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2024 CELEBRATION OF ARIZONA FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

The annual "Celebration of Arizona Fast Pitch Softball" program and banquet is on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North. ASF will welcome three new Softball Hall of Fame members and award four ASF Scholarships to deserving young ladies attending one of the Maricopa Community Colleges. Come and check out each inductee's memorabilia, a special display from the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame and much more. All Registrations will be processed through our website at www.arizonasoftballfoundation.org.

ARIZONA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024

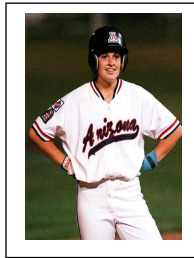
Arizona Softball Foundation is proud to announce our 2024 newest Hall of Fame members, Dallas Escobedo - Player, Rocky Parra - Contributor/Coach, and Katie Swan - Milo - Player.



Dallas Escobedo - Player - Dallas started playing softball at age 8 and is still playing 24 years later. At St. Mary's High School in Phoenix, she was Arizona Player of the Year in 2007 with 501 strikeouts and again in 2010 with 500 strikeouts. At ASU, in 2011 she was named First Team All-American, College World Series Co-Most Outstanding Player and All-Tournament Team; in 2012 Second Team NFCA All-West Region and First Team Pac-12 All Conference; in 2013, NFCA Second Team All American and First Team Pac-12 All Conference in 2014, First Team All-American Senior Class Award, NFCA All-Region First Team West Region and many other awards. She was a member of the Mexico Olympic Softball Team in Tokyo. She played professionally for the Pennsylvania Rebellion, Texas Charger and USSA Pride. She was also the pitching coach at Cal State Fullerton for two years.



Rocky Parra - Contributor/Coach - Rocky is an Arizona native who attended Prescott High School and Colorado State College, Mesa Community College and Northern Arizona University. He has been a coach for 46 years at Hamilton, Mountain Pointe, Basha, Highland and Casteel High Schools as well as San Tan Middle School, and coached club ball with Lil Saints, Casyettes, Royals, Vipers. Storm and others and rec teams in Scottsdale and Paradise Valley. Rocky took Mountain Pointe High School to 5A State Championships, and Hamilton to 6A State Championships twice. He was named Big School Coach of the Year and took Hamilton and Basha High Schools to 6A State Runner Up four times. He has also played softball for 51 years including with B & D Supply, Shafer and Smith, and other teams in Metro, State and valley wide leagues.



Katie Swan-Milo - Player - Also an Arizona native, Katie attended Chaparral High School and then University of Arizona where they won NCAA National Championships in 1995 and Runner up in 1998. She was named to NCAA Regional All Tournament team in 1999 and 2000 and Major Fastpitch ASA Champions in 2000. Her career batting average at University of Arizona was .318 and in 2000 she led Arizona in batting average during conference play hitting .364. In High School she won State Championships in 1995 and 1996 and was named 1A-5A first Softball Player of the year in 1996, Softball Player of the Year in 1995 and 1996, And All State First Team in 1993-1996 and Scottsdale Player of the Year in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

ASF Honoring Phoenix College 10 National Championships

Phoenix College Bears will be honored with the Softball Excellence Award at this year's banquet. The 10 NJCAA Championships started in 2004-2008 and most recently in 2022. ASF is proud to honor the Phoenix College Softball Program. Coach Mueller has been the head coach since 1990 and has guided many young ladies to victory over the years.

Heinz Mueller, who has served as head coach since 1990, and was recently inducted into the NFCA Hall of Fame, expressed gratitude to the PC community and staff saying: "Without your support, we wouldn't be champions." He also thanked the players, acknowledging their strong records both on and off the field. "Our team had a combined 3.49 GPA, and seven players graduated in May, The Bears are truly student athletes who perform in the classroom and on the field. I'm so proud to coach them."

ASF has been supporting young ladies attending Maricopa Community College by providing scholarships for over 20 years.

CELEBRATION OF ARIZONA'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

Our "Celebration of Arizona's Fast Pitch Softball" event is featuring our 2024 Arizona Softball Hall of Fame inductees and awarding 4 ASF Scholarships to Maricopa Community College students. Come and join us Saturday, August 10, 2024, at the Double Tree Phoenix North. ALL BANQUET REGISTRATIONS WILL BE BY DEBIT/CREDIT CARD THROUGH THE WEBSITE AT ARIZONASOFTBALLFOUNDATION.ORG. This year's Celebration of Arizona Fast Pitch Softball includes, special softball memorabilia display, the inductee's memorabilia display, Arizona Softball Hall of Fame display, ASF Scholarship recipients for 2024-2025 school year, dinner, and much more. Registration for the event: cost is \$70 per person and \$20 for children (10 years and under). You won't want to miss the Silent Auction featuring sports tickets, golf packages, wine, and gift baskets plus a 50/50 Raffle. Please bring cash for the 50/50 drawing, and cash/check or debit/credit card for silent auction.

