

# 2006 Aztecs

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## Millie Allen 3

**Defender**  
**5-4, So.-1L**  
**Thornton, Colo. (Horizon HS)**

An all-Mountain West Conference candidate ... Had a tremendous first season in the backfield ... A fast, physical defender whose speed and athleticism allows her to be an offensive force out of the back ... Has great field awareness ... One of four Aztecs from Colorado ... Helped the Colorado Rush win the 2006 USYSA National Championship, along with Aztec sophomores Carrie Blankenbuhler, Mariko Strickland and Erika Sutton.

### 2005 Season

One of only two players (Alexis Solovij) to start first 18 games of the season ... Missed BYU game because of a shoulder injury, but came back to start against UNLV in the following match ... Started all 21 games she appeared in ... Her 21 starts were tied for the second most on the team (Jen Mello and Amanda Swiader) ... Tallied her first career assist in the Aztecs' 1-0 win over Washington on Sept. 4 ... Had seven shot attempts out of the backfield in 2005 ... Fired two shots at New Mexico (Oct. 14) and vs. Hawai'i (Oct. 1) ... SDSU went 4-1 when Allen had at least one shot.

### High School

Played two seasons (freshman and sophomore) at Horizon High ... Named MVP of the Front Range League ... Earned all-state recognition both seasons ... A scholar-athlete.

### Other Information

Played for the U-16 2002 U.S. national team ... Two-time member of the Colorado state ODP team ... Three-year player for the Colorado Rush Soccer Club and captain in 2004 ... The Rush won three consecutive state cups and finished second at regionals in Hawaii in 2004.

### Personal Information

Millie Ann Allen ... Born May 15, 1987, in Denver, Colo. ... Daughter of Kurt and Sonia Allen ... Majoring in nursing.

### Allen's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	21-21	0	1	1	7	2	0

#### Single-Game Bests:

Points - 1 (at Washington, Sept. 4, 2005)

Assists - 1 (at Washington, Sept. 4, 2005)

Shots - 2 (twice, most recent at New Mexico, Oct. 14, 2005)



## Carrie Blankenbuhler 2

**Midfielder/Defender**  
**5-3, So.-1L**  
**Littleton, Colo. (Chatfield HS)**

A great passer and distributor of the ball ... Helps in terms of organization on the field ... Knows the game very well ... A good defender ... One of four Aztecs from Colorado ... Helped the Colorado Rush win the 2006 USYSA National Championship, along with Aztec sophomores Millie Allen, Mariko Strickland and Erika Sutton.

### 2005 Season

Earned eight starts and was one of only four Aztecs to play in all 22 games, joining Jen Mello, Alexis Solovij and Mariko Strickland ... Took seven shots on the season, with three coming in a 1-0 SDSU win over Washington on Sept. 4 ... Four of her seven shots were on goal, for a 57.1 shot-on-goal percentage ... Aztecs were 3-1-1 in the 2005 campaign when Blankenbuhler has at least one shot attempt ... Named to the MWC all-academic team.

### High School

Three-year letterwinner at Chatfield High ... Led the Chargers to the 2004 state title ... Earned all-Colorado, all-state and all-league recognition ... A scholar-athlete.

### Other Information

Three-year member of the Colorado Rush club team ... Helped lead the Rush to three consecutive state cups from her defensive midfield position.

### Personal Information

Carrie Elaine Blankenbuhler ... Born Nov. 14, 1986, in Littleton, Colo. ... Daughter of Lewis and Sherri Blankenbuhler ... A business major.

### Blankenbuhler's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	22-8	0	0	0	7	4	0

#### Single-Game Bests:

Shots - 3 (at Washington, Sept. 4, 2005)



## Cat Burson 1

**Goalkeeper**  
**5-7, Jr.-1L**  
**Poway, Calif. (UC Santa Barbara)**

An all-Mountain West Conference candidate ... Could be one of the best goalkeepers ever to wear an Aztec jersey ... Athletic goalkeeper who is very agile from post to post ... An outstanding shot blocker with quick instincts.

### 2005 Season

Started 12 of the last 13 games ... Went 5-5-2 with a 0.95 goals against average ... The 0.95 goals against average was the third-lowest in SDSU single-season history ... Also posted four shutouts ... Ranked first in the Mountain West Conference in saves per game (5.50), fourth in saves (66), fifth in goals against average (0.95) and fifth with 0.33 shutouts per game, despite only playing in 12 of the team's 22 games ... Had 28 combined saves in games against Brigham Young (Oct. 22), Utah (Oct. 20) and TCU (Oct. 16), most ever by an Aztec in a three-game stretch ... Also had a 93.3 save percentage over those three matches ... Had nine stops in home matches vs. BYU and Utah, and an SDSU- best 10 saves in a 3-0 shutout over TCU on Oct. 16 ... Other shutouts came against in a 2-0 win over BYU in the MWC tournament on Nov. 3, and in matches against San Diego (Sept. 28) and Pacific (Sept. 23).

### 2004 Season (UC Santa Barbara)

Finished with a 3-2-1 record for the Big West Champion Gauchos ... Logged 599 minutes between the posts ... Posted a 0.60 goals against average, best on the team... Recorded three shutouts ... Made 27 stops and had a Gaucho-best 87.1 save percentage.

### High School

Two-year letterwinner at Poway High ... Selected to the all-CIF Division I first team ... *North County Times* named her Palomar League player of the year, all-North County and all-Palomar League ... Earned first-team all-section and all-media by the *San Diego Union-Tribune* ... *Poway Chieftain* selected her as the player of the year ... Became first goalkeeper in Palomar League history to not allow a goal during the entire league season ... Recorded 16 shutouts ... A scholar-athlete.

### Other Information

Played for the Laguna Hills Eclipse U-17 Premier from 2001-03.

### Personal Information

Catherine Elizabeth Burson ... Born Oct. 30, 1986, in San Diego, Calif. ... Daughter of Don and Karen Greenlee ... Majoring in psychology with aspirations of becoming a sports psychologist.

Burson's Goalkeeping Totals								*at UCSB
Year	G-GS	Min	GA	GAA	SV	W-L-T	SO	
2004*	7-7	599:24	4	0.60	27	3-2-1	3	
2005	12-12	1,136:12	12	0.95	65	5-5-2	4	
<b>Career</b>	<b>19-19</b>	<b>1,735:36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>8-7-3</b>	<b>7</b>	

*Single-Game Bests:*  
 Minutes - 110 (twice, most recent vs. Brigham Young, Oct. 22, 2005)  
 Saves - 10 (twice, most recent at TCU, Oct. 16, 2005)



## Adora DaCosta-Muniz 20

**Defender/Forward**  
**5-5, So.-SQ**  
**Ramona, Calif. (Ramona HS)**

One of the fastest student-athletes to ever to don the Scarlet and Black ... Her tremendous speed allows her to play many positions ... Has a good nose for the game ... Will look to see more playing time as a sophomore.

