

18th Annual

CHAMPIONS

beyond the game



PAST CHAMPIONS

- 1999 DR. CHARLOTTE WEST
MS. JANET STONER
- 2000 MS. AMY SNIDER
GENERAL NORMA E. BROWN
- 2001 MS. BARBARA S. HARRIS
MS. KIM BATTEN
- 2002 MS. ELAINE K. GAVIGAN
MS. NADA USINA
- 2003 MRS. COLLEEN B. CALLAHAN
MS. ROBERTA A. STOKES
- 2004 MS. CELIA M. SLATER
MS. JOANNE WHITAKER
- 2005 MS. ALICE M. SIMS
MRS. KITTY HOFFMAN
- 2006 DR. PAULA D. WELCH
MS. COLLEEN B. WALKER
- 2007 MRS. MOLLIE CARDAMONE
MS. JAIME B. KAPLAN
- 2008 MS. CINDY SCHOFIELD
- 2009 MS. COURTNEY E. DRAPER
MS. PATRICIA A. SARGEANT
- 2010 DR. MYRTIS E. HERNDON
MS. TRACY J. PEPOON
- 2011 DR. G. JEAN CERRA
MS. MARLA ANDERSON SMITH
- 2012 MRS. JOY BECKER
MS. TANYA GRANNEMANN
- 2013 DR. JUDY BENSE
DR. LIBERTY TAYLOR
- 2014 DR. L. JANET WELLS
MRS. SOPHIA DANVERS AARONS
- 2015 MS. CAROL L. ZEINER
MS. VICKIE M. SMITH-JACKSON



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CHAMPIONS BEYOND THE GAME CELEBRATION

October 2, 2016

INTRODUCTION	Glenda Thornton FSU College of Law 1989
INVOCATION	Cassandra Jenkins FSU 1979/1981
WELCOME	John E. Thrasher, <i>President of The Florida State University</i>
OPENING REMARKS	Stan Wilcox, <i>Director of Athletics / Vice President</i>
INTRODUCTION OF A CHAMPION <i>Pre-Scholarship Era</i>	Jessica Burroughs, <i>Softball</i>
CHAMPION'S ACCEPTANCE	Dr. JoAnne Graf, <i>2016 Champion</i>
INTRODUCTION OF A CHAMPION <i>Scholarship Era</i>	Brittany Brown, <i>Basketball</i>
CHAMPION'S ACCEPTANCE	Vanessa Fuchs, <i>2016 Champion</i>
INTRODUCTION OF COACHES & PLAYERS	Makini Thompson, <i>Assistant AD of Administration</i> Vicki Cupp, <i>Executive Assistant to the AD / Vice President</i>
FEMINA PERFECTA AWARD	Alicia Crew FSU 1969 Janet Stoner FSU 1970/1972
A THANK YOU TO DONORS	Bridget Blake, <i>Cross Country</i>
CLOSING	Glenda Thornton

The Champions Beyond the Game award honors former women athletes who have excelled in life after college sports. One of our two Champions is from the era when athletic scholarships were not available to women, while our other Champion benefited from a scholarship. We honor our "Champions" and learn how the lessons they learned from athletic competition helped them achieve success in life.



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DR. JOANNE GRAF | 2016 Champion

Dr. JoAnne Graf, a member of FSU's F-Club, softball, and tennis teams, graduated in 1975. After completing her bachelor's degree, she spent two years at the



University of North Carolina-Greensboro where she earned her master's degree in physical education. While there, she worked in the athletic department as head coach for the men's and women's swim teams while also serving as assistant softball coach. Returning to FSU in 1978 as the first full time softball coach, Graf added "Dr." to her name in 1992 after completing her doctorate degree in athletic administration. Graf is a former president of the Florida Collegiate Athletic Association, has served as a member of the NCAA Softball Committee, chaired the NCAA Softball Advisory Committee for the South Region, and served on the NFCA All-American Committee. In addition, she has lent her expertise to a pair of

books, penning the chapter "Organizing and Orchestrating a Winning Program" in *The Softball Coaching Bible* as well as the chapter "Ethics" in *She Can Coach*. Graf recently edited the book, "Practice Perfect Softball" for the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Softball coach Dr. JoAnne Graf finished her legendary career coaching on the field at FSU that has been named in her honor. Over the span of her 30-year career with Seminole Softball, Graf managed the unique accomplishment of building FSU into a national power in slow pitch softball and adjusting to the adoption of the fast-pitch format and continuing the programs domination. Graf led FSU to two AIAW National Slow-Pitch National Championships, 7 NCAA College World Series and 10 ACC Softball Championships. Graf has been inducted into both the NFCA and FSU Hall of Fame. After a successful career coaching, JoAnne went to work in the classroom as a Sport Management professor at FSU. Unparalleled is the best, and perhaps the only, word to describe the career of Florida State University's Dr. JoAnne Graf.

VANESSA FUCHS | 2016 Champion



Vanessa Fuchs has a long standing history with Florida State University. She played for the FSU women's basketball team from 1997-2001. The former student-athlete graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in communications at Florida State and earned her master's degree from the University of North Carolina in sport administration. Fuchs started her working career as a Championships Intern for the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2001. Prior to returning to FSU, Fuchs spent seven years at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in Indianapolis. In 2007, her extensive knowledge of NCAA legislation, interpretations, and the NCAA's governance process earned her a promotion to Associate Director of Academic and Membership Affairs. Since joining the FSU Athletics staff in 2010, Fuchs has focused her time on student-athlete welfare,

gender equity, ethnic diversity, and Title IX. In June of 2013, Fuchs was named the school's interim Athletics Director and became the first woman to lead the Seminoles' Athletic Department. As a member of the department's executive leadership team, Fuchs has direct oversight of Women's Basketball, Indoor Volleyball, Beach Volleyball, Sports Medicine, Strength & Conditioning, Compliance, and Student Services while also chairing the sport administrator group responsible for day-to-day administrative support for each of FSU's 20 sports. In 2015, Fuchs was appointed to serve on the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Committee after completing a four-year term on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Athletic Compliance (NAAC). In June of 2015, the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators named Fuchs the DI FBS Administrator of the Year. Fuchs was once a student-athlete, now she is a role model for Florida State University's student-athletes.

Femina Perfecta, meaning "complete woman" is given to a member of each of the eleven teams. The recipient of this award exemplifies the motto on the University seal, which has three torches and the words VIRES, ARTES, and MORES, and the words under the torches on the Florida State College for Women seal FEMINA PERFECTA. This represented the goal of the college for all students. She will not necessarily be the most intellectual, fastest, strongest, top scorer, funniest, etc., but should be the one who is invaluable to the team and who will always make a difference.

FEMINA



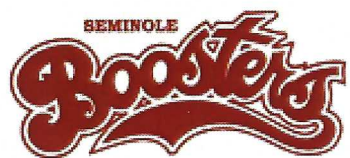
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JOIN US FOR BRUNCH

Sunday, October 2nd

Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.

Program - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

University Center Club, 3rd Floor

*Meet current women's athletes and coaches, and hear "Champions"
Dr. JoAnne Graf and Vanessa Fuchs share how athletics has enriched their lives.*

*Please RSVP by September 21st
Lauren Kirksey 850-644-1130 or lkirksey@fsu.edu*

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