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# JoAnne Graf Field



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### Directions:

#### **FROM: Interstate 10**

Take I-10 to Exit 209A. Go west on HWY 90 to Monroe St. Make a left and go South on Monroe St. to Jefferson St. Make a right (Becomes Pensacola St.), follow to Chieftan Way and make a right. Parking lot will be the first left.

#### **FROM: Airport**

Go North on Capital Circle to Pensacola Street. Make a right on Pensacola Street and follow to Stadium Dr. Make a left and at the first stop light (Connector Rd.) go right. Complex and parking is on the right.

#### **FROM: HWY 90 WEST (Quincy)**

Go East on HWY 90 (Tennessee St.) to Ocala St. Make right and take Ocala St. to Pensacola St. Make a left and go East on Pensacola St. to Stadium Dr. Make a left and at the first stop light (Connector Rd.) go right. Complex and parking is on the right.

#### **FROM: Route 319 (Thomasville Rd.)**

Take Thomasville Rd. to Monroe St. Make a left and go South on Monroe St. Make a right on Jefferson St. (becomes Pensacola), follow to Chieftan Way and make a right. Parking lot will be the first left.

### JoAnne Graf Field Firsts:

**Game:** Florida State 9, Mercer 0 (Feb. 19, 1999)

**Pitch:** 3:05 pm. (Feb. 19, 1999)

**Game Time:** 1 hr. 30 min.

**Batter:** Stephanie Anunson (Mercer) Flied out to left fi eld

**Hit:** Danielle Cox (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)

**2B:** Andi Lyons (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)

**3B:** Tami Post (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)

**HR:** Danielle Cox (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)

**Walk:** Corrie Williams (Florida State) by Jenifer Milam (Mercer)  
(Feb. 19, 1999)

**Strikeout:** Christine Hall (Mercer) by Jen White (Florida State)  
(Feb. 19, 1999)

**Sacrifice:** Christy Cerecedes vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)

**Stolen Base:** Danielle Cox vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)

**Error:** Cheri Rasmussen (Mercer) (Feb. 19, 1999)

**Win:** Jen White (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)

**Loss:** Jennifer Milam (Mercer) vs. Florida State (Feb. 19, 1999)

**No Hitter:** Leslie Malerich (FSU) vs. Toledo (March 12, 1999)

**Perfect Game:** Leslie Malerich (FSU) vs. Princeton  
(March 15, 2000)

# JoAnne Graf Field



## Field of Dreams

Florida State University is home to one of the premier softball complexes in the nation. JoAnne Graf Field at the Seminole Softball Complex is state-of-the art in every facet and provides Florida State softball players with an all-inclusive complex that includes locker rooms, meeting rooms and one of the best playing surfaces anywhere in the country. JoAnne Graf Field hosted back-to-back NCAA Regionals in 2001 and 2002 and then again in 2004. This year it will play host to its sixth ACC Championship, May 10-13.

Florida State has posted 217 wins in its eight years at the complex. Even more impressive, FSU has gone 164-36 at the complex the last six years for an amazing .820 winning percentage. The complex was also featured in *Athletic Business Magazine's* 2002 Architectural Showcase.

Florida State's dream of a new, state-of-the-art softball complex became reality when ground was broken in a ceremony in the spring of 1998. Construction workers worked continuously to complete the facility, which also houses the Seminole soccer stadium. The result was the creation of one of the nation's premier collegiate softball and soccer facilities. The complex, which was completed in the spring of 1999, includes ticket and concessions buildings and spacious press boxes with radio/television booths. The two-level Mary Ann Stiles & Barry Smith Team Building features a reception area, softball and soccer coaches offices, which overlook their respective stadiums, a combined workroom, large team and coaches locker rooms and training and equipment rooms.

The Florida State Soccer/Softball Complex was "officially" opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, April 17 1999. The event, which was held in conjunction with Florida State's 30th Anniversary of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics Spring Celebration, drew approximately 150 spectators, including University dignitaries and athletics department personnel. Several former Florida State student-athletes and staff also returned for the monumental event.

The ceremony began with the ribbon-cutting at the front gates of the complex. FSU President Sandy D'Alemberte, Director of Athletics Dave Hart, Softball Head Coach Dr. JoAnne Graf and Soccer Head Coach Patrick Baker, and team representatives did the honors. Among the speakers in the program were D'Alemberte, Hart, Associate Athletics Director Kim Record and Dianne Montgomery, former Dean of the School of Social Work, who served as Chair of the Title IX Committee and was a member of the FSU Athletics Board. Dr. Judith Blucker, FSU's first softball coach and former Vice President at Florida International University, also addressed the crowd. Following a tour of the facility and a barbeque, the Seminoles entertained guests on the field with a sweep of Florida International.

