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2020 ARIZONA SOFTBALL BANQUET **CANCELLED**

Our 2020 Celebration of Arizona Softball and the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will be cancelled due to the current circumstances amid the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision was made to help limit the spread of the virus and in the interest of the health and safety of our softball family, which remains a top priority to the Arizona Softball Foundation, its board members and volunteers. The Hall of Fame Induction Banquet is rescheduled for August 14, 2021. We will be inducting this year's inductees at that time. We are very disappointed that we are unable to hold this event for our inductees, guests, scholarship recipients and supporters. But we know it's the right decision based on the information we have today. Please check out our webpage, Facebook page and the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame in Prescott.

Our 20th Annual ASF Golf Tournament to benefit our scholarship program is still scheduled for September 19th at the Legacy Golf Club. Over the past 20 years, we have helped about 45 ladies attending Arizona Community Colleges plus raised about \$60,000 over the years. This would not have happened without your generous donations and support. Enclosed is the golf flyer with information about the tournament; cost, location, sponsorship opportunities, and more. Mark your calendar for September 19th. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic players and volunteers will need to follow safety guidelines while attending the event.

2020-2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Contributor: Jeff Oscarson: Jeff coached softball at the varsity level for 21 years at Chapparral High School. During his career, he accumulated 450 wins with only 122 losses and 3 ties. His teams had 14 regional titles and a 62-game win streak. In his career, he also had 5 State Championships and two State Runner-up Championships. 35 of his former student athletes received athletic scholarships to various Universities and Colleges. He was selected Regional Coach of the Year 1980-84, 5A Coach of the Year 1992-1993. He was a two-time Coach for the Arizona Coach's Association All-Star Softball Team. 1967-97 All-Around Coach of the Year and also 1997-98, Arizona Coach of the Year. In 2018, he was inducted into the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame.



Women's Player: Becky Lemke: Becky was a dominant pitcher for all four years at Horizon High School. She lettered in each of her four years, was twice a first team All-State Selection, capped off her career with the Arizona Player of the Year Award to go along with the 5A State Championship in 1997. From 1998-2001, she pitched for the University of Arizona. She was a Third-Team All-American in 1999, helped pitch the Wildcats to the 2001 National Championship. She was twice selected to the PAC-10 All-Conference Team. She is a 20 plus year member of Mike Candrea's Southwest Softball Camp Staff. Becky continues her softball career by giving private pitching lessons.



Veteran Player: Bonnie (Allum) Johns: Bonnie started her softball career on various Elementary School, High School and Women's Majors Softball Teams. One of the first competitive teams she played for was the Vito-Gro Chicks and then the Blakely Rockets Team. She was a member of the 1952 Rockets National Softball Congress, National Championship Team. She was also selected to the N.S.C. All-Star Team that year. From the Rockets Team, she went on to play for the PBSW Ramblers. As a Rambler, she participated in 5 National A.S.A. Tournaments from 1953-1957. She was a member of the A.S.A. 1955 and 1957 PBSW Rambler's National- Runner-Up Championship Teams. She was selected multiple times to Arizona All-State Teams.

ASF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2020-2021

The Arizona Softball Foundation will have three returning scholarship recipients and they are;



Kortney Fletcher
Sophomore
GateWay
Community College
Major – Nursing



Ashley Herman
Sophomore
Paradise Valley
Community College
Major –Biology



Taylor Brown
Sophomore
Mesa
Community College
Major - Sports Psychology

Arizona Softball Foundation new scholarship recipients for 2020-2021 are;



Lindsay Ketron
Sophomore
Paradise Valley
Community College
Major – Paramedic//General Studies



Analyssa Vasquez
Freshman
Glendale
Community College
Major – Nursing



Anisa Suarez
Fresman
Glendale
Community College
Major - Nursing

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