

Newsletter

Welcome to all Supporters of Pirate Softball

NEWSLETTER 20, June 7, 2011

[BLACKBEARD'S BALLERS](#) AN UNOFFICIAL FAN SITE FOR [ECU SOFTBALL](#), WHERE THE REAL FAN GOES FOR MORE.

CUSA Softball Champions.....again.



[Photo Gallery](#)

All-CUSA Championship Team:

Priscilla Velasquez MVP

Toni Paisley

Alex Fieldhouse

Jill Jelnick

Jordan Lewis

The 2011 season turned out to be another stellar year for the ECU Softball Pirates. The Pirates finished the season with a 41-22 record, reaching the 40-win plateau for the third-straight season. East Carolina hosted CUSA championship for the first time in school history and then captured its second straight CUSA Championship title with a 4-1 win over Tulsa.

From [ecupirates.com](#) "ECU became the first C-USA program with three consecutive campaigns of 40 wins or more since Houston from 2006-08 and only the fourth in the history of the league (USF/2003-05; DePaul/2000-03). Back-to-back regional final appearances also made East Carolina one of only two C-USA schools (Houston/2007-08) to play on the final day of the regional two-straight years since the tournament went to the regional-super regional-Women's College World Series format in 2005. The Pirates enjoyed these accomplishments with 10 freshmen on the roster, eight of whom started in Sunday's regional final against Baylor."



2011 ALL-CONFERENCE USA SOFTBALL

TEAMS

First Team

P - Toni Paisley

Second Team

IF - Sissy Jimenez

OF - Suzanne Riggs

U - Jill Jelnick

All-Freshman Team

Jill Jelnick

Kristi Oshiro

Jasmine Robbins

Jordan Lewis

Pitcher of the Year

Toni Paisley

Congratulations Pirates for making it to the championship round of the College Park Regional losing only to Baylor who made it to the Women's College World Series:



"If you believe in yourself, have dedication and pride and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high, but so are the rewards." - Paul "Bear" Bryant



Thanks for the Memories
Seniors Tony Paisley and Sissy Jimenez

[Photo Gallery](#)
[Senior Tribute Video](#)

LATEST NEWS FROM THE MEDIA:

The East Carolinian "Champs Again". [LINK](#)

Softball Honored By NCAA For Academic Work. [LINK](#)



[Lightning in a Bottle](#) (BLOG-- ECUYTT)

East Magazine "Olympic sports have new home"
[LINK](#)  [East Video Feature](#)



2011 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Honored By NCAA For Academic Work
Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division I Mideast All-Region
First Team: Toni Paisley
The Capital One Academic All-District 3 Second Team
Toni Paisley

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS 2011:
Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year
Toni Paisley
Kristi Overton Award Winner
Abby Wynne

2010-11 Conference USA Academic Medal
Jillian Jelnick 2010-11

Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll Recipients for
Softball

Kaiulani Clark ,Alex Fieldhouse Jillian Jelnick, Sissy Jimenez,
Chelsea Kaluhiokalani-Glackin, Rebecca Lee, Jordan Lewis,
Cicely Lopez, Taylor Megargel, Kristi Oshiro, Toni Paisley,
Jasmine Robbins, Priscilla Velasquez, Abby Wynne




At the end of the day, does it really matter who wins, who loses. Here is the ECU softball team with the ECBL (Exceptional Community Baseball League-- [MYECBL.COM](#)). Click the picture for the [slideshow](#) of the day.

Olympic Sports Support Building began construction this spring. Everything else almost done at the [Olympic Sports Complex](#).



EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY



2011 SOFTBALL CAMPS

Pint-Size Pirate Camp
Ages 4-8
June 14-16
9:00 - 11:00 am

All Skills Camp
Ages 9-18
June 14-16
1:00 - 6:00 pm

Click picture for form to fill out or email Coach Natalie Kozlowski for more info:
kozlowskin@ecu.edu

PAVE THE WAY FOR FUTURE STUDENT ATHLETES

by donating to the "Step Up to the Highest Level Campaign". There are many ways to give, but for \$1000 (\$200 over 5 years) you can get a brick in honor of your student athlete's time at ECU. These bricks will pave the Olympic Sports Plaza.

Go online at

<http://www.ecupirateclub.com/campaign/>

for more information on the "Step Up to the Highest Level Campaign". (Look on the last page for ways to give.)

Contact ECU's Matt Maloney @ maloneyj@ecu.edu for more information.

Please help ECU pave the way for our future Softball Student Athletes by honoring our past and present student athletes.

Thank you and Go Pirates! Once a Pirate, always a Pirate.





Blackbeard's Ballers' President, Jane Reel, presents a check to Coach Kee for \$200.



A Pirate's Life for Me....

Another softball season has come and gone. Unlike last season's team filled with seniors expecting a championship, this team was filled with freshman expecting nothing less than a championship as well. What a pleasant surprise this team was to those of us who love Pirate softball. Toni Paisley, one of 2 seniors, Sissy Jimenez the other senior, took over the leadership of this team smashing records and receiving well deserved recognition along the way. And just when you thought this team had given all they had, they dug deeper and won the CUSA championship at home in the best atmosphere for softball in all of CUSA. Next they found themselves in the championship game at the College Park Regional. I truly expect this team along with the class coming in to do great things on and off the field before they graduate from ECU.

Congratulations to this team and to the coaches for not only finding the talent that fits the Pirate way, but also nurturing the players so that they believe they can do it all.

I look forward to the 2012 season and seeing all of the families, friends and fans back at the stadium (which might actually have a name by then).

I have learned over the years that being a fan also allows you the opportunity to be part of this softball family, a family like no other. Thank you to everyone for making this another year to remember.

Jane Reel



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