Two major changes were made to the complex in the last three seasons. On April 2, 2005, university president Dr. T.K. Wetherell and Hart officially renamed the softball stadium "JoAnne Graf Field at the Seminole Softball Complex." She joins Bob Heck at Georgia State as the only two active softball coaches with fields named after them. It was only fitting that one day later Graf crossed the 1,300-win plateau with a 5-2 triumph over Virginia Tech. This fall the stadium got a facelift as a Florida State will unveil a brand new video scoreboard for the 2007 season. The board uses the same technology that is used at most outdoor professional stadiums. The ProStar is capable of displaying video clips, live video, animation, player headshots, graphics and statistics in 4.3 trillion colors.

The Seminole Softball/Soccer Complex is located in between the Dick Howser Baseball Stadium and the Mike Long Track on Chieftan Way. The facility can be accessed from both Chieftan Way and Stadium Drive.

## Complex Information:

- Architects:** Gilchrist and Crowe
- Construction:** Completed, spring 1999
- Field Dimensions:** 200' - right and left field 220' - center field
- Stadium Capacity:** 1,000

## Top 10 All-Time Attendance:

1.....	912	.....	May 15, 2004 (FSU 8 UNC 0) ACC Tournament
2.....	842	.....	April 17, 1999 (FSU 6 FIU 1; FSU 1 FIU 0)
3.....	818	.....	May 23, 2004 (FSU 0 ORE 1; FSU 2 ORE 0) NCAA Tournament
4.....	809	.....	May 22, 2004 (FSU 5 ORE 4) NCAA Tournament
5.....	807	.....	May 21, 2004 (FSU 3 CSUN 1) NCAA Tournament
6.....	737	.....	May 20, 2004 (FSU 4 LIU 0) NCAA Tournament
7.....	730	.....	May 9, 2003 (FSU 10 UVA 1) ACC Tournament
8.....	682	.....	May 10, 2003 (FSU GT 3) ACC Tournament
9.....	655	.....	May 14, 2003 (FSU 3 GT 2) ACC Tournament
10.....	639	.....	April 14, 1999 (FSU 10 FAMU 1; FAMU 8 FSU 3)

## Top 10 Regular Season Home Attendance:

1.....	842	.....	April 17, 1999 (FSU 6, FIU 1; FSU 1, FIU 0)
2.....	639	.....	April 14, 1999 (FSU 10, FAMU 1; FAMU 8, FSU 3)
3.....	626	.....	May 6, 1999 (FSU 5, USF 1; FSU 2, USF 1)
4.....	618	.....	April 26, 2003 (FSU 5, UVA 0; FSU 12, UVA 1)
5.....	567	.....	April 5, 2006 (FSU 4, UF 0, FSU 6, UF 5)
T6.....	520	.....	March 25, 2004 (FSU 5, FIU 1; FSU 11, FIU 0)
T6.....	520	.....	April 2, 2005 (FSU 4, VT 2; FSU 3, VT 2)
8.....	514	.....	April 5, 2000 (FSU 6, UF 3; UF 5, FSU 3)
9.....	508	.....	April 17, 2002 (UF 7, FSU 1; FSU 6, UF 1)
10.....	505	.....	February 7, 2004 (FSU 11, ISU 3; FSU 8, UL 0)

# This is FSU Softball

Seven trips to the Women's College World Series, 19 NCAA Tournaments, 24 All-Americans, 10 conference titles in 15 years and one of the nations' premiere softball facilities and that's just scratching the surface of what it means to play softball at Florida State. From the time FSU won its first national championship in 1981, the nation's best players have come to play for legendary head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf and wear Garnet and Gold. For over two decades those players have made FSU one of the most dominant softball programs in the history of collegiate softball.

Only five teams in the history of the NCAA have been to more WCWS than Florida State and no school east of Arizona has been to more NCAA Tournaments than the Seminoles. Florida State's success on the field is remarkable. The Tribe has never endured a losing season in coach Graf's 28 years as they have won 76% of the 1786 games they have played. Only UCLA has amassed more program wins than Florida State's 1136 since 1984 and the Seminoles have a winning record against over 80% of the 165 opponents they have faced in the program's illustrious 28-year history. Nothing has changed recently either as over the last 15 seasons, FSU has amassed 761 wins or an average of more than 50 victories a season.