### 2005

Appeared in six games in her first season at San Diego State ... Saw action against UNLV (Oct. 29), TCU (Oct. 16), Wyoming (Oct. 7), San Diego (Sept. 28), UC Irvine (Sept. 11) and Cal State Fullerton (Aug. 26) ... Fired her only shot of the season (on goal) in the Aztecs' 2-0 victory against crosstown-rival San Diego on Sept. 28.

### High School

A four-year letterwinner at Ramona High ... Defensive player of the year ... Earned all-Valley League accolades her senior season and second-team honors her junior year ... Also excelled in track, earning four letters for the Bulldogs ... Won the team's outstanding sprinter of the year award.

### Personal Information

Adora Mercedes DaCosta-Muniz ... Born Aug. 7, 1987, in Staten Island, N.Y. ... Daughter of Ralph Muniz ... Majoring in nursing.

DaCosta-Muniz's Scoring Totals							
Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	6-0	0	0	0	1	1	0

*Single-Game Bests:*  
 Shots - 1 (vs. San Diego, Sept. 28, 2005)



## Melissa Deckers 01

**Goalkeeper**  
5-7, Jr.-SQ  
Valencia, Calif. (Hart HS)

Sees the game well ... Vocal leader in the back ... One of four goalkeepers on the team.

### 2005 Season

Utilized her redshirt season.

### 2004 Season

Appeared in three games her freshman season ... Saw action in matches against UNLV (Oct. 30), Washington (Oct. 3) and Dartmouth (Sept. 19) ... Played 4:34 without facing a shot.

### High School

Four-year letterwinner for the Hart Indians ... A scholar-athlete ... Named all-league as a sophomore and junior ... Team captain as a senior.

### Other Information

Ten of her club soccer teammates played or are playing NCAA Division I college soccer.

### Personal Information

Melissa Kathryn Deckers ... Born on Sept. 29, 1986, in Glendale, Calif. ... Daughter of Ted and Cathy Deckers ... A communication major.

### Deckers' Goalkeeping Totals

Year	G-GS	Min	GA	GAA	SV	W-L-T	SO
2004	0-0	4:34	0	0.00	0	0-0-0	0

*Single-Game Bests:*

Minutes - 3 (vs. Washington, Oct. 3, 2004)



## Tiphonie Elliott 4

**Forward**  
5-6, Jr.-2L  
Porterville, Calif. (Monache HS)

Will look to regain form after missing the end of the 2005 season with a torn ACL in her right knee ... A crafty offensive player ... Always seems to come up with the big goals ... Possesses a strong presence in the air.

### 2005 Season

Saw action in 15 games with three starts before tearing her ACL in her right knee ... Started the first two games of the season (Cal State Fullerton and Northern Arizona) and against Air Force on Oct. 9 ... Had an assist in SDSU's 3-2 loss to Nebraska on Sept. 6 ... Finished with two shots for the season with one coming on net ... Shot attempts came at New Mexico on Oct. 14 and versus Hawai'i on Oct. 1 ... Aztecs were 3-0 when she was tabbed as a starter ... Named to the MWC all-academic team.

### 2004 Season

One of two freshmen to appear in all 21 games ... Tied for fourth on the team in points (five) and goals (two) ... Second on the squad in shots on goal (13) ... MWC tournament leader with four points and two goals with tallies against Utah in the championship game (Nov. 6) and New Mexico in the quarterfinal match (Nov. 3) ... Had an assist in the Cal State Northridge win on Sept. 24 ... Had a career-high three shots against Oklahoma (Sept. 17) ... Named a MWC scholar-athlete.

### High School

A three-time Eastern Yosemite League first-team selection ... 2004 Eastern Yosemite League MVP ... Earned MVP honors at the Taft tournament twice (2001 and 2002) ... Was also on the swimming and water polo teams.

### Other Information

Played club soccer on the Visalia Wild Bunch and won the President's Cup championship in 2002 and 2003.

### Personal Information

Tiphonie Lyn Elliott ... Born April 4, 1986, in Mesa, Ariz. ... Daughter of Steve and Linda Elliott ... Has two brothers and a sister, all of whom played college soccer ... Majoring in nursing.

### Elliott's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2004	21-5	2	1	5	21	13	0
2005	15-3	0	1	1	2	1	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>36-8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>

*Single-Game Bests:*

Points - 2 (twice, most recent vs. Utah, Nov. 6, 2004)

Goals - 1 (twice, most recent vs. Utah, Nov. 6, 2004)

Assists - 1 (twice, most recent at Nebraska, Sept. 6, 2005)

Shots - 3 (vs. Oklahoma, Sept. 17, 2004)



## Jill Foss

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**Goalkeeper**  
 5-6, So.-SQ  
 Oceanside, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Athletic goalkeeper who could see playing time in the 2006 season ... Was a teammate of current Aztec Jillian Riker at Carlsbad High.

### 2005 Season

Utilized her redshirt season.

### High School

Started four years at Carlsbad High School ... Led the Lancers to the CIF semifinals on two occasions ... Named to various all-star teams throughout her career, including all-Avocado, all-media, all-CIF and all-Division I ... Captained the Lancers her junior and senior seasons ... CIF scholar-athlete from 2001-05 ... Member of Fellowship of Women's Sports ... Graduated with honors.

### Other Information

Seven-year member of the Carlsbad Lightning S.C. and played one year for the SoCal Blues ... Attended ODP Region IV Camp ... Played seven games in a tour of Europe and did not allow a goal.

### Personal Information

Jillian Clare Foss ... Born March 24, 1987, in Oceanside, Calif. ... Daughter of Richard and Gloria Foss ... A psychology major.



## Jessica Girdner

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**Midfielder**  
 5-10, Jr.-2L  
 San Diego, Calif. (University City HS)

A co-captain ... Possesses strong leadership qualities and an excellent work rate ... Good in the air ... Skillful and strong midfielder.

### 2005 Season

Saw action in 21 games with 19 starts ... Finished the season with four points, which tied her for fifth on the team with two others (Lisa Nielsen and Alicia Piz) ... Both goals in 2005 came in a 3-2 loss at Nebraska on Sept. 6 ... Fired four shots against UC Riverside (Sept. 9) and had two attempts against Brigham Young (Oct. 22), Wyoming (Oct. 7), George Washington (Sept. 11) and Nebraska.

### 2004 Season

Appeared in 14 games in her first season on The Mesa ... Earned her first start in the Mountain West Conference tournament quarterfinal game against New Mexico (Nov. 3) and followed that up with starts against Air Force (Nov. 4) and Utah (Nov. 6) ... Tallied her first career collegiate goal in a 2-0 win over Air Force (Nov. 4) ... Took 10 shots (four on goal) for the season ... Took six shots in three MWC tournament games (one vs. New Mexico, three against Air Force and two vs. Utah), second-best in the tournament.

