting in the 2011 season. Church and Todd join Olivia Heidinger who signed earlier with the Yellowjackets.

A native of Columbus (Mont.), Church was a three-sport athlete at Columbus High School excelling in softball, cross country and basketball. In softball she earned first-team all-state honors in each of the past three seasons.

"Sam is someone I've had my eye on since I was an assistant with the program long ago," said MSUB coach Anthony Stone. "She is one of those players who can do anything you ask of her and makes the best adjustments of any hitter I've seen in a long time. Couple that with her aggressiveness in defense and base running, you have someone with a lot of potential to beat teams in several different ways."

Church holds school records for most RBIs in a season, highest batting average in a season, most stolen bases in a season and most home runs in a season. Heading into the state playoffs, she was

batting .508 with 31 hits in 19 games, including 11 doubles, two triples and a team-high seven home runs.

Church led her team to four consecutive state championship appearances, winning the title three straight years before falling in the title game this season. She also helped Columbus to a fourth-place finish at the 2010 state basketball championships.

Academically she was involved in Key Club, Pep Club, Relay for Life and Re Act. An honor roll student, Church was selected as academic all-state all four years in softball and cross country, and three years for basketball.

Todd was a four-year letterwinner at Skyview High School in Billings and was a first team all-state player at shortstop in 2009. Also in 2009, she was named to the Great Falls Tribune Super State team for her play at second base.

"Amanda is a very mature, level headed young lady and will be a strong addition to our squad in the upcoming seasons," Stone said. "She is a versatile player who has a monster infield arm and can log some innings in the circle for us as well. Not only that, but offensively she is a huge threat, as she can hit for both power and average, and when you have hitters like that in your lineup, you won't be leaving too many runners on base."

Todd also earned all-state honors in 2008 and was named second team all-conference in 2007. She won the teams' Blue Bomber award in 2008 and 2009 along with winning the teams' Golden Glove award in 2007.

She helped lead Skyview to a third place finish at the state tournament in 2009 and this season was batting .319 with four home runs and 15 RBIs heading into the post-season. She also carried a .596 slugging percentage and had 15 walks.

"Adding Sam and Amanda is a very positive move for us, as we continue to recruit those elite players in Montana who not only pursue their academics with strong motivation, they also live and breathe softball," added Stone.

#### **Yellowjackets Sign Outfielder From Laurel (11/18/09)**

Olivia Heidinger, a 5-2 centerfielder from Laurel, Mont., has signed a National Letter of Intent to play for Montana State Billings beginning in the 2010-2011 season.

"Olivia choosing MSUB is a big local addition for us," said MSUB coach Anthony Stone. "She's a tough, hard working student-athlete who will add speed and solid fundamentals to our lineup. We're looking forward to Olivia joining the Yellowjackets next fall."

Heidinger has an impressive resume coming into her senior year at Laurel High School. She is already a three-year letter winner in softball, basketball and golf. She earned all-state honors and was named first-team all-conference during her junior season.

Through her three seasons with the Locomotives, Heidinger is batting .451 with an on-base percentage of .581. She has 32 hits including four home runs with 35 runs scored and 20 RBI. She helped her team to the state tournament the past three seasons and were divisional champions in 2007.

During her ASA career, Heidinger was part of the Billings Bulldogs who won the U-14 Montana state championship in 2007, and was an All-America selection at the Triple Crown World Series in 2007 and 2008. In 2009 she was an All-America selection at the Triple Crown Colorado Sparkler.

Heidinger is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, pep club and is a member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. She has earned academic all-state honors nine times and has been on the LHS honor roll every year.

## **Northwest Nazarene**

### **Crusaders Sign Players from Moses Lake, Utah (8/23/10)**

Chelsea Allsbrook and Ashley Azarow have each signed National Letters-of-Intent to attend Northwest Nazarene and play softball for the Crusaders.

Allsbrook (Jr., 5-7, 1B-3B, Moses Lake, WA - Moses Lake Christian) comes to Nampa having played the last two seasons at Wenatchee Valley College in Wenatchee, Wash.

She earned second-team all-NWAACC East Region honors this spring, hitting .369 with 48 hits and 35 RBI, as her team finished 38-9 overall and captured the East Region Division Championship.

Azarow (Fr., 5-5, SS-OF, Salt Lake City, UT - Juan Diego Catholic) joins the Crusaders from Juan Diego Catholic High School in Draper, Utah. Ashley was named a 2010 Deseret News All-State 3A honorable-mention selection this spring as Juan Diego Catholic advanced to the second-round of the Utah 3A State Softball Championships.

## **Western Oregon**

### **Western Oregon Signs Five To Letters (11/18/09)**

Five players have signed letters-of-intent to play softball for Western Oregon beginning in the 2011 season. Along the five are two from Grants Pass and one each from Aloha, Pendleton and Harrisonburg.

Alex Himmick has compiled a very impressive resume during her time at Pendleton High School . She has been named the conference's pitcher of the year, the offensive player of the year as well as a scholar-athlete. "Alex will bring a pure athleticism to our program," said WOU coach Pam Knox. "She can pitch, hit and play other positions because she is such an outstanding athlete. She will make an immediate impact on the mound upon her arrival at WOU."

Ashley Worthey will join the 2009-10 recruiting class out of Century High School in Aloha, Ore. During her interscholastic career she has been a first team all-conference selection and a second team all-state honoree. "Ashley a very athletic and outstanding receiving catcher who has a cannon for an arm," Knox said.

Outfielder Jamie Gregory was a member of the 6A state champions at Grants Pass High School . "Jamie is a very quick outfielder who will use her power and at the plate," explained Knox.

A fellow member of the Grants Pass 6A state champions Tia Misfeldt has also signed an NLI to play for the Wolves. "Tia is a very quick catcher and an excellent receiver," noted Knox. "She is also an outstanding student in the classroom."

Emily Cote' is the final member of Knox's recruiting class. The infielder joins the Wolves out of Harrisonburg High School . "Emily is very athletic infielder with a strong bat," said Knox. "She is also a member of the basketball team and is a standout in the classroom."

## **Western Washington**

### **DeRosier signs NLI, Flores Accepts Offer of Admission (4/20/10)**

Two high school seniors, pitcher Jenna DeRosier from Kelso and infielder Amanda Flores from Ferndale, will play collegiately at Western Washington University,

DeRosier has signed a National Letter of Intent, and Flores has accepted an offer of admission to attend Western.

"We are very excited to welcome Jenna and Amanda to the Viking softball family," said WWU coach Lonnie Hicks. "Both are terrific kids, with terrific ability, who will make an immediate impact on and off the softball field."

DeRosier is a three-time first-team Greater St. Helens League all-star at Kelso High School and boasts a 0.57 career earned run average, while averaging 11 strikeouts per game. She led the Lassies to the Class 4A State championship in 2009, receiving Class 4A

all-state honorable mention and being named Longview Daily News Spring Athlete of the Year.

"Jenna is a hard-throwing right hander with a deceptive release point," said Hicks. "She comes to Western with a tremendous track record, loads of experience and a great work ethic."

DeRosier was a four-time letter winner in volleyball, earning all-league honors as an outside hitter. Also a four-time GSHL Scholar-Athlete award winner, she plays ASA softball for the ARK-Northwest Eruption 18-Gold fastpitch team.

Flores has been a standout at Ferndale High School, hitting .469 (95-for-203) with 14 home runs, 88 runs batted in, a .573 on-base percentage and an .872 slugging-percentage in three-plus seasons with the Golden Eagles.

Flores has been a Northwest Conference all-star and Bellingham Herald all-Whatcom County selection in each of her first three prep seasons. As a freshman, she led the NWC in batting average (.512), hits (39), runs scored (28), RBI (32) and home runs (7).

Twice a team captain and MVP, Flores can play first base, third base or catch for the Vikings. "Amanda is gifted in her ability to hit a softball," said Hicks. "She has incredible power, but also hits for average and gets on base consistently. Amanda has the tools to be a great hitter in this league."

### **Vikings Sign Three Prep Standouts In Early Period (11/18/09)**

Three high school senior standouts have signed national letters of intent with Western Washington University in the early signing period. They are Meghan Carrillo (Prunedale, CA/North Monterey County), Kaleigh Keating (Salinas, CA /Notre Dame Salinas ) and Brooke Rychard (Kirkland/Juanita).

"We are very excited about this group of signees," said WWU coach Lonnie Hicks. "They all have the ability to contribute immediately in a number of ways and will add depth, talent and versatility on both sides of the ball. They are all great kids from great families and we are thrilled that they have chosen to continue their careers at Western."

Carrillo is a two-time first-team all-Monterey Bay League selection and a Salinas Californian all-County choice as a first baseman at North Monterey County High School .

Carrillo hit .468 as a junior with three doubles, a home run and a .522 on-base percentage. A three-time scholar-athlete award winner, she has led the team in hits (88) and runs batted in (47) over the past three seasons, being the school's Rookie of the Year award

in 2007, team Defensive MVP in 2008 and Offensive MVP in 2009.

Carrillo currently plays ASA softball for the Salinas Wildcats Gold.

"Meghan is an offensive threat every time she steps in the batter's box and an above average defender at first base or in the outfield," said Hicks. "She can consistently hit elite pitching for both average and power and should make an immediate impact on our program."

Keating is a slick-fielding middle infielder who is also a plus defender in centerfield. An all-Tri-County Athletic League selection as a junior, she is a career .346 hitter at Notre Dame Salinas High School with a .402 career on-base percentage.

Keating scored 24 runs in 2009, driving in nine runs and stealing eight bases in leading Notre Dame to its second straight TCAL championship. A teammate of Carrillo's on the Salinas Wildcats Gold, Keating has hit .415 over the last three seasons for the Wildcats. She is also a four-year starter and letter winner in water polo, twice being named the teams' offensive player of the year.