Winning is a big part of what it means to be a Seminole and a reason players come to Tallahassee, but it is so much more. Getting an opportunity to play for one of the sport's coaching greats is another big draw. After celebrating her 25th anniversary at Florida State in 2003, coach Graf spent the off-season preparing for the biggest honor of her professional career. In 2003, the FSU graduate was inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches' Association (NFCA) Hall of Fame the year after she broke the NFCA record for the most wins ever by a softball coach (1355).

On February 22, 2006, Florida State defeated Jacksonville to make Graf just the second coach in NCAA Division I history to record 1,100 fastpitch victories. Graf ranks in the top four of five of the NCAA's six all-time coaching categories. Only two active coach in Division I softball history have more than 900 wins and a higher percentage than Coach Graf.



As dominant as Florida State has been over the past two decades, its unprecedented success is even more pronounced when you look at what the squad has done in its 15 years of Atlantic Coast Conference play. The Seminoles have been crowned ACC champions 10 times and have produced 10 ACC Tournament MVP's. Graf has been named the conference's top coach on six occasions and a Seminole has taken home the conference's MVP trophy five times as well. Florida State is 103-33 all-time in ACC play winning a gaudy 75% of its conference games and the Tribe has finished atop the ACC regular season standings 12 times in 15 years. Since 1992, Florida State has more NCAA Tournament appearances (19-to-14) and All-Americans (22-to-16) than the rest of the conference combined. Florida State's ACC dominance was never more evident than when the Seminoles placed an astounding 24 players out of 53 on the ACC's 50th anniversary softball team.

One of the great joys of playing softball at FSU is stepping on the diamond at the state-of-the-art JoAnne Graf Field at the Seminole Softball Complex, which is one of the nation's top facilities. The softball specific stadium includes ticket and concession buildings, stadium seating and a spacious press box, radio/television booths and high speed Internet access. The two-level Mary Ann Stiles & Barry Smith Team Building houses the coaches' offices which overlook the softball field, a reception area, a combined workroom, large team and coach's locker rooms, visiting team locker rooms and training and equipment rooms.

Playing for one of the nation's top programs under the guidance of the country's premiere softball coach, graduating from a prestigious university and playing on a 'field of dreams' are all a part of the package that is Florida State softball.



# Pro/International Players



**Shannon Mitchem**  
Silver Bullets (1993-98)



**Shamalene Wilson**  
Georgia Pride (1997)  
1998 Women's Pro Fast Pitch  
Defensive Player of the Year.



**Laurie Shepard**  
Silver Bullets (1995-98)



**Tatiana George**  
Harlem Diamonds (2005)



**Myssi Calkins**  
Georgia Pride (1999)



**Jessica van der Linden**  
Arizona Heat (2004)



*Leslie Malerich has been a fixture on the Italian National Team the last four years, including the 2004 Summer Olympics. This summer Tiffany McDonald joined the British National Team as a guest player for the ISF World Championships in China. 2004 Player of the Year Jessica van der Linden played for the Puerto Rican National Team during the 2003 ISF World Championship in Canada.*



**Leslie Malerich**  
Connecticut Brackettes (2005-06)



**Brandi Stuart**  
Acron Racers (2004)



**Kristy Fuentes**  
Georgia Pride (1998)



**Laurie Shepard**  
Silver Bullets (1995-98)



**Yuruby Alicart**  
Venezuelan Nation Team



**Leslie Adams**  
Carolina Diamonds (1997-99)



**Elisa Vasquez**  
Houston (2004)



**Casey Hunter**  
Connecticut Brackettes (2006)

**Renee Espinoza**  
Georgia Pride (1997)

# Jessica van der Linden

2004 USA Softball and Honda National Player of the Year



*Sports Illustrated  
photo shoot*



*Half time recognition at  
the UNC football game.*



*Anne Graf*

*Jessica van der Linden*



# 2006 Fall Trip, New York City



# Off the Field

## Why I chose Florida State:

**Robin Ahrberg:** The great tradition and pride that Florida State has.  
**Yuruby Alicart:** I love it here, the wonderful coaches and teammates and I love the warm weather.

**Whitney Buckmon:** The girls on the team are a fantastic alternate family.  
**Kayla Collins:** My whole family can come to my games and I love the team and coaches.

**LaShaun Davis:** Just following the plan from above.  
**Camille Garcia:** Great athletic and academic traditions and I've always been curious about the East Coast.