### High School

Four-year starter at University City High School ... Named first-team all-Western League in 2002 and 2003 ... First-team all-CIF Division III selection in 2002 and 2003 ... Division III CIF co-champion in 2003 ... *San Diego Union-Tribune* Prep Athlete of the Week in January 2003 and all-CIF section second team ... Captain of the volleyball and soccer teams from 2002-03.

### Personal Information

Born on Aug. 5, 1986, in San Diego, Calif. .... Daughter of Ann Glynn ... Plans to graduate with a degree in business.

### Girdner's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2004	14-3	1	0	2	10	4	0
2005	21-19	2	0	4	18	8	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>35-22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Single-Game Bests:

Points - 4 (at Nebraska, Sept. 6, 2005)

Goals - 2 (at Nebraska, Sept. 6, 2005)

Shots - 4 (vs. UC Riverside, Sept. 9, 2005)



## Jennifer Klunder 13

**Midfielder**  
**5-9, Sr.-3L**  
**La Mirada, Calif. (La Mirada HS)**

Will provide experience and depth for a deep forward group ... Performs well in the clutch, as evident by her four career goals, all game-winners ... Good touch on the ball ... Has good offensive awareness on the field.

### 2005 Season

Logged minutes in 17 games, including a start at Cal State Fullerton on Aug. 26 ... Attempted four shots (two on goal) on the season with two coming in a 2-1 SDSU victory over Northern Arizona (Aug. 28) ... Aztecs were 10-6-1 when she played at least one minute.

### 2004 Season

Led the team in points (8), shots (40), shots on goal (22) and game-winning goals (3) ... Tied for the team-lead with three goals ... Saw action in all 21 matches, starting 19 times ... Selected to the *SoccerBuzz* National Elite team of the week and named MWC Offensive Player of the Week after tallying consecutive game-winning goals against Wyoming (Oct. 15) and New Mexico (Oct. 17) ... Contributed an assist in a 2-0 win over Air Force on Oct. 22 ... Also had an assist against Southern Utah (Sept. 13) ... Had the game-winning goal in a 1-0 victory over Davidson on Sept. 3.

### 2003 Season

Saw action in 18 games ... Started three times ... Scored first collegiate goal in SDSU's 1-0 victory over Weber State on Sept. 20.

### High School

First-team all-Suburban League all four years for the Matadores ... Suburban League player of the year in 2003 ... Career scoring leader at La Mirada with 98 goals and 72 assists ... All-area first team in 2001, 2002 and 2003 .. All-CIF first team in 2003.

### Personal Information

Jennifer Lee Klunder ... Born March 14, 1985, in Downey, Calif. ... Daughter of Jack and DeeDee Klunder ... Major is communication.

### Klunder's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2003	18-3	1	0	2	9	5	1
2004	21-19	3	2	8	40	22	3
2005	17-1	0	0	0	4	2	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>56-23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>

#### Single-Game Bests:

Points - 2 (four times, most recent vs. New Mexico, Oct. 17)  
 Goals - 1 (four times, most recent vs. New Mexico, Oct. 17)  
 Assists - 1 (two times, most recent vs. Air Force, Oct. 22)  
 Shots - 8 (at San Diego, Sept. 13, 2004)



## Jen Mello 9

**Forward**  
**5-4, So.-1L**  
**Pleasanton, Calif. (Amador Valley HS)**

An all-Mountain West Conference candidate ... A natural goal scorer ... Shoots the ball with a great deal of pace ... Relentless on the offensive side of the ball ... A good finisher with good leadership qualities ... Great tactical skills.

### 2005 Season

Led the team with eight goals, third best in the MWC ... Eighth in the league with 17 points (eight goals, one assist) ... Eight goals were most by an Aztec since 2002 ... Three game-winning goals were second on the team behind Erika Sutton ... Ranked second on the team with 37 shots and 18 shots on goal ... Started 21 times, tied for second on the squad with Millie Allen and Amanda Swiader ... Named MWC Offensive Player of the Week on Aug. 21, after scoring a goal and contributing an assist in a pair of SDSU wins ... Scored two goals in a 3-1 win over Air Force on Oct. 9 ... Tallied goals in wins against Hawai'i (Oct. 1), Cal State Northridge (Sept. 19), UC Riverside (Sept. 9), Washington (Sept. 4) and Cal State Fullerton (Aug. 26) ... Also scored in a 2-1 overtime loss to UNLV on Nov. 3 ... Added an assist in a 2-1 SDSU win on Aug. 28 ... Had four shots on three occasions and three attempts two other times ... Aztecs were 6-1 when she scored at least one goal and 6-2 when she had one or more point.

### High School

Earned three letters at Amador Valley High School ... Garnered first-team all-league honors her junior season and second-team accolades following her senior year ... Was the Dons' team MVP on two occasions ... A scholar-athlete.

### Other Information

Far West regional team player ... Played three seasons for the Pleasanton Rage ... Led the squad to three consecutive state cups and a 2003 region runner-up finish.

### Personal Information

Jennifer Renee Mello ... Born Aug. 8, 1987, in Fremont, Calif. ... Daughter of Gary and Glenna Mello ... Is majoring in business marketing.

### Mello's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	22-21	8	1	17	37	18	3

#### Single-Game Bests:

Points - 4 (at Air Force, Oct. 9, 2005)  
 Goals - 2 (at Air Force, Oct. 9, 2005)  
 Assists - 1 (vs. Northern Arizona, Aug. 28, 2005)  
 Shots - 4 (three times, most recent at Air Force, Oct. 9, 2005)



## Lisa Nielsen 19

**Midfielder**  
 5-5, Jr.-2L  
 Santa Maria, Calif. (Righetti HS)

Has one of the hardest shots on the team ... Works hard in practice and in game situations ... Very strong on the ball.

### 2005 Season

Has played in 21 games with three starts ... Her two assists were tied for second most on the team (Alicia Piz and Amanda Swiader) ... Scored SDSU's second goal in a 2-0 upset over No. 17 Brigham Young in the MWC quarterfinals on Nov. 2 ... Had both assists in consecutive wins over San Diego (Sept. 28) and Pacific (Sept. 23) ... Had eight shots on the season, including two against New Mexico (Oct. 14) and Utah (Oct. 20) ... Named to the MWC all-academic team.