"Kaleigh is a terrific athlete with good speed," said Hicks. "She is a consistent contact hitter, with surprising power, who can get on base and score a lot of runs. She is very polished, both offensively and defensively, and does all the little things that help make a team better."

Rychard ranked among KingCo 3A League leaders in batting average (.568-3rd), on-base percentage (.619-4th), slugging-percentage (.865-5th), doubles (8-2nd), RBI (14-19th) and runs scored (19-2nd) during her junior season at Juanita High School.

Rychard, a talented defensive shortstop, led the Rebels to the 2009 regular-season league championship and a No.1 ranking entering the state tournament last spring. She also plays for the Washington Triple Threat Gold, where she hit .431 last summer.

"Brooke is a dynamic offensive player with the athletic ability necessary to play just about any position on the field," said Hicks. "She is an aggressive, hard-working kid who also brings terrific intangible qualities to our roster."

# 2010 Recruits

## Montana State Billings

### Michigan State Pitcher Transfers To MSUB (8/14/09)

Shae Bass, a 5-9 pitcher who has played at Michigan State the past two seasons, has signed on to play for the Yellowjackets and will transfer to the school beginning this fall.

"Shae will be a great addition to our program for the upcoming season," Stone said. "Given the loss of our two senior pitchers, we needed to reload our staff with some experience. Shae will fit into that role nicely, and with the return of Kasie Conder (GNAC Freshman of the Year, 16-4, 1.52 ERA) and Josie Grotbo (6-1 in eight appearances), we should be pretty tough in the circle again this year."

Bass, originally from Santee, Calif., appeared in 23 games, starting 13, during her freshman campaign in 2008. She finished the year with an 8-6 record and a 3.93 ERA with one save. Bass recorded 50 strikeouts in 78 innings pitched for the Spartans.

Her three straight victories at the Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Fla., led the Spartans to the tournament title and a spot on the all-tournament team. Bass scored victories over Wisconsin and Ohio State, going 2-1 in Big Ten Conference play that season. Last spring Bass pitched in just three games, splitting a pair of decisions and finishing with a 3.31 ERA.

Prior to Michigan State, Bass was a four-year letter winner at Santana High School in softball and basketball. She was an honorable mention state athlete of the year in both sports during 2005. Bass earned various first-team awards, including All-Grossmont League, All-CIF Division III, All-East County, and was also named All-East County pitcher of the year in 2006.

### MSUB Adds Infielder from Chemeketa (8/3/09)

Kaycee Hoffman, an infielder from Chemeketa Community College, will play softball next spring at Montana State University Billings.

"Kaycee will be a welcome addition to our team this year and I foresee her making an immediate impact," Stone said. "She comes from one of the most respectable programs in the NWAACC, and I feel that not only will her offense help us, her versatility on defense will be certainly useful to our ball club. She's a great fit for the Jackets."

Hoffman, a 5-6 native of Canby, Ore., played catcher the past two years at Chemeketa where she batted .452

with 37 singles, seven doubles, one triple, one home run and 36 RBI. She had an on-base percentage of .544 and was a Southern Region first team selection.

In high school, she was a first team all-league selection in 2006 at first base. She also was an all-state honorable mention selection. She helped lead her team to the state tournament all four years.

### 'Jackets Sign Spokane Falls Transfer (6/4/09)

Rachel Eisenmann, a transfer from Spokane Falls CC, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball at Montana State Billings.

Eisenmann, a native of Missoula, Mont., had a solid two-year career at Spokane Falls CC. In 2009, she scored 24 runs, drove in 19 and batted .311 in helping her team to a 37-11 record, a share of the NWAACC East Regional title and a return trip to the championship tournament. As a freshman in 2008, she earned All-East Region second team honors as her team qualified for the championship tournament.

Eisenmann earned three letters at Missoula Sentinel High School and was named to the Class AA All-State first team as a senior. She plans on majoring in Business Management at MSUB.

"Rachel is a solid addition to our program," said head coach Anthony Stone. "She's a committed student-athlete who will make an immediate impact in our lineup. She's someone who doesn't need her ego fed."

"Rather, she is a very tough, humble person and she embodies what our program is all about; academic priority with a strong work ethic to progressive improvement on a daily basis. You can tell she loves the game, and I tell everyone that comes through this program, if you love softball, you'll love being a Yellowjacket."

### California Catcher Signs NLI With MSUB (12/9/08)

Madison Smith of Newcastle, Calif., has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball at Montana State Billings starting in the fall of 2009. She is a catcher and utility player who is entering her senior year at Granite Bay High School. Smith is the first player to sign an NLI for the Yellowjackets.

"I feel pretty fortunate that Madison has chosen Montana State Billings," said head coach Tony Stone. "She is not only a great student-athlete but an even better person. Madison is a very versatile athlete who can play several positions. I think she is a great fit for the program and we are excited to see what she can do for the Yellowjackets."

Smith has been selected to the All-Sierra Foothills League first team all three seasons. She was named the

team MVP as a freshman and junior and was selected team captain in each of the last two seasons. Smith is a member of student government and the honor roll.

## **Western Oregon**

### **Three Sign in Early Period (11/12/08)**

Kelsey White, Brittany Reeves and Andrea Bailey have signed letters of intent to play softball at Western Oregon University.

White, a pitcher from South Salem High School, went 18-5 with a 0.47 earned run average as a high school junior. She recorded 188 strikeouts on the season to earn an all-conference and all-region selection in addition to being named as an all-state honorable mention. She has also garnered two all-academic awards in her high school career.

"She is one of the top pitchers in the Salem area," said WOU coach Pam Knox. "She pitches with great movement and will be a nice addition to our pitching staff. Western Oregon was a perfect fit for her academically and athletically."

Reeves, a pitcher from Crater High School in Central Point, Ore., was a 2008 5A first team all-conference and all-state selection. She had a 0.85 ERA on the mound and a .296 batting average at the plate. She has also been honored for having a GPA of 3.75 or higher for the past three years.

"She is a very good pitcher that uses her excellent velocity very well," said Knox. "She has the potential to be a very good pitcher and hitter for us. We were fortunate that Reeves wanted to be a pre-optometry major and that Western Oregon is able to offer her that educational opportunity."

Bailey, a shortstop from Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Ore., was a first team all-conference and second-team all-state selection as a junior. She helped lead the Bruins to a conference championship as she batted .360, with a .474 on-base percentage, 11 doubles and a .490 slugging percentage in 30 games. She did not commit an error in 198 innings last season as she received the coaches' golden glove award for the second consecutive season.

"Andrea is a very talented shortstop with great range and a cannon for an arm," explained Knox. "She doesn't make errors and is steady with the glove. At the plate, she puts the bat on the ball consistently."

"All three student-athletes have the ability to come in and start for us," said Knox. "They are going to provide our returning players with a challenge, especially the pitching staff. Bailey, Reeves and White are all impact players from the state of Oregon which will contribute to the future success of our program."

## **Western Washington**

### **Vikings Sign Canadian Catcher (6/10/09)**

Catcher Jackie Rothenberger of the White Rock Renegades and Team British Columbia has signed a national letter of intent to play softball for the Vikings.

"Jackie is a plus defender at a premium defensive position," said WWU coach Lonnie Hicks. "She works well with pitchers and is a terrific receiver with a strong and accurate arm."

Rothenberger hit .372 (45-for-121) for the Renegades in 2008, having a .441 on-base percentage with six doubles, five home runs and 30 runs batted in.

"Jackie will provide us with a lot of lineup flexibility," Hicks said. "She has a short, compact swing and can drive the ball all over the ballpark. She's a hard worker with the potential to hit for average and power immediately."

A dual citizen and a native of Coquitlam, B.C., Rothenberger was invited to tryout for the Canadian Junior National team in 2006 and was the first-string catcher for Team British Columbia from 2007 to 2009.

Rothenberger is a spring graduate of Gleneagle Secondary School in Coquitlam.

### **Western Washington Signs Another Quint (6/3/09)**

Erika Quint, a sophomore pitcher at Olympic Community College, has signed a national letter of intent to play for Western Washington University.

"Erika is a tremendous competitor, who will add talent and depth to our pitching staff," said WWU coach Lonnie Hicks. "She throws in the low 60s, with great movement and has the ability to change speeds and pitch ahead in the count."

Quint is the younger sister of former Viking standout Jackie Quint, who set school career records for wins (48), complete games (68), innings pitched (601 1/3) and strikeouts (478) from 2004 to 2007.

"Jackie was one of the premier pitchers in school history, but there is no doubt that Erika is talented enough to carve out her own legacy at Western," Hicks said. "Like Jackie, she sets herself apart with her work ethic, determination and a strong desire to be her best."

The 5-foot-3, right-handed Quint finished her OCC career with a school-record 30 wins. As a freshman, she was named NWAACC Northern Region Pitcher of the Year, posting a 16-7 record with a 1.57 earned run average and 173 strikeouts.

Quint helped the Rangers place third at the NWAACC post-season tournament as a freshman and fourth as a sophomore, earning a spot on the all-tournament team both seasons. A two-time NWAACC Northern Region all-star, she pitched two no-hitters at OCC, one a perfect game.

Quint is a graduate of Central Kitsap High School where she earned Seattle Times all-State honorable mention as a senior and was a three-time all-Narrows League pick.

### **Two Prep Seniors Sign With Vikings (11/21/08)**

Two prep seniors, Rachele Berry from Burlington-Edison High School and Erika Hendron from Redmond High School, have signed national letters of intent to play softball at Western Washington University.

"With the depth and talent on our roster, we were looking to add impact players in this (2010) recruiting class," said WWU coach Lonnie Hicks. "I feel like we added a pair of kids with all-conference potential, who will make a big impression on our program."