**Jessica Gilmore:** Good team camaraderie and close to home.  
**Terese Gober:** The campus was awesome and the coaches were even better.  
**Brittany Krbec:** The expectation of success that most places can not compare to.

**Kelly Langston:** Florida State has been my dream school since I was a little girl.

**Melissa May:** It's the Sunshine State and everyone wants to be a Seminole.  
**Tiffany McDonald:** Sunshine, the girls on the team and the college of education.

**Monica Montez:** The support we get from coaches, teammates, advisors and the school.

**Amanda Moore:** I wanted to run track here, but instead I switched over to the best softball program in the nation.

**Brittany Osmon:** Great team chemistry, everyone in Tallahassee was friendly and the facilities are really nice.

**Robyn Petrovich:** I always wanted to go here since I was young.  
**Courtney Rosen:** To be a part of the Seminole family.

**Michelle Snyder:** Everything. As a student-athlete you are provided the very best each and every day. Everything about Florida State is first class from the education, coaching, facilities and just the overall experience  
**Veronica Wootson:** Because of the support of my coaches and the academic staff.

**Carly Wynn:** The nice facilities, but more important the girls on the team were so welcoming. I knew I would enjoy my time here

## Favorite Softball Memory:

**Robin Ahrberg:** Going down to the park with my dad to play catch.  
**Yuruby Alicart:** Winning the gold medal at the Centro American games in Columbia last summer.

**Whitney Buckmon:** Going to the Super Regional last year in Arizona.  
**Kayla Collins:** Regional championship game my junior year of high school.  
**LaShaun Davis:** Women's College World Series 2004.

**Camille Garcia:** Playing softball at Disney World.  
**Jessica Gilmore:** Hitting a three-run home run to tie the game in the bottom of the 6th versus Auburn

**Brittany Krbec:** Signing a scholarship to play softball in college.  
**Kelly Langston:** While I was at TCC I hit a two run home run against our rival Gulf Coast to give us the lead.

**Melissa May:** Winning the regional championship game against Georgia  
**Tiffany McDonald:** Playing with the Great Britain National Team this past summer and playing in London, Italy, Oklahoma City and China.

**Monica Montez:** Hitting a home run in nationals  
**Amanda Moore:** When I hit my first home run. The coaches were shocked that a slapper got an inside the park home run.

**Brittany Osmon:** Winning regionals last year against Georgia  
**Robyn Petrovich:** My last summer before I went to college, the team I was on really clicked and worked well together.

**Courtney Rosen:** Winning the first Magic State Championship  
**Michelle Snyder:** Beating Georgia twice last year to win our regional and advance to the Super Regional at Arizona State.

**Veronica Wootson:** Hitting a home run during my freshman year at the World Series  
**Carly Wynn:** Coming back with two outs in the bottom of the last inning to force extra innings against a team none of our fans liked.

## After softball I'd like to do this for a career:

**Robin Ahrberg:** Travel  
**Yuruby Alicart:** Teach or coach a team  
**Whitney Buckmon:** Be a brand marketer for the US Olympic Committee.

**Kayla Collins:** Kindergarten teacher  
**LaShaun Davis:** Public relations, advertising and/or brand management  
**Camille Garcia:** Become a sports agent

**Jessica Gilmore:** Be a personal trainer at my own gym.  
**Brittany Krbec:** Veterinarian, biology teacher or high school softball coach  
**Kelly Langston:** Be a college coach or doing something with interior design.

**Melissa May:** Be a mommy or start a non-profit Christian daycare  
**Tiffany McDonald:** Coach and/or teach special education  
**Amanda Moore:** Teach social sciences at my high school

**Brittany Osmon:** High school math teacher and softball coach  
**Robyn Petrovich:** Be a personal trainer  
**Courtney Rosen:** News broadcaster

**Michelle Snyder:** Coach collegiate softball  
**Veronica Wootson:** Educate people about health.  
**Carly Wynn:** Be a hitting instructor

## What I didn't know about college life until I got to Florida State:

**Robin Ahrberg:** 1) Finals 2) The great atmosphere 3) No parents  
**Yuruby Alicart:** 1) You have to be more responsible 2) You don't have time for other things besides school and softball 3) You have to put in lots of hard work in the classroom and on the field.

**Whitney Buckmon:** 1) Conditioning includes running stadiums, pro tempos and other fun things 2) That cooking is essential for you to know 3) Living on your own is fun but not always what it's made out to be.

