

## Five-time Bay Valley Conference Champions

# Solano Softball

### WHY CHOOSE SOLANO?

#### BE PART OF A WINNING TRADITION

The Falcons are the four-time defending Bay Valley Conference champions. The program has had tremendous success under Pearson-Bloom's tutelage.

#### TEACHING FUNDAMENTALS

Solano coaches break down the mechanics and skills of the game and teach fundamentals that Division I coaches want you to know. When you leave Solano, you will be able to articulate and understand the strategies and skills of the game of softball. This will help you be a better player on the field and also give you the ability to be a better coach.

#### MOVING PLAYERS ON

The Solano coaches will assist and promote you to get an athletic scholarship to a four-year school. The coaching staff contacts Division I, II, III and NAIA schools personally, sends out video of athletes, mails media guides and sophomore information to coaches at all levels. Pearson-Bloom has made many contacts with coaches at all levels and many players are signed to scholarship sight unseen based on her evaluation. The Solano softball staff also works closely with an athletic academic counselor to make sure you are taking the correct classes and have enough units to transfer.



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## Success on the field and off

The Solano Community College softball program is more than wins and losses. Since Head Coach Terri Pearson-Bloom's arrival in 2000, the Falcons achieved success off the field as much as they have on the field.

Pearson-Bloom prides herself in stressing academic success and one look at the number of athletes who have earned academic honors shows what's most important to her and her staff.

Since 2000, softball student-athletes have been named to the Dean's List, earned the Bay Valley Conference's academic award, the President's Award, academic scholarship winners and been honored as Academic All-Americans.

Solano softball players have been recognized numerous times as an Academic All-American.

Solano's softball program has been honored multiple times for its team GPA by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

"Ultimately, successfully completing their coursework here is the athlete's responsibility," said Terri. "The more transferable units a student-athlete earned, the higher the level they are eligible to play. Four-year college want players who will be eligible and stay eligible – that's why they recruit Solano athletes. GPA + units + softball ability = athletic scholarship."

Solano's success in the classroom is just one aspect of the well-respected program. SCC softball players work just as hard on the field.

Solano plays a tough preseason schedule that includes playing in competitive tournaments up and down Northern California as well as playing some of the state's top-ranked teams and going up against future Division I pitchers and hitters.

Solano debuted its renovated facilities in 2009 which not only impressed those involved with the school and the program, but everyone who attended a game this season. The combination of academics and athletics is a great reason for you to attend Solano to continue your academic and athletic pursuits!

Read more inside!



## ASHLEE WEATHERFORD

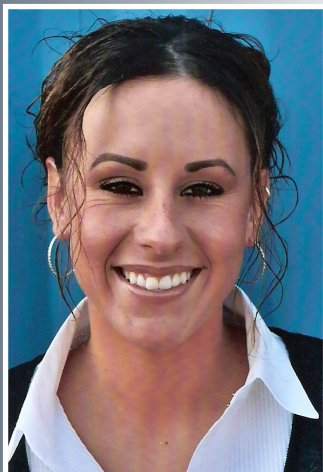
Class of 2004

Moved on to play at  
Cal State Fullerton

The reason I chose Solano is because I was told that this particular JC and group of coaches would be the best fit for my personality and capabilities. I was told that the coaches would drive me to be better and drive me to earn a second scholarship. I chose Solano because it seemed to be a classy program and well-respected by other fellow programs.

With the keys that Coach Pearson-Bloom gives all her athletes, a player is definitely capable of moving on to the next level. Not only can they move on, but they can move on with success.

The main reason that I enjoyed Solano so much is because of the support that I received from the coaches. Coach Pearson-Bloom worked incredibly hard to help me earn a scholarship and continues to keep in touch to see how I'm doing. The reason she and the program are so special is because it doesn't feel like Solano was just a phase in my life, instead it is as if I've gained a group of friends for life.



# Head coach has plenty to offer area softball players

Terri Pearson-Bloom recently completed her ninth season at Solano having won more than 200 games, captured five conference titles and helped her team receive numerous national academic honors.

Pearson-Bloom brings a wealth of knowledge about the game of softball and has turned the Solano program into one of the most respected in Northern California.

Pearson-Bloom led the Falcons to a four-peat in 2009, capturing another Bay Valley Conference championship following those won in 2001, 2006, 2007 and 2008. The Falcons went 25-12 and 15-1 in conference and Pearson-Bloom was named Coach of the Year.

Before coming to Solano, Pearson-Bloom served as the head coach for one year with the Virginia Roadsters of the Women's Professional Softball League during the 1999-2000 season where her team finished second place in the regular season. Pearson-Bloom was selected to coach in the All-Star Game.