### 2004 Season

Appeared in 19 games with six starts, including one against No. 3 Washington ... Finished with three points, second among freshmen, on one goal and one assist ... Tied for second on the team with 24 shots ... Tallied the game-winning goal in a 2-0 win over New Mexico in a Mountain West Conference quarterfinal match on Nov. 3 ... Had an assist on Jen Klunder's game-winning goal against New Mexico on Oct. 17 ... Took three shots against Navy (Sept. 5) and had two shots apiece versus Air Force (Nov. 4), New Mexico (Nov. 3), Brigham Young (Oct. 7), UC Santa Barbara (Sept. 26), Oklahoma (Sept. 17) and Southern Utah (Sept. 13) ... Named to the MWC all-academic team.

### High School

An all-league second-team selection in her sophomore season ... Also earned two letters in basketball ... Awarded the Army National Merit Scholar Award.

### Personal Information

Lisa Marie Nielsen ... Born on Sept. 28, 1986, in Fort Bragg, Calif. ... Daughter of Carl and Susan Nielsen ... Majoring in psychology.

Nielsen's Scoring Totals							
Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2004	19-6	1	1	3	24	7	1
2005	21-3	1	2	4	8	3	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>40-9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Single-Game Bests:</i>							
Points - 2 (twice, most recent vs. Brigham Young, Nov. 2, 2005)							
Goals - 1 (twice, most recent vs. Brigham Young, Nov. 2, 2005)							
Assists - 1 (three times, most recent vs. San Diego, Sept. 28, 2005)							
Shots - 3 (vs. Navy, Sept. 5, 2004)							



## Megan Petrik 25

**Forward**  
 5-5, So.-1L  
 San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (Cap. Valley HS)

Very athletic and physical forward ... Teammate of Aztec sophomores Kristen Seniura and Christi Yount at Capistrano Valley High School.

### 2005 Season

Started one game (at Air Force, Oct. 9) of the 16 she played in ... Had four shots on the season with three on net ... Aztecs were 4-1 when she played at least 20 minutes and 3-1 when she had at least one shot attempt ... Named to the MWC all-academic team.

### High School

Lettered four years at Capistrano Valley High School, where she garnered all-CIF third-team accolades ... Also named to the all-South Coast League and *Los Angeles Times* All-Star second teams ... Received the team's coaches award ... Lettered in track and field and tennis ... Won the coaches award in track and field and earned the most valuable player award in tennis ... A scholar-athlete.

### Personal Information

Megan Elizabeth Petrik ... Born May 10, 1987, in Honolulu, Hawaii ... Daughter of Craig and Jeanne Petrik ... Undecided on a major.

Petrik's Scoring Totals							
Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	16-1	0	0	0	4	3	0
<i>Single-Game Bests:</i>							
Shots - 1 (four times, most recent at UNLV, Oct. 29, 2005)							



## Alicia Piz 8

**Forward**  
 5-3, So.-SQ  
 Morrison, Colo. (Dakota Ridge HS)

Has battled injuries in her first two years at San Diego State ... Hard-nosed and athletic forward with the skills to put the ball in the back of the net ... Sees the field well ... One of four Aztecs from Colorado.

### 2005 Season

Started all eight games she played in before a knee injury sidelined her for the rest of the season ... Had four points on one goal and two assists before the injury ... Fired 10 shots ... First career goal was a game-winner in SDSU's 2-1 victory over Northern Arizona on Aug. 28 ... Also had a career-high four shots against Lumberjacks ... Had her first career assist against Nebraska on Sept. 6 ... Her pass to Erika Sutton led to a game-winning goal in the Aztecs' 2-0 win over UC Irvine on Sept. 11.

### 2004 Season

Utilized her redshirt season due to a knee injury.

### High School

Four-year letterwinner at Dakota Ridge High School ... Led the 2003 squad to the 5A state championship ... Earned all-state honorable mention honors ... *Rocky Mountain News* MVP.

### Other Information

Member of state champions Real Colorado ... Competed in the 2003 far west regional club championship in Hawaii ... Was a state and regional ODP selection from 2000-02.

### Personal Information

Alicia Marie Piz ... Born Aug. 21, 1986, in Denver, Colo. ... Daughter of Ty Piz and Brenda Piz ... Majoring in zoology.

### Piz's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	8-8	1	2	4	10	3	1

#### Single-Game Bests:

Points - 2 (vs. Northern Arizona, Aug. 28, 2005)

Goals - 1 (vs. Northern Arizona, Aug. 28, 2005)

Assists - 1 (two times, most recent at UC Irvine, Sept. 11, 2005)

Shots - 4 (vs. Northern Arizona, Aug. 28, 2005)



## Jillian Riker 5

**Defender**  
 5-4, So.-SQ  
 Carlsbad, Calif. (Carlsbad HS)

Came on strong at the end of the 2005 season and is coming off a strong spring ... Versatile athlete who works hard on the field ... Teammate of Jill Foss and Kristen Seniura at Carlsbad High School.

### 2005 Season

Saw action in six games ... Was playing more minutes until an ankle injury against Pacific (Sept. 23) sidelined her for most of the season ... Also played in matches against UNLV (Oct. 29), George Washington (Sept. 16), UC Irvine (Sept. 11), UC Riverside (Sept. 9) and No. 4 Portland (Sept. 2).

### High School

A four-year letterwinner and scholar-athlete at Carlsbad High School ... The Lancers were CIF Division I semifinalists in 2004 and 2005 ... Named all-Avocado League four times, including first-team honors her senior season ... Voted "players player" by her teammates for the 2003 and 2004 seasons ... Captained the Lancers in 2005.

### Other Information.

A nine-year member of the San Diego Surf, one of the top club teams in the nation.

### Personal Information

Jillian Joyce Riker ... Born Sept. 15, 1987, in San Diego, Calif. ... Daughter of Craig and Joyce Riker ... Is a marketing major.

### Riker's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	6-0	0	0	0	0	0	0





## Becky Ryan 14

**Defender/Midfielder/Forward**  
 5-6, So.-1L  
 Batavia, Ill. (Batavia HS)

Was the surprise of the freshman class last season ... Technically sound and good distributor of the ball ... Versatile athlete who played all three skill positions in her first season on The Mesa ... Has tremendous speed.

### 2005 Season

Started nine games of the 18 she played in ... Had an assist on Erika Sutton's game-winning goal against Air Force on Oct. 9 ... Had 13 shots (five on goal) on the season with a career-high five attempts coming against TCU on Oct. 16 ... Aztecs were 5-1-1 when she attempted at least one shot ... Named to the MWC all-academic team.

### High School

Four-year letterwinner for the Batavia Bulldogs ... Named all-area, all-conference and all-section ... Helped the Bulldogs to a 2004 conference title ... Led the squad in scoring three consecutive years ... Also competed in gymnastics and cheerleading.

### Personal Information

Rebecca Eileen Ryan ... Born July 14, 1986, in Wheaton, Ill. ... Daughter of Tom and Mari Ryan ... Is majoring in biology with aspirations of becoming a pediatric physician's assistant.