**Kayla Collins:** 1) How busy my schedule would be 2) How much I actually ate 3) How much money I spend on random things

**LaShaun Davis:** 1) I would have to actually study in traditionally challenging courses 2) I could study and not get an A or even a B 3) Pluses and minuses are the devil

**Camille Garcia:** 1) Starbucks late at night helps produce well written papers 2) Procrastination is unavoidable 3) People are up 24 hours a day  
**Terese Gober:** 1) How many steps are in the stadium 2) What speed pitches were 3) How cold the cold tub really is

**Brittany Krbec:** 1) How lost I you could get during the first week  
2) How big everything is

**Kelly Langston:** 1) Parking is ridiculous 2) Make sure to bring an iPod for the five mile walk across campus to get to class 3) Athletes get a lot of cool stuff.

**Melissa May:** 1) Sleep, what's sleep? 2) You spend a lot of money going out to eat all the time 3) It is so much FUN! And lots of growing up happens.

**Tiffany McDonald:** 1) Free time, what's that? 2) Naps, what are naps? 3) How much softball would impact my live, but I love it more now than ever.

**Amanda Moore:** 1) That you have to attend class to get good grades 2) It's not just a party school like many people think it is 3) Living in dorms is never quiet, you have to share your space and be patient with your roommates

**Brittany Osmon:** 1) I'm always tired 2) You definitely need a car 3) How much extra stuff is involved besides school and softball  
**Robyn Petrovich:** 1) How you really have to watch your money 2) How much more responsible you have to become 3) How much cleaner you become once you live on your own

**Courtney Rosen:** 1) I would be taking a nap everyday 2) I'd be riding ba bike again 3) That I eat six meals a day.

**Michelle Snyder:** 1) How much later I'd be staying up 2) That I can actually cook pretty well 3) The definition of a real day off: catching up on school work.

**Veronica Wootson:** 1) Sometimes you have to actually remind yourself to eat 2) Staying organized is easier said than done 3) Having more than two roommates can lead to disaster.  
**Carly Wynn:** 1) Some people mean when they say they could care less about what they look like 2) Some people really do go out every weekend 3) Everyone is familiar with the phrase "Yeah, whatever. I'll figure it out."





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# Radio/TV Roster



**Veronica Wootson**  
IF — Senior  
Fontana, Calif. (A.B. Miller)



**Melissa May**  
P — Sophomore  
San Diego, Calif.  
(Rancho Bernardo)



**Kelly Langston**  
IF — Junior  
Sopchoppy, Fla.  
(Wakulla/Tallahassee CC)



**Whitney Buckmon**  
OF — Junior  
Stone Mountain, Ga. (Chamblee)



**Courtney Rosen**  
IF — Freshman  
Sugarland, Texas (Clements)



**Monica Montez**  
OF — Freshman  
Corona, Calif. (Corona)



**Terese Gober**  
P — Freshman  
McDonough, Ga. (Union Grove)



**Brittany Osmon**  
IF — Junior  
San Diego, Calif. (Mt. Carmel)



**Jessica Gilmore**  
OF/C — Sophomore  
Fort Walton Beach, Fla.  
(Fort Walton Beach/Georgia)



**Amanda Moore**  
OF — Freshman  
Niceville, Fla. (Niceville)



**Carly Wynn**  
OF — Freshman  
Sharpsburg, Ga. (Northgate)



**Yuruby Alicart**  
IF — Senior  
Maracay, Edo Aragua, Venezuela  
(Trino Celis Rios/Thomas University)



**Michelle Snyder**  
IF — Sophomore  
Wenatchee, Wash. (Eastmont)



**Robyn Petrovich**  
IF — Junior  
Plantation, Fla. (South Plantation)



**LaShaun Davis**  
OF — Senior  
Marietta, Ga. (Walton)



**Tiffany McDonald**  
P — Junior  
Belfair, Wash. (North Mason)



**Brittany Krbec**  
C/IF — Senior  
Orlando, Fla. (University/Troy)



**Robin Ahrberg**  
C — Freshman  
Stillwater, Okla. (Stillwater)



**Camille Garcia**  
IF — Freshman  
Sandia Pueblo, NM (Walnut, CA)



**Kayla Collins**  
P/IF — Sophomore  
Niceville, Fla. (Niceville)



**Dr. JoAnne Graf**  
Head Coach — 29th Season  
Florida State, 1975



**Louie Berndt**  
Associate Head Coach — 9th Season  
Western Michigan, 1983



**Megan Matthews Buning**  
Assistant Coach — 3rd Season  
South Carolina, 2003



**Robin Gibson**  
Head Athletic Trainer  
19th Season