Berry, who plays first base and outfield, was a first-team Class 2A all-State and all-Northwest League selection as a junior, hitting .419 with 13 doubles and 12 runs batted in. She helped Burlington-Edison place second at the state tournament.

"Rachele is a threat every time she steps into the batter's box," Hicks said. "She is unbelievably consistent and should hit for a high average from day one. Rachele is hard-working, passionate and understands how to play the game better than anyone I've ever recruited."

Hendron, a right-handed pitcher, posted an 8-5 record with a 1.71 earned run average as a junior. A second-team all-league pick, she led the Kingco 4A League with 120 strikeouts in 78 innings, helping the Mustangs finish third at the Class 4A state playoffs.

"Erika will be one of the top senior pitchers in the state this season," said Hicks. "She has tremendous command of all her pitches and can really miss bats. We expect Erika to step right into our rotation as a freshman."

# 2009 Recruits

## Montana State Billings

### Yellowjackets Add Ninth Player to Recruiting List (8/01/08)

Whitney Whittemore has signed a national letter of intent to play softball for Montana State University Billings. She is the ninth player to sign with the Yellowjackets.

"Whitney comes from a solid softball program at Bellevue Community College, and I believe she will make an immediate impact for us this upcoming season," MSUB coach Anthony Stone said.

"You hear it said a lot, but in the true sense of the phrase, Whitney is simply one of those players you are very happy to have playing for you. A tremendous work ethic combined with an excellent academic background makes her a great fit for the Yellowjackets."

Whittemore, a native of Puyallup, Wash., played her last two seasons at Bellevue CC where she played in 41 games in 2008. She batted at a .420 clip and had six home runs and 40 RBIs. In additions, she had 58 hits, including 18 extra-base hits.

Prior to Bellevue, Whittemore played high school softball at Emerald Ridge High School playing both second base and shortstop and outfield.

### Moeller Signs With Yellowjackets (5/29/08)

Ontario, Ore., native, Ashley Moeller has signed a national letter of intent with Montana State University Billings

"Ashley is a tough player who isn't afraid to make sacrifices for her team and possesses a tireless work ethic that will be a welcome addition to the Yellowjackets," MSUB coach Anthony Stone said.

Moeller, a 5-2 utility player, played high school softball at Malheur County in Ontario. She lettered in soccer and softball all four years and earned numerous accolades in both sports.

In softball, Moeller was a first team all-conference selection and Most Valuable Player in 2006-07 and her team finished second in state and qualified for the national tournament. Ashley is the younger sister of Megan Moeller, who played two years for the Yellowjackets after a successful career with the Mount Hood Saints, a junior college in Gresham, Ore.

### Helena Product Signs With MSUB (5/8/08)

Helena native Josie Grotbo has signed a national letter of intent to play softball with Montana State University Billings.

Grotbo prepped at Helena High School where she lettered all four years in softball and two in basketball. She was a second team all-conference pitcher in 2007, as she had a 10-4 record with three saves and a 1.88 ERA. Grotbo pitched 62 innings as a junior and fanned 132 while walking just 25.

This season, she is 4-2 with a 1.30 ERA and has fanned 58 in 48 innings pitched. Grotbo had 12 strikeouts against Great Falls High School as she tossed a two-hitter and she fanned 10 against Flathead in a four-hitter performance. In addition to pitching, Grotbo also can hit as well as she carries a .429 average with 10 RBIs and 18 hits this season.

Grotbo not only excels on the field, but also in the classroom as she has been on the honor roll all four years at HHS, as well as National Honor Society and MTAD (Mentoring Teams Against Drugs). In addition, she has played three years in the orchestra and went to districts and state. She also was an academic all-state selection in basketball.

### Five Prep Standouts Sign With Yellowjackets (11/29/07)

Five high school seniors from four different states after signed National Letters-of-Intent to play softball at Montana State Billings.

### Shasta Cornelison, Eldorado, Calif. ( Union Mine HS)

Cornelison is a 5-7 first baseman who will have lettered all four years in softball at Union Mine High School. Cornelison was named all-league three years straight and was named to the All-Metro team as a sophomore. As a junior, she was named the Most Valuable Player on her high school team after her team was crowned the Sierra Valley Division II Conference Champions.

"Shasta is a pure and natural hitter," said MSUB coach Tony Stone. "She has the ability to use the entire field instead of only pulling the ball. Defensively, Shasta is another multi-positional player who can log some innings at catcher and first base which makes her even more valuable to our squad."

### Amanda Goings, Puyallup ,Wash. (Puyallup HS)

Goings is a 5-foot-4 outfielder who will have lettered all four season in softball at Puyallup High School. She has been named the captain of her team for her senior season. Goings is the Key Club

treasurer, is a member of the student council, and has passed all four sections of the WASL.

“Amanda is a smart individual and is a speedy outfielder who can make excellent reads on the ball,” said Stone. “She has very quick hands and can swing away or slap the ball making it tough for the defense to read..”

**Jenna VanEykeren, Las Vegas, Nev. (Centennial HS)**

VanEykeren is a 5-foot-6 infielder who will have lettered all four years in softball at Centennial High School . Her high school team won the Northwest Division Championship as a junior. VanEykeren has been on the Honor Roll all four years and won the Scholar Athlete Award as a junior. As a sophomore she was named to the Nevada all-state academic team.

“The softball staff here at MSUB think Jenna is a tremendous athlete, not only as a catcher, but as a middle-infielder as well,” said Stone. “She has all the tools, both defensively and offensively, to make an immediate impact for us next season. Jenna's work ethic and positive attitude will be a welcome addition to our roster.”

**Kelsey Brown, Spanaway, Wash. (Graham-Kapowsin HS)**

Brown is a 5-foot-7 outfielder who lettered once in volleyball, twice in cross country, and will letter four years in softball. Brown has received numerous softball awards which include being named to the all-league honorable mention team as a junior. Brown's high school team finished seventh at the state tournament her junior season.

“Kelsey is a very intelligent player who can read the ball especially well,” said Stone. “She can swing away or slap, which makes it very difficult for the opposing team to defend.”

**Kasie Conder, Hamilton, Mont. ( Corvallis HS)**

Conder is a 5-foot-8 pitcher who lettered three years in volleyball and will letter four years in softball following her senior season. Conder was named to the all-state team as a sophomore and junior and has been an all-state first team selection as a freshman, sophomore, and junior.

She was also named to the super-state team as her high school team took fourth at the state tournament her junior season. Conder is a member of the National Honor Society and was named academic all-state as a freshman.

“Kasie has established herself as one of the top pitchers in the state of Montana,” Stone said. “We are very happy she has chosen to stay in state for her

collegiate career. She is a powerful thrower and can challenge hitters all over the strike zone. We look for Kasie to add depth to an already deep pitching rotation, and believe she will be a constant in the circle for several years to come.” plus she can play third base and hit the ball well.”

## **Western Oregon**

**Wolves Sign Three More To National Letters (6/18/08)**

Three more players have signed National Letters of Intent to play softball next spring for Western Oregon University. They will join three others that signed early last fall, bringing the recruiting class of 2008 to six.

Rachelle Knuth (North Salem HS), Ashlynn Avilla-Ashby (Kapolei , Hawaii ) and Jessica Lessard (Elizabeth, Colo.) are the latest additions.

Knuth is a two-time first team All-Central Valley Conference selection as an infielder, where she helped lead the Vikings this spring to their first state tournament since 2001 . She hit .340 with four doubles, three triples and three home runs. She also stole nine bases and was a third team all-state (6A) selection.

Lessard is a two-time first team junior college All-Region IX selection out of Otero JC in La Junta, Colo. The pitcher also earned second team junior college All-American honors in 2007. "We needed another pitcher with experience and competitiveness," WOU coach Pam Knox added. "Jessica will fit in nicely with our pitching staff."

Avilla-Ashby was a second team All-Oahu Interscholastic Association pick at catcher. She was an honorable mention selection to the All-OIA squad as a junior.

**Wolves Sign Three In Early Period For Softball (11/26/07)**

Three high school standouts have signed National Letters of Intent during the early signing period to play softball for Western Oregon University.

Ashley Smith, Bailey Rueck and Megan Peterson will join the Western Oregon program for the 2009 season. All three will play their final season of high school softball this coming spring.

Peterson was the 2007 Midwestern League Player of the Year as a junior at Churchill High School in Eugene. She was named the spring prep athlete of the year by the Eugene Register-Guard and was named to the second team all-state squad (5A) as a pitcher.

In 2006, she was a first team all-state pick as a utility player. The Lancers were Midwestern League champs in 2005, 2006, and 2007. As a junior, she hit .430 and broke the school record for doubles in a season.

Rueck is a two-time All-Portland Interscholastic League pick as a pitcher. She also hit .482 with 17 RBI last spring for the Grant Generals. She will be a four-year starter and is a two-time team MVP for Grant, who qualified for the state playoffs last spring.

Rueck played for the ASA Oregon Silver Bullets last summer, helping to lead the club to the Oregon state championship and a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish at the national tournament. Bailey's sister Bryndle is a junior starter and all-conference selection at WOU in soccer.

Smith has played shortstop, catcher and the outfield for St. Francis School in Honolulu . She was a second team All-ILH pick behind the plate last spring, helping to lead her team to the Division I title. She was also an honorable mention all-state selection.

Smith was a first team all-state pick as a sophomore and was honorable mention as a freshman. She hit .383 and drove in 16 runs in 14 games.

# 2008 Recruits

## Montana State University Billings

### Oberg Signs With MSUB (6/07)

Shay Oberg, a 2005 graduate of Billings West High School, is transferring from Southwestern Oregon Community College and will play softball next spring at Montana State University Billings.

