2014-2015 Media Guide

Softball

Lake Hawks

Lake Sumter State College
Dr. Charles R. Mojock, President

Welcome to all as we usher in the 2015 season of Lake-Sumter State College Lakehawks Softball! It is my pleasure to bring greetings to our loyal and enthusiastic fans and to say “thank you” to our sponsors and benefactors. As you sit in the complex, enjoying the game here in the beautiful setting overlooking Silver Lake, you should be thankful that the rites of Spring come early to us here in Florida while our friends up North battle cold and snow!

We are now known as Lake-Sumter State College, having changed our name when we initiated bachelor’s degrees in 2013. However, we remain deeply committed to “community”: building community here on campus and contributing to the larger community we serve. Our student athletes are very engaged in “giving back”, working, for example, in reading programs in the schools and providing service to organizations like Habitat for Humanity.

LSSC values providing a high quality, personalized educational experience for all of our students and a unique “family atmosphere” for our student athletes. Our coaches and athletic director strive to impart not just athletic skills but life skills as well. Our faculty and staff create a caring and supportive environment in which learning can thrive. Our Foundation works hard to raise funds to support many students with scholarships. We are truly blessed to have such talented and dedicated people working with our students. For these reasons, LSSC is recognized as one of the leading colleges in the country, ranking in the “Top Ten Percent” according to the prestigious Aspen Award for Community College Excellence!

We make sure our students are well prepared to succeed in the next stage of their lives - whether it is further education or moving into their chosen career, as evidenced by their high job placement rates and average GPA of 3.15 after transfer to the university system. We take pride in the fact that our athletes excel in the classroom as well as on the field, traditionally garnering All-State and even All American academic honors.

Thanks again for your support and enjoy the game. “Go Lakehawks!”

Mr. Mike Matulia, Athletic Director

Mike Matulia has guided the LSSC Athletic Programs for the past 17 years, while continuing to foster improvement all phases of Lakehawk Athletics. During his tenure, Matulia has lead the athletic teams, coached, designed and supervised the construction of facilities and has continued to work on improving opportunities for the student-athletes and coaches. Matulia has served as the FCSAA Chair for the Council for Athletic Affairs, the FCSAA State baseball chair, the Suncoast Conference Baseball Commissioner and currently serves on the Lake County Fellowship of Christian Athletes Board, the North Lake Miracle League Board, is the Vice Chair of the Lake County Children’s Services Council, and serves as the NJCAA Region 8 Assistant Men’s Commissioner. Matulia coached the Lakehawk baseball team from 1999-2007, while having coached for over 25 years at the college level.

This past year the LSSC athletic programs achieved NJCAA Academic Team honors, posting GPA’s over the 3.0 average; including the softball team program high, 3.26 average. Five individual student-athletes received NJCAA Awards for academic excellence, while former baseball player Chris Blanton received honors for: FCSAA Bill-Tuten Baseball Scholar-Athlete Award, Mid-Florida Conference Male Student-Athlete of the Year, FCSAA Male Student-Athlete of the Year, and the NJCAA Lea Plarski Award (only one recipient nationally) for his excellence and service on and off the playing field. Other Highlights included: twenty-four All-FCSAA academic honors, 35 Mid-Florida All-Conference Academic honors and seven President’s list recipients. In addition the academic awards, eight student-athletes received All-Conference honors, including softball players: Kayla Fuller, Michelle Breen, Mellissa Webb, and Madison Nichols, while Fuller received FCSAA All-State honors.

The 2014 year marked the second time that the Lakehawks softball program qualified for the FCSAA District softball tournament, finishing in the top eight of the state and final four of the Atlantic District. Taylor Douglass was selected for the FCSAA All-Tournament Team, while Douglass, Emily Johnson and Jodi Pierce were named to the Atlantic District All-Tournament Team. The Lakehawks softball team showed that they belong with Florida’s elite and became a fan favorite throughout the tournament. The LSSC softball team also excelled off the field through the leadership of NJCAA Academic Achievement Award winners, Breeann VanderZyl and Taylor Douglass.

The 2015 Lakehawks Softball team, under the leadership of third year Head Coach Jill Semento should have another successful campaign. “Coach Semento has continued to motivate her teams to succeed and has been able to attract some highly talented softball players for the 2015 year. The talent- rich sophomore class should provide the necessary leadership and attitude that carried the Lakehawks through their winning experience of 2014”. The New Year marks the start of another softball season and we will anticipate another exciting year of Lakehawk softball. We look forward to welcoming you to the LSSC softball complex and look forward to having you enjoy “catching” our team in action during the 2015 season!

Matulia resides in Eustis with wife Betsy and third son, Jake (16). Matulia has two other sons: Matt and John; and granddaughters Emma (4) and Olivia (18 months).
Jill Semento, Head Softball Coach

Jill Semento is entering her third season as the Head Softball Coach for Lake-Sumter State College. Her coaching philosophy is to “create an environment that athletes can thrive in as an individual and a team player, athletically and personally.”

Semento grew up in Umatilla, FL and graduated from Umatilla High School in 2007. In her first two seasons at LSSC, Semento compiled a total of 40 wins, 26 of those wins coming in the 2014 season.

Semento’s college career began in the SEC Conference at the University of South Carolina. While being part of the Gamecock softball team, she earned a spot on the NFCA All-Southeast Region team. She also gained placement on the Southeastern Spring Academic Honor Roll.

After transferring to Stetson University for her junior and senior seasons, Semento made the Atlantic Sun All-Tournament Team and A-Sun All-Academic Team for her junior year. She ended her career by being named as one of the members on the All-Atlantic Sun Conference First Team and the Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-District III First Team for 2011. Semento graduated with a degree in Sport Management.

Olivia Driver, Assistant Coach

Tike Gardner, Assistant Coach

Jake Hart, MA, ATC/LAT, Head Athletic Trainer

Harrison Kelley, Student Athletic Trainer

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2014 FCSAA All-Academic Team

Marrissa Conde
Taylor Douglass
Katie Hohman
Emily Johnson
Leslie Nazario
Jodi Nestle
Jacqueline Reich
Taylor Smith
Breann VanderZyl
Mellissa Webb

2014 Mid-Florida Conference All-Academic Team

Marrissa Conde
Taylor Douglass
Katie Hohman
Emily Johnson
Leslie Nazario
Jodi Nestle
Jacqueline Reich
Taylor Smith
Breann VanderZyl
Mellissa Webb
Kayla Fuller
Zoe Hart
Irene Medina

2014 All Mid-Florida Conference

Kayla Fuller—1st Team
Michelle Breen—1st Team
Mellissa Webb—2nd Team
Madison Nichols—2nd Team
Zoe Hart—Honorable Mention
Taylor Douglass—Honorable Mention
Jodi Pierce—Honorable Mention
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