Ryan's Scoring Totals							
Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	18-9	0	1	1	13	5	0
<i>Single-Game Bests:</i>							
Points - 1 (at Air Force, Oct. 9, 2005)							
Assists - 1 (at Air Force, Oct. 9, 2005)							
Shots - 5 (at TCU, Oct. 16, 2005)							



## Kristen Seniura 24

**Defender**  
 5-6, So.-SQ  
 Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano Valley HS)

A good dribbler ... A relentless worker ... Adds depth to the backfield ... Teammate of Aztec sophomores Megan Petrik and Christi Yount at Capistrano Valley High School.

### 2005 Season

Utilized her redshirt season.

### High School

Lettered for two years at Capistrano Valley High School ... The Cougars were CIF Southern Section Champions in 2004 ... Captained the squad her senior year ... A scholar-athlete.

### Personal Information

Kristen Casie Seniura ... Born July 20, 1987, in Montebello, Calif. ... Daughter of Gene and Susie Seniura ... A criminal justice major.



## Leann Sgobba 12

**Forward**  
**5-9, So.-SQ**  
**Los Olivos, Calif. (Santa Ynez Valley Union HS)**

Improved as the season went along and saw more playing time towards the end of the year ... Size gives her great presence ... Talented in the air.

### 2005 Season

Logged minutes in four games ... Had her first career point, an assist, in the Aztecs' 3-0 victory over TCU on Oct. 16 ... Also had her only shot of the season in that match.

### High School

Won four letters at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School ... Los Padres League MVP in 2003 and 2005 ... First team all-Los Padres on three occasions ... CIF Division IV defensive player of the year in 2004 ... All-CIF second team twice ... Captained the Pirates her junior and senior seasons and was voted MVP three consecutive years ... Helped Santa Ynez Valley Union to three consecutive Los Padres League championships and a 2004 CIF Division IV crown ... Also competed in track and field and volleyball ... Three-time Los Padres and two-year CIF Division IV champion in the pole vault ... Also the Santa Barbara record-holder in the pole vault ... A member of the National Honor Society ... A four-year scholar-athlete.

### Other Information

Played for the California Legends club team.

### Personal Information

Leann Michelle Sgobba ... Born Sept. 11, 1987, in Santa Barbara, Calif. ... Daughter of Jeff and Cyndi Sgobba ... Father played college baseball at Cal State Fullerton ... Grandfather is a scout for the Arizona Diamondbacks and was a 24-year head coach at Fullerton College ... An art major.

### Sgobba's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	4-0	0	1	1	1	0	0

#### Single-Game Bests:

Points - 1 (at TCU, Oct. 16, 2005)  
 Assists - 1 (at TCU, Oct. 16, 2005)  
 Shots - 1 (at TCU, Oct. 16, 2005)



## Mariko Strickland 11

**Midfielder**  
**5-5, So.-1L**  
**Kaua'i, Hawaii (Mid-Pacific Institute)**

Possesses a relentless work rate ... Has excellent field awareness ... Works to create and develop play from the midfield on both the defensive and offensive ends ... A crafty player with a nice touch on the ball ... A solid passer ... Helped the Colorado Rush win the 2006 USYSA National Championship, along with Aztec sophomores Millie Allen, Carrie Blankenbuhler and Erika Sutton.

### 2005 Season

Was one of only four players to play in all 22 games for the Aztecs in 2005 ... Had 19 starts to her credit, second-most of all freshmen ... Was third on the team with three assists and nine points ... Tied for third on the team with three goals ... Finished third with 33 shots and 13 shots on goal ... Tallied a goal and an assist in SDSU's 3-0 shutout over TCU on Oct. 16 ... Scored the game-winning goal in an Aztec 2-0 win over San Diego on Sept. 28 ... Assisted on Jen Mello's game-winner against UC Riverside ... Had her first career goal versus Northern Arizona (Aug. 28) ... Had a season-high seven shots at New Mexico on Oct. 14 ... SDSU finished the season with a 4-1 record when she tallied at least one point ... Named to the MWC all-academic team.

### High School

Played four years at Mid-Pacific Institute ... President of her senior class and vice-president of her school's National Honor Society ... Wendy's High School Heisman Award state finalist ... A scholar-athlete.

### Other Information

Five-year member of the ODP state team and three-year member of the Regional IV team ... Led HSC Bulls club team to three consecutive USYNC Hawaii state titles (2001-03) ... Bulls advanced to the semifinals of far west regionals ... Member of the Leahi Soccer Club USYNC team in 2004, which won the Hawaii state cup.

### Personal Information

Mariko Jan Strickland ... Born Feb. 17, 1987, in Kaua'i, Hawaii ... Daughter of Greg and Sue Strickland ... Is a kinesiology major.

### Strickland's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	22-19	3	3	9	33	13	1

#### Single-Game Bests:

Points - 3 (at TCU, Oct. 26, 2005)  
 Goals - 1 (three times, most recent at TCU, Oct. 26, 2005)  
 Assists - 1 (three times, most recent at TCU, Oct. 26, 2005)  
 Shots - 7 (at New Mexico, Oct. 14, 2005)



## Erika Sutton 7

**Forward/Midfielder**  
**5-3, So.-1L**  
**Arvada, Colo. (Ralston Valley HS)**

An all-West Region and all-Mountain West Conference candidate ... Is coming of an impressive spring ... Improved her work rate over the course of the season ... A natural goal scorer ... Trained with the U.S. Under-19 national team ... Helped the Colorado Rush win the 2006 USYSA National Championship, along with Aztec sophomores Millie Allen, Carrie Blankenbuhler and Mariko Strickland.

### 2005 Season

Named to *Soccer Buzz* Freshman all-Far West Region team ... Earned second-team all-MWC honors to become the first freshman to be named all-league since 1996 (Lori LaCoursiere) ... Led SDSU in scoring with 20 points on five goals and 10 assists ... 10 assists were the most in the MWC and most by an Aztec in a season since LaCoursiere had 10 in 1998 ... Five of her 10 assists have led to game-winning goals ... Led the MWC in assists (10) and was tied for fourth with 20 points ... Ranked first on the team in points (20), assists (10), shots (57), game-winning goals (four) and shots on goal (21) ... Second on the squad with her five goals ... Had a goal and an assist on two occasions (at Air Force on Oct. 9, vs. Brigham Young on Nov. 2) ... Tallied a goal against Hawai'i (Oct. 1) and scored twice in SDSU's 2-0 win over UC Irvine on Sept. 11 ... Named UC Irvine Nike/Holiday Inn Invitational Offensive MVP for her two-goal, one-assist performance over the two-game tournament ... Had two assists against TCU (Oct. 16) ... Aztecs went 9-2 when she recorded a point and 8-0-1 when she took at least three shots ... Named to the MWC all-academic team.