"Shay will be an excellent addition to the Yellowjacket Softball program," said MSUB assistant coach Cori Thiermann. "Those who have seen Shay play in the area have seen her hard work and determination to succeed. We are excited to have her contribute to the success our program will see next year."

Oberg played two seasons at Southwestern Oregon, earning second team all-conference honors as a freshman. She was an all-state right fielder for West High in 2005 when she batted .333 and earned the team's "Best Offensive Player" award.

### Yellowjackets Add Outfielder (5/30/07)

Cherish Allen-Jones has signed a national letter of intent to play softball for Montana State University Billings. The Las Vegas native will graduate in June from Palo Verde High School.

"We are extremely excited to have Cherish join the Yellowjackets," said MSUB assistant coach Cori Thiermann. "She is versatile at the plate. She can hit for power and slap from both sides of the plate. She also has speed on the bases as well as in the outfield. Cherish will make an immediate impact on the team. We are looking forward to helping Cherish develop her full potential."

Allen-Jones lettered in softball and tennis at Palo Verde. She earned all-state second team honors as a junior centerfielder when she helped the Panthers to the league championship. She hit over .350 during her senior season. In tennis, Allen-Jones was a two-time regional champion and a state runner up.

## Northwest Nazarene

### Hevern To Play for Crusaders (12/26/06)

Haley Hevern has signed a National Letter-of-Intent to attend Northwest Nazarene and play softball for the Crusaders next year.

Hevern, a senior at Crater High School in Central Point, Ore., was an All-Southern Oregon Conference infielder in both 2005 and 2006 and hit .394 during

her junior season at Crater HS. She also led her team in RBIs.

### Crane, Lowry Sign With Crusaders (11/8/06)

Cortnee Crane and Catherine Lowery have both signed national letters-of-intent to attend Northwest Nazarene and play softball for the Crusaders next season.

Crane, a senior at Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup, Wash., was an All-South Puget Sound League honorable mention selection as a junior and has played the last three summers with the Washington MsStix Softball Club.

Lowery, a senior at Puyallup High School, was also an honorable mention All-SPSL pick as a junior, and has played four years for the same Washington MsStix club team. As a freshman, Lowery earned second team Chinook League honors while playing for Cascade Christian High School.

Earning Western Summer National Tournament all-star team selections, both players come highly recommended by their MsStix club coach, Roger Moshier.

"Catherine is a very good defensive catcher and has led our team in RBIs the last three seasons," Moshier added. "Cortnee is a very intelligent ball player who leads by example. She has been a team captain for the last two years and will always give you 100 percent."

"Cortnee is a very consistent player and will be a solid addition to our team, while Catherine is a confident athlete that should transition into college softball with ease," NNU assistant coach Jill Sever said.

## Seattle University

### Seattle Softball Signs Three To National Letters Of Intent (11/14/06)

Jessica Amador (Whittier, Calif.), Lauren Carlson (Richland, Wash.), and Katie Gould (Medford, Ore.) have signed National Letters of Intent to play softball for Seattle University beginning in the 2007-08 academic year.

Amador is a catcher who has been a solid student-athlete at California High School. Presently in the Top 25 of her class, she has been named second team all-league twice as well as first team all-area.

"Jessica is going to contribute immediately with her arm and bat," SU coach Dan Powers said. She will continue our tradition of having strong catchers behind the plate," said Powers.

As both a pitcher and a middle infielder, Carlson has helped the Hanford High School squad win two league

championships as well as a regional title. She is a three-time all-league and two-time all-area and all-state performer, plus she has been named the team's MVP twice and the league's MVP after her junior season.

"Lauren is a great athlete that can help us pitching and as a middle infielder. She brings an impressive bat and will improve our overall depth because of her athletic ability," Powers said.

Gould has been a solid outfielder for the North Medford High School program. Last season she batted .487 with a slugging percentage of .512 and an on-base percentage of .609. She was flawless on defense, earning 32 putouts and one assist without committing an error.

"Katie will bring us another speedy outfielder with solid slap hitting skills," Powers said. "She will make an immediate impact at the top half of our lineup."

## **Western Oregon**

### **WOU Inks Top Pitcher From The Dalles (5/25/07)**

The Dalles-Wahtonka High School standout Jessica Wood, who was the Intermountain Conference Pitcher and Player of the Year this spring, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball for Western Oregon.

"Jessica will join a pitching staff that will be very competitive for the 2008 season," WOU coach Pam Knox said. "She will have an impact in the pitcher's circle right away with her command of the pitches and her velocity. Also impressive is her bat, she is a clean-up hitter who can play first base."

Wood has been dominant for an Eagle-Indians squad that is currently 25-2. In a state playoff game against North Eugene earlier this week, the left-hander tossed a three-hit shutout and fanned 12 during a 19-0 win. For good measure, she helped herself with a three-run homer at the plate. On the season, she has 13 shutouts on her resume.

### **Wolves Sign Three To Letters of Intent (04/17/07)**

Western Oregon softball coach Pam Knox has announced the signing of three high school standouts to National Letters of Intent.

Hawaii preps Tierra-Lyn Cuba (Mililani HS), Sasha Koki (St. Francis HS) and Jandee Tiarra (St. Francis HS) will all attend WOU next fall and will compete for roster spots on the 2008 squad.

Tierra-Lyn Cuba was a left-handed first baseman at Mililani. She was a first team All-Honolulu Advertiser all-state selection and was an all-league pick. She hit .365 and had an on-base percentage of .491. "Tierra-

Lyn has great hands and is a quick as a cat," Knox said. "She will contribute for us offensively with the bat as well."

Sasha Koki is a third baseman and utility player for St. Francis HS in Kanehoe. She was also a first team all-state pick and was the Interscholastic League of Honolulu Most Valuable Player. She hit .483 for league champion St. Francis with eight doubles, three triples and three home runs. "Sasha can play anywhere," Knox assessed. "She has great reactions and a real solid glove. She can also hit at a high level."

Jandee Tiarra is Koki's centerfield teammate at St. Francis. She was a first team All-ILH pick and was a second team all-state honoree. "Jandee is very athletic, and moves very well. She can also swing the bat on the offensive side."

Western Oregon is an NCAA Division II program that plays in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. The Wolves are currently in first place with a 9-1 league record and they are 20-18 overall. Knox is in her fifth year at WOU, after also serving as the head coach at Northwest Missouri State and Park College. She has a career mark of 295-283.

"I am very excited to have these athletes commit to our program," Knox added. "It is a great fit for them and for us."

## **Western Washington**

### **Vikings Add All-Star Pitcher from Peninsula (8/2/07)**

Pitcher Jessica Rosencrants has signed a financial aid agreement to play softball for Western Washington University.

The 5-foot-8 Rosencrants earned first-team NWAACC Northern Region all-star honors last spring as a sophomore at Peninsula CC. The Pirates' team captain, she helped them to a 27-19 record.

As a freshman, Rosencrants attended Southeast Missouri State University and lettered for the Redhawks as a reliever. She appeared in 12 games, winning both decisions and having a 5.56 earned run average.

Rosencrants struck out 567 and walked just 16 during her four-year career at Sequim High School, posting a 61-9 record. As a senior, she was named most valuable player of the Nisqually League, helping the Wolves to the Class 3A state tournament.

A first-team all-league choice as a junior, Rosencrants played on a team that made the school's first trip to state. Rosencrants also attended Carlmont High School in Belmont, Calif., for two seasons.

### **Seven Sign With Vikings (6/18/07)**

Seven high school seniors have signed national letters of intent to play softball for Western Washington University.

That group includes outfielder/third baseman Kelsey Anderson from Mount Vernon, outfielder Hilary Cosentino from Stevenson, shortstop Caitlin Dotlich from Sedro-Woolley (Burlington-Edison High School), outfielder Jenna Mohrweis from Mill Creek (Jackson High School), catcher/infielder Samantha Rutherford from Kenmore (Inglemoor High School), outfielder Shelbi Simmons from Centralia and utility player Michelle Wrigley from Bothell (Inglemoor High School).

Anderson was a first-team Skagit Valley Herald and all-Northwest League choice as a senior at Mount Vernon, helping the Bulldogs to a 21-3 record, league and district titles and a trip to the Class 3A state tournament. She hit .440 with 21 runs batted in and 25 runs scored.

Cosentino was a second-team all-Tri County League pick as a senior at Stevenson High School, leading the Bulldogs with a .525 batting average.

Dotlich earned first-team SVH all-Area and all-NWL recognition at Burlington-Edison High School, batting .475 in helping the Tigers place seventh at the Class 2A state tournament. As a junior, she was a first-team all-state pick and league MVP, hitting .510 on a squad that won the league title and got to state.

Mohrweis was a first-team Everett Herald and Seattle Times all-Area and all-Western Conference choice as a senior at Jackson High School. She hit .512, stole a school-record 36 bases, drove in 17 runs and scored 37 in helping the Timberwolves to a third straight Wesco South Division championship.

Rutherford was a second-team all-Kingco League pick as a senior at Inglemoor High School. She helped the Vikings to a 24-5 record and third place at the Class 4A state tournament, hitting .397 with 25 runs scored, eight doubles and three home runs.

Simmons was a first-team all-Evergreen League choice as a senior at Centralia High School, helping the Tigers place second at the Class 2A state tournament. She was a first-team Centralia Chronicle all-Area and all-league pick as a junior, hitting .403.

Wrigley was a first-team all-Kingco League pick as a senior at Inglemoor High School. She hit .411, driving in 17 runs and scoring 25.

# 2007 Recruits

## Central Washington

### Central Washington Adds Quartet of Prep Standouts (6/6/06)

Four high school student-athletes from the state of Washington have signed National Letters of Intent to continue their softball careers at Central Washington University beginning this coming season, CWU head coach Gary Frederick announced.