HOST HOTEL DOUBLETREE BY HILTON PHOENIX NORTH

"Celebration of Arizona's Fast Pitch Softball"

PROGRAM

RECEPTION 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Special Reception Video, displays & memorabilia

SILENT AUCTION 4:30 PM - 6:45 PM

DINNER 6:00 - 6:45 PM

WELCOME 6:45 PM - 7:00 PM

National Anthem, Introductions,
Silent Auction winners,
50/50 drawing, and 2024 ASF Golf Tourney.

ASF SCHOLARSHIPS - 7:00

INDUCTION PROGRAM - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Special video for each of our new inductees will be shown featuring their story.

CLOSING COMMENTS - 8:30 PM

Following the Program all inductees meet for photos.



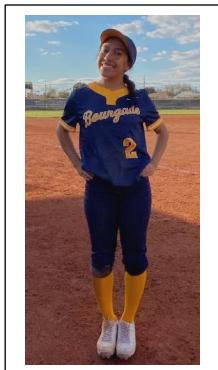
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10220 N. Metro Parkway East
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Rooms available the weekend of our event.
Contact the DoubleTree by Hilton Phoenix North
at 602-997-5900

The event invitation will be emailed to our members. Check for detailed information:
Web page: arizonasoftballfoundation.org
Facebook page: Arizona Softball Foundation
Email us at: arizonasoftballfoundation@gmail.com

ARIZONA SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2024-2025

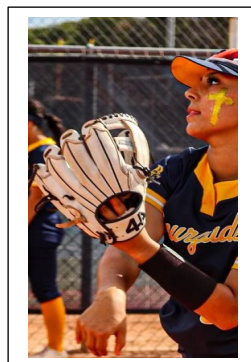
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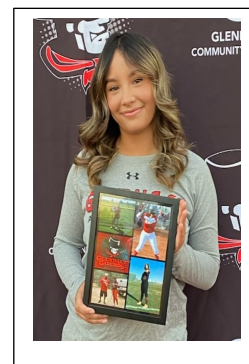
Dionna Leanio
Sophomore
South Mountain



Tavi Polk
Freshman
Phoenix College



Marissa Quihuis
Sophomore
Glendale



Danae Vasquez
Sophomore
Glendale

24th ANNUAL ARIZONA SOFTBALL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

All proceeds will benefit the ASF Scholarship Program and the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame.

Date: **Sunday, September 22th, 2024**

Location: **Legacy Golf Club**, 6808 South 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85042

ASF is a federal **non-profit 501c-3 - I.D. 90-0918768**

Tournament Information

Cost: \$125.00 per player/\$500 per team includes: practice balls, golf, awards, luncheon, contest holes and fun.

Registration: will be accepted through September 15th. **Late registration** will be accepted if space is available.

Mulligans, String & Raffle: Available for purchase at registration. Cash and check only.

Check-In: 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM

Report to cart by: 7:20 AM

Shotgun Start: 7:30 AM

DIVISIONS: Men's, Women's and Mixed. **Contest Holes:** For both Men and Women.

AWARDS: will be based on number of teams (foursomes) per division: 5 + foursomes: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

4 foursomes: 1st and 2nd place and 3 foursomes: 1st place only.

GOLF REGISTRATION

All registrations for the 2024 Golf Tournament will be through the ArizonaSoftballFoundation.org website.

Donations to ASF

Make your tax-deductible donation to help the Arizona Softball Foundation provide support for our ASF Scholarship Recipients, Hall of Fame Plaques, AV Equipment Rental for our events, sponsor dinners/tables at our events and SO MUCH MORE!!!

Donate at:

Arizonasoftballfoundation.org

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ARIZONA SOFTBALL FOUNDATION BOARD WANTS YOU!

Arizona Softball Foundation is looking for a few ASF Board members, to become a Committee Chair or volunteer to help with activities. Let's continue the long legacy of Arizona Softball and the Arizona Softball Foundation.

For information on volunteering, please send an email to arizonasoftballfoundation@gmail.com.

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Visit the Hall of Fame: 824 E. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ 86301 M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm

(Go in the Grace Sparks Activity Center, Parks & Rec Office and ask the staff to open the Hall of Fame.)