### High School

Four-year letterwinner at Arvada High School, where she led the Mustangs to three consecutive Jessco League titles ... Garnered all-state and all-league recognition after her junior and senior seasons ... Also played volleyball her freshman year.

### Other Information

Currently in the pool for the U-19 U.S. national and regional teams ... Four-year member of the Colorado Rush Soccer Club ... The Rush won three consecutive state cups.

### Personal Information

Erika Christine Sutton ... Born Feb. 4, 1987, in Denver, Colo. ... Daughter of Randy and Denise Sutton ... Is majoring in elementary education.

### Sutton's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2005	21-19	5	10	20	57	21	4

#### Single-Game Bests:

Points - 4 (at UC Irvine, Sept. 11, 2005)  
 Goals - 2 (at UC Irvine, Sept. 11, 2005)  
 Assists - 2 (at TCU, Oct. 16, 2005)  
 Shots - 6 (vs. Northern Arizona, Aug. 28, 2005)



## Ashley Tenn 10

**Midfielder**  
**5-8, Jr.-1L**  
**Visalia, Calif. (Univ. of Nebraska)**

Entering her second season on The Mesa after transferring from perennial powerhouse Nebraska ... Possesses one of the hardest shots on the team ... Should challenge for a starting spot after starting for much of the 2005 season.

### 2005 Season

Appeared in 21 of SDSU's 22 games, including starts on 16 occasions ... 16 starts were second most among sophomores ... Had one goal and one assist for three points ... Scored her first goal as an Aztec in a 2-1 loss to Utah on Oct. 20 ... Added an assist in a 3-1 SDSU victory over Air Force (Oct. 9) ... 24 shots are fourth most on the team and second-most among midfielders.

### 2004 Season

Redshirted due to NCAA transfer rules.

### 2003 Season (University of Nebraska)

Played in 21 of 22 games for the NCAA tournament Huskers ... Started six games and registered three goals for six points ... Also had 19 shots (12 on goal) ... Tallied the game-winning goal in a 2-0 win against Murray State on Sept. 21 ... Named to the 2004 Big 12 spring honor roll.

### High School

Three-time most valuable player of West Yosemite League and four-time first-team all-WYL ... *Fresno Bee* player of the year in 2003 ... Named MVP of Redwood High School four consecutive years ... The Rangers were WYL champions in 2003 and finished second in 2002 ... Also a two-year letterwinner in volleyball where she earned 2003 first-team all-WYL accolades ... Volleyball team was 2003 WYL champions.

### Personal Information

Ashley Nicole Tenn ... Born Oct. 20, 1985, in Bakersfield, Calif. ... Daughter of David and Jackie Tenn ... Is majoring in political science.

### Tenn's Scoring Totals

Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2003*	21-6	3	0	6	19	12	1
2005	21-16	1	1	3	24	10	0
<b>Career</b>	<b>42-22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>

#### Single-Game Bests:

Points - 4 (at Oregon State, Sept. 7, 2003)  
 Goals - 2 (at Oregon State, Sept. 7, 2003)  
 Assists - 1 (vs. Boise State, Sept. 12, 2003)  
 Shots - 2 (at Oregon State, Sept. 7, 2003)



## Ashley Young 21

**Defender**  
 5-4, Jr.-2L  
 Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly HS)

A co-captain ... Possesses strong leadership qualities from the back-field ... A solid defender with ability to move forward and create offensive scoring opportunities ... Versatile athlete who has also seen some time in the midfield.

### 2005 Season

A valuable contributor down the stretch for the Aztecs, starting seven of the final eight matches ... Saw action in 15 games with seven starts ... Had one goal and one assist for three points ... Scored her first collegiate goal, a game-winner, in SDSU's 3-0 blanking of TCU (Oct. 16) ... Had an assist against Hawai'i on Oct. 1 ... Took three shots, all on goal, for the season.

### 2004 Season

Led all SDSU freshmen with 13 starts and was one of only two freshmen to see action in all 21 games ... Played a role in a defense which went 595:44 without giving up a goal, an SDSU record ... Had one shot on goal in her only attempt of the season against San Diego on Sept. 11 ... An all-MWC academic selection.

### High School

Four-year letterwinner at Long Beach Polytechnic High School ... Earned all-Moore League honors all four years ... Played for coach Terri Collins ... Led the Jackrabbits to a league title in 2003.

### Personal Information

Born May 21, 1986, in Long Beach, Calif. ... Daughter of Scott and Kathie Young ... Majoring in psychology and business ... Aspirations of owning her own business.

Young's Scoring Totals							
Year	G-GS	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	SOG	GWG
2004	21-13	0	0	0	1	1	0
2005	15-7	1	1	3	3	3	1
<b>Career</b>	<b>36-20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Single-Game Bests:</i>							
Points - 2 (at TCU, Oct. 16, 2005)							
Goals - 1 (at TCU, Oct. 16, 2005)							
Assists - 1 (vs. Hawai'i, Oct. 1, 2005)							
Shots - 1 (four times, most recent vs. Utah, Oct. 20, 2005)							



## Christi Yount 00

**Goalkeeper**  
 5-6, So.-1L  
 Mission Viejo, Calif. (Capistrano Valley HS)

Will battle Cat Burson for the starting goalkeeping job ... Had a tremendous first season in San Diego ... A good shot-blocker ... Cuts off angles well ... Teammate of Aztec sophomores Megan Petrik and Kristen Seniura at Capistrano Valley High School.

### 2005 Season

Started the first nine games of the season for the Aztecs ... Ranked third in the Mountain West with 0.40 shutouts per game and tied for fifth with four shutouts ... In 10 overall starts, Yount went 6-4 with 35 saves and a 76.1 save percentage ... Shutouts came against UC Irvine (Sept. 11), UC Riverside (Sept. 9), Washington (Sept. 4) and Cal State Fullerton (Aug. 26) ... Made a career-high eight saves against Nebraska on Sept. 6 and had seven stops versus Portland (Sept. 2) ... In the Cal State Fullerton game, Yount became the first Aztec freshman to start an opening game in net since Katherine Judkins in 1996 ... Her 1.09 goals against average is the lowest ever recorded by an SDSU freshman ... Named to the MWC all-academic team.

### High School

Lettered four years at Capistrano Valley High School ... Helped the squad win CIF in 2004 ... Earned team's 2004 defensive player of the year award ... Member of the softball team for one season ... A four-year scholar-athlete.

### Other Information

Led the Slammers to a 2002 National Club Championship ... Earned the "Golden Glove Award," awarded to the top goalkeeper at the national tournament.

### Personal Information

Christine Yount ... Born Sept. 1, 1987, in Anaheim, Calif. ... Daughter of Bill and Donna Yount ... Is majoring in physical therapy with aspirations of becoming a physical or occupational therapist.