Joining the Wildcats for the 2007 season will be Katy Jones, Rachael Kramer, Katriina Reime, and Chantell Smith.

Three of the four - Kramer, Reime, and Smith - come from west of the Cascade Mountains, while the fourth - Jones - prepped at Kamiakin High School in Kennewick, Wash.

"This is one of the best recruiting classes we've had here," CWU associate head coach Mike Garoutte said. "These girls will fill the immediate defensive and offensive needs that we have and, along with our returning nucleus of players, should help us contend for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference title next year."

The Wildcat coaching staff compares this year's recruiting class to that of the 2002-03 season, which this past spring produced a pair of all-conference first team players in catcher Kelli Spaulding (Battle Ground, Wash.) and first baseman Mallory Holtman (White Salmon, Wash./Columbia HS). A third member of that year's recruiting class, Catrina Robertson (Rochester, Wash.), was an honorable mention all-GNAC choice.

Jones, who was a four-year letter winner and an all-Big Nine Conference player at Kamiakin, has pitched and played third base for the Braves. She set single-season school records for pitching victories and batting average during her junior season at Kamiakin, and has helped lead her team to the Class 4A state tournament.

"Katy is a very solid player who has the potential to play either pitcher or third base for us," Garoutte said. "We see her filling a role for us at third base, and we expect her to be a solid and dependable player who will fit in nicely with our Wildcat program."

Kramer starred at North Kitsap High School in Poulsbo, Wash., playing three years of varsity softball for the Vikings. She is expected to play either shortstop or second base at Central Washington, following a prep

career that saw her earn a pair of all-Narrows League selections as a pitcher and help North Kitsap to a seventh place finish in the 2005 Class 4A state tournament and a state quarterfinal appearance in this year's tournament.

"Rachael will help address some of our needs in the middle of the infield," Garoutte said. "She has a rocket arm, comparable to anyone on our current team. She has quite a bit of flexibility defensively, and she will be a solid offensive contributor once she becomes accustomed to the college level."

Reime (pronounced RAY-mee) played for 2006 Class 2A state champion Hoquiam for former CWU baseball player Mark Maxfield, whose daughter Molly will be a senior outfielder for the Wildcats in 2007. A six-foot-tall pitcher, Reime is a three-time all-Evergreen League selection who has also competed in basketball, swimming, and volleyball for the Grizzlies over the course of her prep career.

"Katrina has solid size, command, and great movement," Garoutte said. "She should be an immediate impact player for us in the pitching circle. She can spot her pitches well - she's not overpowering, but is precise with her location."

The addition of Reime continues a Wildcat tradition of recruiting high-caliber players from some of the state's smaller schools. Eleven of Central Washington's 18 roster players in 2006 competed at either the 2A, 1A, or B classifications of the Washington School Activities Association.

Smith spent the past four seasons playing for Auburn High School. While with the Trojans, she earned a pair of all-WESCO League honors during her first two seasons, then added a first team all-South Puget Sound League accolade as a third baseman as a junior. A versatile player during her prep career, Smith is expected to be a catcher upon joining the Wildcats in 2007.

"Chantell will make an immediate offensive impact," Garoutte said, "that will only add to the depth we have returning at the plate. With a year of mentoring under (Kelli) Spaulding, we expect Chantell to position herself to step in defensively in 2008, but in the meantime, we see her being an immediate power threat."

These four additions to the Wildcat program will help absorb the losses of four seniors from the school's 2006 squad that finished 20-25 overall. This past year, Central Washington shattered previous single-season school records for most home runs (36), triples (19), and runs scored (206), as well as highest slugging percentage (.455) and on-base percentage (.361).

## Saint Martin's

### Saints Sign Three To National Letters (5/23/06)

Three high school seniors - Kirstin Davidson, Kristi Sigafoos and Danni Ballard - have signed National Letters of Intent to play softball with Saint Martin's University.

Davidson, an outfielder from Crater High School, batted .524 and was a first team all-conference selection in her senior season. As a junior, she finished with a .429 batting average en route to earning first team all-conference and first team all-state honors. She was also recognized for her efforts in the classroom as she was the recipient of the State Farm Outstanding Student Award.

"We are looking for her to make an immediate impact in the outfield and add to our existing talent," said SMU coach Kirstin Jensen. "We are excited about the offensive fire power she will bring as she has led her league in batting average the last two years."

Sigafoos, an infielder from Thomas Jefferson High School, recorded a .551 batting average on the way to earning first team South Puget Sound All-League, Seattle Times All-Area, Federal Way All-City and WIAA Player of the Week honors in her senior season.

As a junior, she posted a .426 slugging percentage in earning SPSL All-League honors and the Gold Glove Award. She is maintaining a 3.66 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. Sigafoos, an Americorps volunteer, has accumulated over 200 hours of community service in receiving the Presidential Service Award.

"She has good coverage in the middle infield; great glove, great arm and excellent speed," comments Jensen. "She has been a consistent power hitter at the high school and club level. She will help put runs on the board as she has had the top batting average in the SPSL the past two years."

Ballard, a catcher from Sumner High School, is a two-time All-League and South King County Journal All-Area honoree. During the summer, she played with the Washington Hurricane's, placing 17th in Aurora, Colorado and 13th at the ASA Nationals in Columbus, Georgia.

"She will be a solid leader for us behind the plate. We like how well she communicates with her teammates on the field. She has a great bat, can hit for power and is smart on the bases," said Jensen.

"All three of these incoming student-athletes will be a great addition to the softball program and the institution. We are extremely excited to welcome them to SMU."

## Seattle University

### Two Prep Standouts To Play For Redhawks (5/23/06)

Taylor Olson and J.J. Mulligan, have accepted invitations to attend Seattle University and play basketball for the Redhawks.

Olson, a 5-10 guard from Seattle's Bishop Blanchet High School, was a Metro League first team member who scored 20.9 points per game during his senior year. Named team MVP for three consecutive years, Olson also played in the WIBCA 4A/3A All-Star Game and Emerald City All-Star Game.

"Taylor Olson is going to be a great incoming freshman for us," said SU assistant coach Dan Emerson. "He played a great game against Martell Webster and Spencer Hawes during his junior year and led his team to an upset victory over Seattle Prep. We expect Taylor to contribute by coming in, shooting and passing the ball right away."

During his junior season, Olson averaged 17.7 points per game, was named to the Metro League second team and appeared in the state tournament. As a sophomore, Olson averaged 13.1 points and was a Metro League third team member. Olson finished his high school career with 1,327 points and hit 188 three-pointers with the Bishop Blanchet Braves.

A McDonald's All-American nominee, Mulligan (6-7, 175) Reno High School (Reno, Nev.), led the Huskies to a 27-5 record, winning the state championship. Reno was the first Northern Nevada team to win the state tournament in 31 years and the first Huskies team to win the state tournament in 43 years.

Mulligan was named all-league first team, all-Northern Nevada first team, all-state second team and was the team's leading scorer, averaging 16 points, six rebounds and three assists. Mulligan was selected to the Chilean National Team in May 2006 and will play in the South American Championships July 10-16, 2006 in Venezuela.

"J.J. is a great asset for our team," Emerson said. "With J.J. getting that international experience with the Chilean National Team, we expect big things out of his play starting next season for the Redhawks."

Mulligan has dual citizenship, as does his mother, Emma Sepulveda, a university of Reno-Nevada professor who is originally from Chile. Mulligan's father, John, is a tax attorney who played basketball professionally in Europe for five years (1974-79) and was an all-state player for Reno HS in 1969.

Mulligan has a 3.8 grade point average and is a National Honor Society member.

During Mulligan's junior and sophomore years, Reno HS also won the Sierra League title. As a junior, Mulligan was also named Sierra League Co-MVP.

#### **Reynolds, Berin Sign With Redhawks (4/27/06)**

Kelsey Reynolds and Lauren Berin have signed letters-of-intent to play softball at Seattle University.

Reynolds comes from Kentlake High School in Kent, Wash., as well as the Hurricanes 18A travel team in Woodinville, Wash. Over the last two seasons at Kentlake, Reynolds has a 0.85 earned run average and has fanned 342 in 352 1/3 innings.

She holds Kentlake's school record for strikeouts in a season and career and led the Falcons to qualifying for districts and state the past two seasons. "Kelsey has been a dominant pitcher in Washington the past two years," SU coach Dan Powers said. "She will make an immediately impact and fill the role left by senior Erin Kemper. Kelsey will give us another different style pitcher to compliment Erin Martin and Katie Rojano next season."

Berin will be another power hitter in the Seattle lineup next season. Coming to Seattle from Paloma Valley High School in Menifee, Calif., she also played for the American Athletics Gold travel team in Irvine, Calif.

As a junior at Paloma Valley, she hit .480 and was an all-league selection as a freshman and junior as well as a four-year varsity starter. Her Wildcats won the Sunbelt League in 2002. "Lauren has incredible power with her bat and will be a welcome addition to our lineup next season," Powers said.

#### **Two California Players Sign With Redhawks (11/28/05)**

Sandra Hernandez and Katie Petersen have signed National Letters of Intent to play softball at Seattle University. Both come from California and both come in highly decorated from their high school and club programs.

"Both recruits will have an immediate impact next season and help us compete for the GNAC title," SU coach Dan Powers said.

Hernandez will come to Seattle from Arrowhead Christian High School in Redlands, Calif. She is a three-time first-team all-league as well as a two-time all-California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division V selection. She led her team to the semifinals of the Southern Section Division V playoffs last season before losing to eventual champion Pomona Catholic in extra innings.

Hernandez was named to the 2005 all-Inland Empire team and was her team's MVP in 2005 and defensive MVP in 2004. She plays for the OC Lionettes Gold

club team - the same club team that current Redhawk standout pitcher Erin Martin came from.