Pearson-Bloom's coaching career began at St. Mary's College in Moraga where she served as an assistant from 1995-96. She moved on to the University of Tennessee and was an assistant for the Lady Vols for three seasons (1997-99).

She was a standout player at Cal State Northridge where she led the team to four regional appearances and three World Series appearances while batting leadoff and playing in the outfield.

In her final season at Northridge, the team advanced to the national championship game where it eventually lost to Arizona.

Pearson-Bloom's list of former players include Nebraska coach Jennifer Kline; Northridge coach, and USA Softball assistant coach, Barbara Jordan; Stanford assistant Trisha Dean and UNLV assistant Sara Pickering.

While at Solano, Pearson-Bloom hopes to help her players achieve their potential on the field and in the classroom. The Solano staff emphasizes fundamentals and teaches the mechanics, skills and strategies to help them succeed both as a player and a coach.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Speech Communication from Northridge and her masters in Physical Education from Western Illinois. While at Tennessee, she began working on another masters in Sports Psychology.

Pearson-Bloom and her husband, Andy, live in Dixon with their three children, Samantha, 7, Cailin, 5 and Nathan, 2.



## PLAYERS HAVE EARNED THEIR AA AND BA OR BS IN:

Biotech  
Nursing  
Biology  
Psychology  
Criminal Justice  
English

History  
Math  
Nutrition  
Liberal studies  
Early Childhood education  
Human Services



## Q&A WITH SHERRY CLARK

Sherry signed a full-ride softball scholarship during the early signing period with CSU, Sacramento. During her time at Solano, Clark was a two-time all-Bay Valley Conference selection, a first-team all-state selection and was named BVC Player of the Year in 2006. Clark was instrumental in helping the Falcons reach national academic success and win the BVC title in 2006.

Q: Why did you choose Solano Community College?

Sherry Clark: The main reason I chose Solano Community College was because it was close to home. Another reason was because I had friends that played on the softball team and I heard a lot of good things about the program.

Q: What did you like about Solano and the coaching staff?

SC: What I liked about Solano was that it gave me the experience that I needed to be a better softball player for the next level. It gave me the chance to figure out how much different softball was in college than in high school. The coaches were great because they helped me step up my game on the field and in the classroom and helped me to move forward in life. The coaches have a huge amount of knowledge to go along with a number of years experience. All the coaches have nothing but good intentions and help keep the game interesting and fun.

Q: How did Solano prepare you and help you achieve your academic and athletic goals?

SC: At Solano academics is the No. 1 priority. It has helped me to achieve my dream of playing Division I college. I was able to attend Sacramento State as a transfer on scholarship and loved it. I am happy to say that by attending Solano and the help of the coaching staff, I was prepared to play at the next level and was on track to graduate. Attending Solano is definitely an experience that I would recommend to others.



## SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

Solano players have been offered scholarships to such institutions as:

**Division I:** University of Tennessee, Sacramento State, Jacksonville State, Cal State Fullerton, Arizona State, San Jose State, UC Davis, San Diego State

**Division II:** Sonoma State, Lynn University, Cal State East Bay, Cal State Chico, Cal State Hayward, New Mexico Highlands, Lincoln Memorial

**NAIA:** Oregon Tech, Southern Oregon, Lee University, Mid-Continent College, Azusa Pacific, William Penn, Dickinson State, William Jessup, Patten

\* For a complete list of scholarship athletes, refer to the SCC media guide

## MAKE FIRST CONTACT!

If you are interested in receiving more information about Solano Community College softball, please go to the SCC Softball Website at [www.solano.edu](http://www.solano.edu) and click on Athletics on the left hand menu bar. Proceed to the softball page and click "send your information to the coach." Fill out all the fields on the form and hit submit. We look forward to speaking with you!



Thanks to the passing of Measure G in 2002, renovations began in 2008 on the Solano softball facilities.

Over half a million dollar improvements include new infield surfaces, new bleachers for fans and new dugouts for the home and away teams. SCC's pitching staff warms up in renovated clay bullpens while hitters will get lots of batting practice hitting in renovated, turfed batting cages. Other improvements include a new backstop, new turfed tee/toss hitting and new training area.

There are existing locker room facilities as well as a press box and scoreboard. The Falcons play on an all-natural playing surface which is one of the nicest in the state.

For fans arriving at the game, there is plenty of convenient parking and a cement path leading to the stadium where new high-rise bleachers await. Members of the media can also sit in the renovated press box located directly behind home plate.

# Take me out to the ball game!