Yount's Goalkeeping Totals							
Year	G-GS	Min	GA	GAA	SV	W-L-T	SO
2005	10-10	906:30	11	1.09	35	6-4-0	4
<i>Single-Game Bests:</i>							
Minutes - 90 (four times, most recent at UC Irvine, Sept. 11, 2005)							
Saves - 8 (at Nebraska, Sept. 6, 2005)							

## Allie Crowson

**6**

### Defender

**5-7, Fr.-HS****Sandy, Utah (Brighton HS)**

#### Giuliano on Crowson:

"Allie plays soccer the way that it was meant to be played - with her feet, head and her heart. She is a tenacious and passionate defender who loves the challenge of marking the opponent's best player. Her athleticism will really help us as we attempt to get stronger and faster in the back."

#### High School

Four-year letterwinner at Brighton High School in Sandy, Utah ... Led the Bangles to the 2006 5A state championship ... Earned Utah's 5A most valuable player honors ... Garnered first-team all-state accolades and was named the most valuable player of the 2006 state championships ... Was selected as Brighton's most valuable defensive player after her junior and senior seasons ... A member of the National Honor Society.

#### Other Information

Played club ball for the Utah Avalance for six years ... Led the Avalanche to six state championships and a trip to regionals six times ... Club team won the Las Vegas Showcase on two occasions.

#### Personal Information

Born on June 30, 1988, in Boise, Idaho ... Daughter of Dave and Pam Crowson ... Undecided on a major ... Likes to ski ... Lists Michelle Akers as her favorite athlete ... Chose San Diego State over Utah, Utah State, UNLV, Oregon and Oregon State.

## Jessica Gordon

**17**

### Forward

**5-1, Fr.-HS****Tujunga, Calif. (Village Christian HS)**

#### Giuliano on Gordon:

"Jessica is one of the purest goal scorers that I have ever recruited. I've seen her when she's on her game and I've seen her when her game is just a little off. It doesn't matter - she scores either way. Jessica always seems to find a way to get it done game after game. If you are the best goal scorer on the best club team in the nation, then you are ready for the next level."

#### High School

Earned four letters for the Crusaders of Village Christian High School ... Named a top 75 recruit by *Soccer Buzz* ... Honored as a NSCAA first-team All-American ... Was selected first-team all-Alpha League for three consecutive seasons ... A two-time all-CIF team member ... Was voted as Village Christian's team MVP her final three years ... Helped

the Crusaders to back-to-back league titles in 2003 and 2004 ... Also competed in cheerleading and track and field ... Was the senior class president.

#### Other Information

Earned the "Golden Boot" award, given to the tournament's top player at the USYS Nationals ... Helped the Slammers to the 2003 and 2005 national titles ... Slammers also won several state championships ... Member of the Cal South ODP state team ... Was once in the Region 4 ODP team pool.

#### Personal Information

Born on Sept. 1, 1988, in La Canada, Calif. ... Daughter of Ken and Tina Gordon ... Intended major is kinesiology ... Favorite athletes are Landon Donovan and Mia Hamm ... Decided on San Diego State over Georgetown, George Mason, UC Santa Barbara, Harvard, Texas, Arizona and Northwestern.

## Lauren Leslie

**15**

### Defender

**5-3, Fr.-HS****San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente HS)**

#### Giuliano on Leslie:

"Lauren's nickname is 'Fly,' and when you see her play, you will know why. She's as quick and as fast as any player on our squad, and improving our athleticism was a real goal for this recruiting class. Lauren is already deeply admired by her Aztec teammates and has a way of making you a close friend right away."

#### High School

Four-year letterwinner at San Clemente High School ... Led the Tritons to three straight South Coast League titles and a pair of CIF championships in 2003 and 2004 ... Earned all-CIF honors ... Was named the South Coast Most Valuable Player after her senior season, and was also a second-team selection (2005) and honorable mention pick (2004) ... An all-county first-team pick ... Was a member of the student council for two years.

#### Other Information

Played for the SoCal Blues Club team, where she was teammates of current redshirt freshman Jill Foss and incoming freshman Lauren Marquez ... Blues made it to regionals on two occasions.

#### Personal Information

Born on June 16, 1988, in San Clemente, Calif. ... Daughter of Greg and Anne Leslie ... Plans on majoring in kinesiology ... Nickname is "fly" because of her speed ... Would like to one day play soccer in England ... Enjoys surfing and painting in her spare time ... Lists Christian Ronaldo as her favorite athlete and Brazil as her favorite team ... Took official visits to Fresno State and Pepperdine before finally deciding on San Diego State ... Also was recruited by Hawai'i and Pennsylvania.

## Lauren Marquez

23

### Defender

5-5, Fr-HS

Walnut, Calif. (Walnut HS)

#### Giuliano on Marquez:

"Lauren is a fast and technically brilliant player who can play at either the defender or midfielder positions. I've seen her shut down high school All-Americans and I've watched her score great goals. Whether she is playing at midfield or defender, she can do it all."

#### High School

Four-year letterwinner at Walnut High School ... Led the Mustangs to three consecutive CIF titles ... Earned third-team all-CIF honors and first-team all-league recognition ... Was a member of the Associate Student Body at Walnut High ... Also a scholar-athlete.

#### Other Information

A member of the Southern California ODP program which recognizes the top 50 players in the region ... Played for the SoCal Blues and led club team to the state cup two years ago ... Played with current Aztec sophomore Jill Foss and incoming freshman Lauren Leslie with the Blues ... Also played for the U-15 team that won one state cup and advanced to regionals two straight years.

#### Personal Information

Lauren Linda Marquez ... Born Aug. 27, 1987, in Helena, Mont. ... Daughter of Eugene and Yzette Marquez ... Undecided on a major, but is thinking about either psychology or sociology.

## Jackie Ragudos

28

### Forward

5-2, Jr.-TR

San Diego, Calif. (Cal Poly Pomona)

#### Giuliano on Ragudos:

"I recruited Jackie when I (coached) at Westmont (College). She is a magician with the ball. She can do things that most players can't do. She gives us more options at forward than we have ever had before."

#### 2004-05 (Cal Poly Pomona)

Played two seasons for coach and United States Soccer Hall of Fame r Paul Caligiuri ... Earned California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) honorable mention honors in 2005, after receiving freshman of the year accolades in 2004 ... Also was a second-team all-league pick in 2004 ... Named CCAA offensive player of the week on two occasions ... Scored 10 goals and added two assists (22 points) over the two years she played for the Broncos.

#### High School

Earned all-CIF and all-Western League honors all four years at University of San Diego High School ... Was voted the team's best

offensive player after the 2003 and 2004 seasons ... Led the Dons to three CIF titles in four years ... A scholar-athlete.

#### Other Information

Played club soccer for PQ Premier and led the squad to a Surf Cup title.