"Sandra will come in and compete for third base next season but can also play the outfield as well," Powers said. "She brings a solid bat and impressive defensive skills as well."

Petersen is from Tesoro High School in Las Flores, Calif. in Orange County. She led her Tesoro Titans to the Pacific Coast League title last year and the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division IV playoffs. She is a two-time all-Pacific Coast League selection. Petersen is a four-year starter for Tesoro and was named to the all-tournament team at the China Invitational this past summer.

A three-time Scholar Athlete Award and Principal's and Superintendent's Honor Roll honoree at Tesoro, Petersen plays for the American Athletics Gold club team. "Katie will come in and compete for an outfield position immediately next season," Powers said. "Her speed and slap hitting will add another dimension to the top half of our batting order."

## **Western Oregon**

#### **Fleer Sisters To Play for Wolves (6/27/06)**

Sisters Katie and Amanda Fleer will be reunited this coming year at Western Oregon University where both will play for the Wolves softball program.

Katie, a 6-3 pitcher at Chemeketa CC and Amanda, a shortstop at McKay High School, will play together again. Both were teammates in 2003 and 2004 at McKay (Salem).

"To have such talented players as Amanda and Katie here is awesome," exclaimed WOU head coach Pam Knox. "For them to be able to fulfill their goal of playing college softball together makes this even more special. Both are impact players and are proven competitors."

Katie Fleer was the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Pitcher-of-the-Year in 2006. She helped lead the Storm to a 40-10 record, recording 27 wins from the pitcher's circle. She led the NWAAC in victories and ERA (1.65), and she also had five saves. In addition, she hit .505 at the plate and drove in 61 runs.

"Katie Fleer is a proven winner," praised Knox. "She is very tough on the mound, is a strikeout pitcher and what is even more impressive is her batting average and RBI's. Katie will be the leading force in the pitching circle and at the plate for us."

Amanda Fleer was a four-year starter at McKay, and was named to the first team of the All-Valley League

squad the past two springs. She was an honorable mention all-state pick (4A) as a junior.

“Amanda is a solid shortstop, a consistent hitter and a leader on the field,” added Knox. “She will battle for the starting shortstop position with Tyler Sutherland (a redshirt in 2006).”

Nine players have now signed with the Wolves for the coming season, including another local player—Sprague High School second baseman Jessica Hallmark. Hallmark was a third team all-state selection, and was a key member of Sprague's 27-2 Valley League title-winning team. The Olympians were ranked second in the state (4A) before falling to Southridge in the state playoffs.

Also committing to the WOU program this spring were Westview (Beaverton) High School's Lindsey Dahl and Las Vegas, Nevada area players Bonnie Trigerero, Christina Jones and Melissa Wilson.

Last fall, pitcher Ashley Sellers and catcher Kyrsta Pennington committed to attend Western Oregon. Sellers was a senior at Auburn Riverside High School and Pennington preps at Kentwood High School.

#### **Four Prep Standouts Sign With Wolves (5/3/06)**

Four high school standouts have signed letters of intent to play softball at Western Oregon University. That brings WOU's recruiting class to six, as that foursome joins two Washington state seniors who signed last fall during the NCAA early signing period.

Committing to the program recently were Westview (Beaverton) High School's Lindsey Dahl and Las Vegas, Nevada area players Bonnie Trigerero, Christina Jones and Melissa Wilson.

Dahl is a second baseman and outfielder that was an All-Metro League pick last year. She was also a starter on the Wildcats' 2004 state championship team (4A). “Lindsey has a solid glove and a good stick,” said WOU coach Pam Knox. “She will be able to contribute right away to our program.”

Trigerero is a first baseman at Green Valley High School in Henderson, Nev. An all-league pick, she plays for the Las Vegas Rage Gold team in the summer. “Bonnie is a solid first baseman with a great bat,” Knox commented. “She is a top-notch student as well.”

Jones is a pitcher and utility player at Vegas Valley High School and also plays for the Rage Gold in the summer. “Christina has power at the plate, and can win games for us on offense and defense,” Knox assessed. “She can play both corners in the infield and is an excellent student.”

Wilson patrols the outfield at Palo Verde High School in Las Vegas, and also plays for the Rage Gold. She was an all-conference pick. “Melissa is an outstanding outfielder with great range,” Knox said. “She is a consistent and solid hitter.”

#### **Two Washington Prep Stars Sign With Wolves (11/16/05)**

Western Oregon softball coach Pam Knox has announced the national letter of intent signings of two Washington state seniors during the NCAA early signing period.

Pitcher Ashley Sellers and catcher Kyrsta Pennington have committed to attend Western Oregon in 2006. Sellers is a high school senior at Auburn Riverside High School and Pennington preps at Kentwood High School.

Sellers, who also played for the Sidewinders Gold team this past summer, was the South Puget Sound League Pitcher of the Year, posting a 21-2 record and 0.46 ERA. She was also selected to the Seattle P-I all-star team.

“Ashley will be an impact player for us next season,” Knox said. “She has excellent ball movement and good velocity. She will compliment our pitching staff nicely.”

Pennington also played for the Sidewinders Gold squad, and was all-league catcher at Kentwood HS. She broke four school records last spring, including her .443 batting average.

“Kyrsta is a solid receiver behind the plate,” Knox continued. “She has excellent hands. What is most impressive about Kyrsta is what she does with the bat. She has an excellent swing.”

### **Western Washington**

#### **Texas, Oregon Players Sign With Vikings (11/22/05)**

Hannah Becker, a catcher from Robstown, Texas, and Meghan Flem, a first baseman from Hood River, Ore., were among five high school seniors signing national letters of intent to play softball at Western Washington University beginning next fall.

Also committing to Western were pitcher Sarah McEnroe, a senior from Woodinville; utility player Kelsey Perkins, a senior from Puyallup; and outfielder Ashley Wick, a senior from Woodinville.

The 5-foot-11 Becker earned Texas Girls Coaches Association Class 4A all-State honors as a junior, leading the Wildcats to a 24-7 record and the regional semifinals. She hit .409 (26-for-66), with two home runs, 16 doubles and 14 runs batted in.

Becker also was named second-team all-South Texas, first-team all-Metro and first-team all-district. She was a first-team all-district choice as a sophomore and honorable mention as a freshman, and was second-team all-Metro as a sophomore.

Flem, who stands 6-0, was a first-team Class 4A all-State and Inter-Mountain Conference selection as a junior at Hood River Valley High School. She helped the Eagles to the first round of the state playoffs, hitting .472 with four home runs, having a .625 slugging percentage and a .995 fielding average.

Flem was a third-team all-state pick and first-team all-league choice as a sophomore.

As a junior, McEnroe helped Woodinville High School to a 27-0 record, the Falcons winning league, district and Class 4A state championships. She posted a 7-0 record with a 0.00 earned run average, and hit .356.

Perkins was a second-team South Puget Sound League all-star as a junior at Rogers High School, hitting .417 and being named the team's most valuable player.

Wick was a first-team all-Kingco League selection as a sophomore at Woodinville High School.

# 2006 Softball Recruits

## Humboldt State

### Lumberjacks Sign Five Prep Standouts For 2006 (2/28/05)

Five standout high school players will join Humboldt State University's softball program for the 2006 season.

Sarah Davini, Natalie Galletly, Chrissy Motzny, Ashley Oltjenbruns and Frannie West are all expected to come in and make an immediate impact for the Lumberjack squad next year.

"We had a great recruiting class two years ago with (Tracy) Motzny, (Nancy) Harbeson, (Carolyn) Cameron, (Megan) Sutherland, and (Victoria) Barbara and this is year is the same type of recruiting year," said HSU coach Frank Cheek. "These are all great defensive players and great athletes. A few of them are also utility players so they will be able to play a number of positions."

Davini is a catcher out of Castro Valley High School who also plays for the West Bay Nuggets Gold ASA team. According to Cheek, she is very strong and solid defensively.

Galletly is a first baseman/third baseman out of California High School in San Ramon. She has earned first-team all-league honors as well as being named Athlete of the Year. Galletly, a 6-0 lefty, plays for the West Bay Nuggets Gold ASA team.

Motzny, sister of current Lumberjack hurler Tracy Motzny, comes out of Lynbrook High School in San Jose. She can play first base or outfield and, according to Cheek, "is a lefty who is pretty quick and has a great attitude." In addition to playing for Lynbrook HS, Motzny is also a member of the San Jose Lady Sharks Gold ASA team.

Oltjenbruns is a third baseman/first baseman out of Rancho Cucamonga High School who also plays for the Minors Gold ASA team.

Rounding out the group is West, who hails from Do Pueblos High School in Goleta. West is a utility player whose number one position is third base, but she can also play first base and catcher. The four-year honor roll student has earned first-team all-league and all-county honors at Dos Pueblos HS. She also plays for the Panthers Gold ASA team.

These five recruits will be looked at to fill the holes left by this year's four graduating seniors.

## Western Oregon

### Wolves Sign Marist Standout (5/25/05)

Marist High School's Amy Perkins has signed a national letter of intent to play softball with Western Oregon University. Perkins, an outfielder who bats left and throws right, is a three-time all-state pick at the Eugene school.

She was a second-team selection (3A) as a freshman in 2002, and was named to the first-team as a sophomore (2003) and junior (2004). The 2005 team has not yet been named.

Perkins helped lead the Spartans to the 3A state playoffs this year, where they won a first round game against Newport and then fell to Valley Catholic, 1-0. Marist finished 19-7 on the season and was second to defending state champion Elmira in the Sky-Em League.

"We are very excited to have a talented player like Amy come to our program," WOU coach Pam Knox said. "She is an outstanding center fielder with excellent speed and a cannon for an arm. Amy is an excellent hitter from the left side. She can hit with power and slap and bunt as well. She will fit in nicely with our team."

### McKay Standout Signs With Wolves (12/2/04)

McKay High School standout Britni Mink has signed a letter-of-intent to play softball for Western Oregon University beginning in the 2006 season.

Mink, a senior this year at the Salem school, made Western Oregon her choice during the early signing period.

"We are very excited to have a player of Britni's ability," WOU coach Pam Knox said. "She is a big hitter, plays first base and also is a strong pitcher. It was a good fit for our program and Western Oregon. She will be an impact player for the 2006 season."

Mink was an All-Valley League pick last spring for the Royal Scots, hitting .400 on the season. She was named McKay's most valuable player. She played this past summer with the Oregon Panthers Gold team.

Mink will major in special education at Western Oregon.

## **Western Washington**

### **Shiflet Signs With Vikings (11/29/04)**

Amanda Shiflet, a senior at Stanwood High School, has signed a national letter of intent to enroll at Western Washington and play softball for the Vikings.

Shiflet, who has helped the Spartans to district playoff appearances in each of the last two seasons, was a first-team Everett Herald all-Area and all-Western Conference selection at third base in 2004, having a .467 on-base percentage. She also was the team's Player of the Year.

Shiflet was a second-team all-league pick in 2003, hitting .385.

“Amanda is very hard working and a dedicated softball player,” said WWU coach Lonnie Hicks of the three-year letter winner. “She's also very dedicated in the classroom, so I think she's going to do a very good job at Western.”

# 2005 Softball Recruits

## Central Washington

### **Pitcher, Shortstop Dot List of Softball Newcomers (12/2/03)**

Two current high school seniors - one from Washington and one from Oregon - have signed National Letters of Intent to play softball at Central Washington University beginning in the 2005 season.

Meaghan Craig, a right-handed pitcher from Henry M. Jackson High School in Mill Creek, Wash., and Sarah Noce (pronounced KNOW-chee), a shortstop from Redmond High School in Redmond, Ore., will join the Wildcats following the conclusion of their prep careers this coming spring.

Craig has been a standout player in both softball and volleyball at Jackson, a member of the WIAA's Wesco Conference. She is the daughter of former CWU baseball player Warren Craig, who played for current CWU softball coach Gary Frederick during his days in Ellensburg.

"Meaghan is a pitcher with good velocity and very good command of several pitches," Frederick said. "She will step right in and, if she's not a starter, she will certainly be right in there in relief. Meaghan should do a great job for us."

Noce is another in a long line of Oregon prep softball players that Frederick has wooed to CWU. A third team all-state (Class 4A) selection last season as a shortstop at Redmond, Noce is a two-time all-Intermountain Conference honoree and a 4.0 student in the classroom. Central Washington has two Oregon natives on its 2004 roster, including senior captain Annie Franks (La Grande) and junior Kristin Powell (Tillamook).

"Sarah is one of the better recruits, in our opinion, in the last couple of years," Frederick said of Noce. "She is a very intelligent individual who currently plays shortstop but is athletic enough to where she can play more than one position. She has the capability of being an outstanding player at our level, and I am certain she will fit into our program somehow next year as a freshman."

Frederick, who will begin his 10th year as the Wildcats' head softball coach in 2004, expects to add one or two more players to his recruiting class during the late signing period in the coming spring.

## Saint Martin's

### **Saints Sign Two To Letters (12/2/03)**

Alicia Fuchs of White Pass High School and Marlaina Irwin of Centralia High School have signed letters-of-intent to attend Saint Martin's next fall and play softball for the Saints. Both players were standouts for the renowned club team Northwest Outlaws.

Fuchs, a right-handed pitcher/utility player, was the 2003 Most Valuable Player of the Southwest Washington League and a member of the all-state team. A versatile athlete, she also earned all-league recognition in volleyball and basketball.

Fuchs pitched to a 17-6 record while batting at a .316 clip last year. She racked-up 129 strikeouts in 119 innings while allowing her opponents a mere 1.23 earned runs per game. A volunteer at the local Head Start preschool, she has been a permanent fixture on the White Pass honor roll.

Irwin served as the team captain for Centralia last year while batting among the state leaders. The right-hander plays third base and can catch as well. After originally attending White Pass High School where she lead the league in triples and her team in RBI, she transferred to Centralia for her junior and senior years.

Saint Coach Scott Gottberg described her as "...a solid hitter with a very strong arm. She is very intelligent and has great knowledge of the game. But what most impressed us most was her character."

An honor student as well, she intends to use her Saint Martin's education to prepare for law school.

## Seattle University

### **Redhawks Add Two Pitchers, Two Infielders (5/21/04)**

Four high school seniors, including two pitchers and two infielders have signed national letters of intent with Seattle University.

The signees include pitchers Erin Martin of Valencia (Calif.) High School and Katie Rojano of Bishop Amat High School in San Dimas, Calif., along with infielders Lindsey Aucutt from Bellingham (Wash.) High School and Amanda Guerrero from Thomas Jefferson High School in Kent, Wash.

"We are extremely happy with the class we have signed because of the athleticism each player brings to our program as well as the commitment to keep our program on the rise," said SU coach Dan Powers, the 2004 GNAC Coach-of-the-Year.. "All four players will be expected to come in and make an impact in their freshman year, and they are all definitely up to

the task. Despite losing six seniors, these additions will keep us on the path towards a conference championship.”

Guerrero was a local standout at Jefferson, where she was named to the All-South Puget Sound League and Federal Way Mirror All-Area teams. A middle infielder with good power and speed, Guerrero is a prime candidate to take over the starting position and second base and can fill in at shortstop as well. Guerrero also plays for the U18 Gold O.C. Lionettes.

“An all around great athlete that has the complete package of size, strength and speed, Amanda should make an immediate impact for us and could hit near the top of the order,” Powers said.

An extremely versatile player, Aucutt will likely see time at the corner infield positions and will backup two-time first team All-GNAC catcher Krystal Duncan . A two-time team defensive MVP and an All-Northwest League selection, Aucutt, batted .336 with 11 doubles, nine triples and one home run to go along with 27 stolen bases as a junior. A four-year letter winner in both softball and basketball, Aucutt also plays for the U18 Triple Threat.

“Another exceptional athlete with size, strength and speed, Lindsay will add another solid bat to our lineup,” Powers said.

Martin and Rojano will team with hard-throwing junior Erin Kemper to form a rotation that was depleted by the losses of league co-Pitcher of the Year Jennifer Hewitt and Petey Sonnett to graduation. Martin helped lead her O.C. Lionettes club team to a fifth-place finish in the national tournament in 2003 and a fourth-place finish in 2002.

“Erin is a pitcher with great command and tremendous mental toughness,” Powers said. “She will almost certainly be in the starting rotation.”

A three-year letter winner out of Bishop Amat, Rojano was the recipient of her team's Coach's Award, a CIF honorable mention athlete and an Arroyo All-Tournament Team selection. Last year, she posted an 18-4 record and a 0.39 earned run average with 147 strikeouts in 143 innings pitched for her club team, the California Blasters. This spring, she has helped lead Bishop Amat into the league playoffs.

“Katie is a pitcher with great ball movement and has the potential to become a dominating power pitcher,” Power said. “She is also a very good hitter, and we will find a spot for her in the lineup.”

## **Western Oregon Tualatin Pitcher Signs With Wolves (11/21/03)**

Tualatin pitcher Christina Cooke, a senior heading into her final season for the Timberwolves, has signed a letter-of-intent with Western Oregon.

Cooke was one of four pitchers selected to the 2003 Oregon 4A all-star team, and she was the only junior. She posted a school-record 0.56 ERA for Tualatin High School. Cooke plays for the Oregon Reign in the summer.

“I am very excited that Christina has chosen Western Oregon University to continue her softball career,” said WOU coach Pam Knox, who is heading into her second season at the Wolves leader. “I have been very impressed by her competitiveness, versatility and talent as a pitcher. Christina is a great fit for our program.”

## **Western Washington**

### **Two Prep Players Sign With Vikings (6/14/04)**

Two standout high school players, catcher/first baseman Michelle Ball and third baseman/shortstop Mallory Townsend, have signed national letters of intent to play softball at Western Washington.

Ball was a first-team Seamount League all-star as a senior at Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor. She helped the Seahawks to three Seamount District III championships and seventh place at the Class 3A state tournament in 2003.

A three-time team MVP, Ball hit .540 and drove in 20 runs as a senior, and batted .593 with 25 runs batted in as a junior, earning second-team all-league honors.

Townsend was a first-team South Puget Sound League South Division all-star as a senior at Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup. She received all-league honorable mention as a junior and sophomore after receiving first-team honors as a freshman. Townsend, a four-time SPSL academic all-star, hit .480 as a junior and .400 as a freshman.

### **Vikings Sign Six To Softball Letters (11/26/03)**

Six high school seniors have signed National Letters of Intent, including Bellingham High School second baseman Stephanie Ellis, to play softball at Western Washington.

Completing the half-dozen are shortstop-outfielder Krisann Beardemphl from University Place (Curtis High School), infielder-outfielder Katie Barker from Auburn (Auburn-Riverside High School), catcher Kelly Baugh from Mukilteo (Kamiak High School), infielder Lisa Pendergrast of Sedro-Woolley

(Burlington-Edison High School), and catcher-utility Liza Teichler of Sammamish (Skyline High School).

All six earned all-league honors as juniors in 2003, with Beardemphl, Barker, Ellis and Teichler being first-team selections.

Beardemphl hit .380 with a .790 slugging percentage to earn first-team all-South Puget Sound League honors, and being named the Curtis High Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight time. Barker was also a first-team all-SPSL pick, hitting .351 in helping Auburn-Riverside reach the Class 4A state tournament, and a first-team South County Journal All-Area choice.