#### Personal Information

Born on Nov. 9, 1986, in San Diego, Calif. ... Daughter of Jose and Lydia Ragudos ... Will major in kinesiology with aspirations of becoming a physician's assistant ... Enjoys sports, reading and watching television in her spare time ... Was recruited by Westmont, Aztec head coach Giuliano's former school, before deciding on Cal Poly Pomona.

## Heather Vandevanter

22

### Forward

5-9, Fr.-HS

Almo, Calif. (San Ramon Valley HS)

#### Giuliano on Vandevanter:

"Heather is another terrific goal scorer who does a great job in the classic target forward role. She is big, strong and fast and has a knack for creative runs. Heather also plays great defense for a forward, which we really value."

#### High School

Earned four letters at San Ramon Valley High School ... Led the Wolves to back-to-back league titles in 2005 and 2006 ... San Ramon Valley was also crowned champions of the North Coast section ... A two-time NSCAA all-west region selection ... First-team all-East Bay Athletic League selection in 2006 and second-team pick in 2005 ... A member of the San Ramon Valley leadership group ... A three-year scholar athlete.

#### Other Information

Played eight years of club soccer for the Mustang Blast ... Team won the 2006 state cup regionals before falling in the final four game at the USYSA's ... Mustang also won all three events in 2004 ... Was awarded the "Golden Boot," given to the top goal scorer, at 2004 nationals.

#### Personal Information

Born on August 8, 1988, in Walnut Creek, Calif. ... Daughter of Rob and Karin Vandevanter ... Plans on majoring in communication ... Would like to someday work in sports media ... Nickname is "Vandee" ... Enjoys playing basketball when she's not playing soccer ... Favorite athlete is David Beckham and favorite football teams are the San Francisco 49ers and Washington Redskins ... Chose San Diego State over Arizona State, Santa Clara and Virginia.

## Cat Walker

**18**

### Midfielder

**5-7, Fr.-HS****Folsom, Calif. (St. Francis HS)**

#### Giuliano on Walker:

"Cat is a tremendous midfielder, who is just terrific with the ball. Her work rate, combined with her field vision and athleticism, made her a highly coveted player by many of the top programs. Cat believes in what is happening (at San Diego State), and she will be a major part of our efforts to build this program into a perennial national power."

#### High School

Earned four letters at St. Francis ... Led the Troubadours to section titles in four consecutive years ... Named most valuable player of the Delta League after her senior season ... Also received first-team all-Delta honors and player of the year accolades for the Sacramento metro area ... Was picked as a first-team all-Delta selection in 2004 and garnered second-team honors in 2003 as a freshman.

#### Other Information

A 2004 United States Club National Championship finalist as a member of the San Juan Spirit of '88 ... A member of the Cal North ODP team ... Played on the 2005 Super Y National Select team.

#### Personal Information

Born on Dec. 30, 1987, in Sacramento, Calif. ... Daughter of Price and Bonnie Walker ... Undecided on a major ... Is very active in community service projects ... Is a fan of the San Francisco Giants and 49ers ... Chose San Diego State over Arizona State, Washington, Oregon State and Pacific.

## Leslie White

**27**

### Defender

**5-9, Fr.-HS****Norco, Calif. (Norco HS)**

#### Giuliano on White:

"Leslie is one of those players who gets better each and every time that I see her. Her best soccer is definitely ahead of her. She is the tallest and strongest of our recruits, and as she continues to refine her ball work, there is no limit to what she can accomplish."

#### High School

Earned two letters while playing at Norco High School for coach Brad Miller ... The Cougars competed in the Mountain View League ... Was named the team's rookie of the year in 2003.

#### Other Information

Played for the Slammers Club team along with incoming freshman Jessica Gordon ... Helped the Slammers to the 2003 and 2005 national titles ... Slammers also won the state championship numerous times.

#### Personal Information

Born on Sept. 21, 1988, in Upland, Calif. ... Daughter of Larry White and Paula Ogilivie ... Undecided on a major, but is thinking about kinesiology ... In her spare time, she enjoys wakeboarding and snowboarding ... Was also recruited by Bucknell and Iowa before deciding on San Diego State.

## Shayla Williams

**26**

### Defender

**5-4, Fr.-HS****San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)**

#### Giuliano on Williams:

"Shayla is the very definition of a quality defender. She plays with aggression, is very fast and reads the field very well. When she has the ball, she is careful and accurate - two key qualities for passes out of the back. The fact that she is a true scholar as well, only makes us more excited to have her as part of our program."

#### High School

A four-year letterwinner at Cathedral Catholic ... Led the Dons to four consecutive Western League titles and three CIF championships (2003, 2005-06) ... Was named to the Western League first team in 2005 ... Also was a first-team all-CIF selection in 2005 ... Maintained a 4.0 GPA all throughout high school.

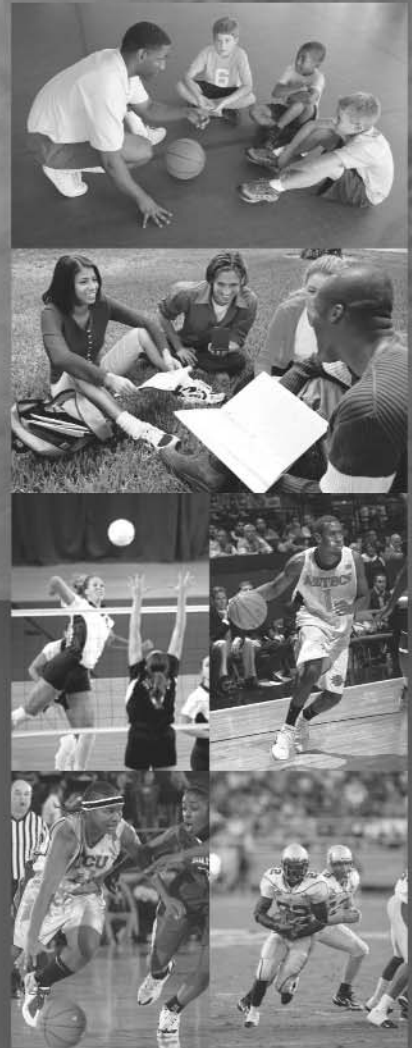
#### Other Information

Played club ball for the San Diego Surf ... Helped the Surf to a national and state title.

#### Personal Information

Born on Feb. 27, 1988, in San Diego, Calif. ... Daughter of Scott and Risa Williams ... Father Scott played baseball for San Diego and mother Risa ran track and cross country at San Diego State ... Sister, Joslyn, plays soccer at USD ... Undecided on a major, but would like to do something in the medical field ... Lists going to the beach and working out as her hobbies ... Favorite team is the San Diego Padres ... Chose San Diego State over Arizona State, Colorado and Pepperdine.

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