Ellis has twice been a first-team Northwest League all-star, each time also being the Bellingham High School Offensive Player of the Year. She hit .522 as a junior and .570 as a sophomore.

Teichler was a first-team all-Kingco League pick, hitting .393 to help Skyline High win the conference championship and reach the quarterfinals of the Class 3A state tournament.

Baugh was a second-team all-Wesco selection as she hit .320 on a Kamiak team that won a league title and reached the Class 4A state tournament. She was named as one of the state's top six softball players by the Seattle Times and one of the top 10 catchers on the West Coast by West Coast Softball.

Pendergrast hit .419 last season for Burlington-Edison, earning first-team Skagit Valley Herald All-Area and second-team all-Northwest League honors, the league honor for the second consecutive season.

# 2004 Softball Recruits

## Central Washington

### Wildcats Signs Four Newcomers for 2004 (5/21/03)

Four high school players have signed letters-of-intent to play softball next spring at Central Washington University.

Set to join the Wildcats are catchers Kelli Spaulding (Battle Ground, Wash.) and Allie Kauffman (Issaquah, Wash./Liberty HS), first baseman Mallory Holtman (White Salmon, Wash./Columbia HS) and outfielder Lorelei Kroll (Edmonds, Wash./Kamiak HS).

"As a group, the combination of these four and the two we signed in the fall is comparable to the group of freshmen who came in this year," CWU head coach Gary Frederick said. "We feel that the freshman and sophomore group that we will have next year will be the foundation for our program in the future."

Spaulding was a four-year letter winner at Battle Ground High, earning second team all-Greater St. Helens League accolades as a junior last spring. Also an honorable mention all-choice as a sophomore for the Tigers, Spaulding can play both catcher and third base on the softball diamond. She lettered in four different sports at Battle Ground, where she was a prep softball teammate of current CWU shortstop Rachel Garner.

Kauffman has earned three letters in softball at Liberty High School in Issaquah, playing both catcher and outfield for the Patriots. A second team all-KingCo League selection as a junior in 2002, Kauffman has been Liberty's team captain on the diamond. In addition, she starred in swimming and diving.

Holtman was a first team all-Trico League selection at Columbia High in White Salmon, Wash., as a junior last year. A 5-10 first baseman, Holtman has a lot of power and, according to Frederick, had several opportunities to sign with Division I schools on the east coast before deciding on CWU. In addition to being a three-sport standout for her high school team, Holtman has played on one of the top summer teams in the nation in the ASA's Oregon Panthers.

Kroll is a 5-5 outfielder from Kamiak High in Mukilteo, Wash. A three-year letter winner in softball for the Knights, she was an honorable mention all-Wesco Conference all star as a junior last spring. A two-time letter winner in cross country as well, Frederick expects Kroll to contribute as a slap hitter and a speedy base runner at Central.

Central Washington also signed two high school seniors prior to the 2003 season. Sara Badgley (Montesano, Wash.) and Molly Maxfield (Hoquiam,

Wash.) committed to play for the Wildcats during the early signing period last fall.

## Humboldt State

### 'Jacks Sign Six Players for 2004 (12/9/02)

Six players, including a pitcher, a catcher, a second baseman, a third baseman, a centerfielder and a utility player, have signed letters-of-intent to play softball at Humboldt State.

"All of these recruits are good ball players," head coach Frank Cheek said. "Compared to our recruiting year this year we feel we've doubled our efforts. It's hard to recruit kids when you have people in front of them, but we will be losing three starting infielders which frees up positions and scholarships for 2004."

Tracey Motzny, a pitcher from San Jose brings several honors with her including twice named all-league, 2002 team MVP and 2002 league pitcher of the year. Motzny, who also plays first base, attends Lynbrook High School and plays for the San Jose Lady Sharks Gold.

"Tracey Motzny could be an impact player, she's a good pitcher, can play first base and can hit the ball," Cheek said.

Natalie Nielsen is a catcher from Modesto, Calif., where she has been a three-year varsity starter at Fred C. Beyer High School. Nielsen earned second team all-district honors and plays for the 2002 California State Championship team, the Hughson Hurricanes.

"Nielsen comes in knowing she's going to be a backup with the two catchers we already have, but she knows what's in front of her and welcomes the challenge," Cheek said.

Sarah Scott is a second baseman from Newbury Park, Calif. She is a three time All-Marmonte League selection and a three-time scholar athlete award honoree who is in the top 10 percent of her class.

"Sarah Scott will be an impact player, during her tryout she looked very good and she hit the ball hard," Cheek said.

Shelbi Dillon will be joining her sister Jordan Dillon who transferred from Mesa State to catch for the Jacks this season. Shelbi is a third baseman from Hollister Calif. and her high school team has made it to the Central Coast Section playoffs the last three seasons. Dillon also plays for the Salinas Storm, a team that has made it to the national tournament three times.

"Dillon has a great glove and with experience she can help the program, whether she'll step into a starting role right away or not will depend on who we have playing third base," Cheek said.

Victoria Barbaria is a centerfielder from Sacramento, Calif. who was honored as the Sacramento area's top centerfielder. Barbaria also plays for the Sacramento Rush 18U Gold team.

Nancy Harbeson is a utility player from Templeton High School. She is a three-year varsity letterwinner and a three-time all-league pick. Harbeson was a second-team all-county pick as a sophomore after leading the county with 37 RBIs. As a junior Harbeson bettered that mark leading the county with 40 RBI and led the team with a .447 batting average. Harbeson also plays softball for the Salinas Storm 18 Gold.

"Barbaria and Harbeson both have the potential of earning starting time in the outfield," Cheek said. "Also because of their speed they can fulfill other roles from an offensive perspective."

## **Seattle University**

### **Redhawks Ink Kamiakin Infielder (5/15/03)**

Infielder Katie Ledbetter (Kennewick, Wash. - Kamiakin HS) has signed a national letter of intent to play for the Seattle University softball team.

Ledbetter, who lettered four years at Kamiakin, holds the school record for hits and RBIs, and should be a valuable addition to the SU offense. She was an all-conference and all-area selection as a shortstop in her sophomore season, and brings the Redhawks versatility to play anywhere in the infield.

Ledbetter has served as a team captain the past two seasons and was named the team's Most Inspirational Player as a junior. She also was a team captain for her club team, the Washington Spirit.

Ledbetter also lettered two years on Kamiakin's volleyball team, helping her team to a state tournament appearance in her sophomore season. She was a team captain in volleyball as a junior.

### **Spokane Catcher Niles To Play For SU (5/14/03)**

Catcher Nancy "Amanda" Nilles (Spokane, Wash./North Central HS) has signed a national letter of intent to play softball at Seattle University.

A four-year starter, Nilles was named North Central's MVP in her sophomore and junior seasons. She received the Coaches Award as a freshman and served as a team captain in her senior year. Nilles was also a two-time first team All-Greater Spokane League selection. Recently, she was honored by North Central as the Spring Sports Athlete of the Year.

Nilles also helped her club teams to six straight league titles. The past two years, she guided the Spokane Thunder to the league crown. The previous four years, she won the league championship with the Spokane

Storm. Nilles was also a three-year starter on North Central's basketball team and served as a team captain as a senior.

## **Western Washington**

### **Vikings sign three prep pitchers (11/27/02)**

Three outstanding high school pitchers have signed national letters of intent during the early signing period to play softball at Western Washington University.

Committing to Western are Sarah Arnold (Vancouver), a senior at Evergreen High School, Jackie Quint (Silverdale), a senior at Central Kitsap High School, and Nicole Walker (Kenmore), a senior at Juanita High School.

Arnold was a first-team Greater St. Helens League all-star as a junior, posting an 8-4 record with a 0.17 earned run average.

Quint was a first-team all-Narrows League choice as a junior, helping the Cougars to a league championship and the district playoffs. She had a 6-0 record and a 1.09 earned run average, striking out 57 in 45 innings pitched.

Quint pitched a perfect game and set a school record by striking out 16 batters in one game.

Walker sat out most of last season with shoulder and hip injuries after being a second-team all-Kingco 4A League pick as a sophomore. She played on an Eastside Elites 18-under team that placed 17th at nationals last summer.

# 2003 Softball Recruits

## Central Washington

### Wildcats Sign Two To Letters (5/10/02)

A pair of high school standouts have signed letters of intent to join the Central Washington University softball program next spring.

Pitcher/first baseman Hillary Schmidt (Renton-Lindbergh) and second baseman Rachel Keen (Chehalis-W.F. West) are the latest to commit to Central and bring impressive credentials to the program.

Schmidt was a first team all-league selection as both a pitcher and first baseman, and has a league MVP award to her credit. Keen has been named to the Pac 9's first team, was an all-area honoree and garnered a team most inspirational award during her career.

Keen was part of a state 3A championship team two years ago. W.F. West was runner-up last season.

"Hillary has good height (5-10) and is a strong young lady. She has the ability to increase her speed as a pitcher tremendously and hits for power," CWU head coach Gary Frederick said. "Rachel comes from a successful program, is very sound defensively and will give us some quickness."

## Seattle University

### Forest Grove's Kemper Signs With SU (5/22/02)

Pitcher Erin Kemper (Fr., Forest Grove, Ore.) has signed a national letter of intent to play softball at Seattle University.

Kemper lettered four seasons at Forest Grove High School, helping her team to the class 4A playoffs in every season. She was a four-time all-Pacific Nine League selection and recently earned league co-MVP honors after recording just above a 1.00 ERA and a .380 batting average this past season. She was also a two-time team captain.

Kemper also lettered four years in volleyball, garnishing two first team all-league selections. A two-time team captain, she was named Forest Grove's MVP this past season and was the recipient of the team's Most Inspirational Player award last year.