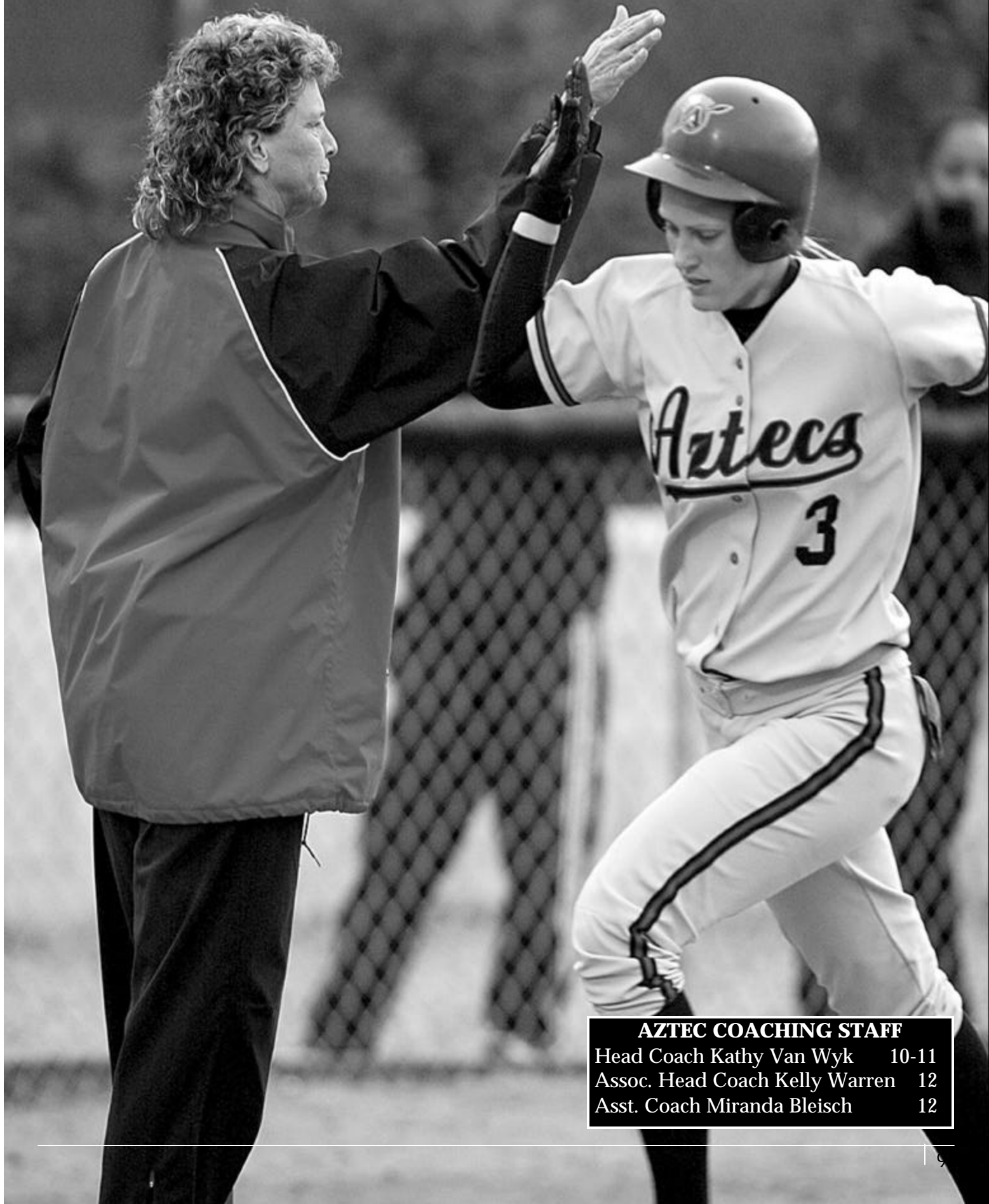


# Aztec Coaching Staff

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## **AZTEC COACHING STAFF**

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# Kathy Van Wyk

**Head Coach ♦ 10th Season ♦ CS Fullerton '83 ♦ Overall Record: 298-237-1**

**Name**

Kathy Van Wyk

**Coaching Experience**

1997-2005

*San Diego State  
Head Coach*

1998

*Dutch National Team  
Pitching Coach*

1995-96

*San Diego State  
Co-Head Coach*

1991-94

*CS Fullerton  
Assistant Coach*

1990

*Walkerville Softball Club  
(Adelaide, Australia)  
Pitching Coach*

1989

*Azzanase (Italy)  
Head Coach/Player*

1987-89

*Rod Carew Baseball  
School  
Pitching Instructor*

1983-87

*CS Fullerton  
Assistant Coach*

**Playing Experience**

1989

*Azzanase (Italy)  
Head Coach/Player*

1985, 1989

*U.S. Softball Team*

1982

*CS Fullerton*

1979-1981

*Texas Women's  
University*

Kathy Van Wyk, San Diego State's all-time winningest coach, has transformed the Aztec softball program into not just a west coast power, but a team that competes with the best nationally. Under her guidance, SDSU has become perennial Mountain West Conference champions, and in 2001, came within a hair's-length of its first-ever Women's College World Series berth.

Along with taking Aztec softball to new heights, Van Wyk is San Diego State's senior woman administrator. She started her SWA duties, which include overseeing the department's academic and initial eligibility for student-athletes, on Oct. 31, 2003.

Prior to Van Wyk's inaugural head coaching season in 1997, the San Diego State softball program had losing records in 18 of its previous 20 years. SDSU boasted just a .413 winning percentage up to that point with a 400-569-5 record.

Things are different now.

Under Van Wyk's leadership, the Aztecs have won two of the last five (2002, 2003) Mountain West Conference regular-season titles, advanced to the NCAA tournament twice in the past five seasons, including a regional runner-up finish in 2001, and compiled a .600 or higher winning percentage in four of the last five campaigns. SDSU has improved its winning percentage in five of the last seven seasons and have been .500 or better in seven of Van Wyk's nine years.

Van Wyk is also the first Aztec softball coach to achieve

a top-25 ranking, two 40-win seasons and is the fastest to both 100 and 200 career wins in the history of the program.

Her accomplishments were rewarded when she was named the 2002 MWC Coach of the Year, after leading SDSU to its second 40-win campaign (41-22-1) and a regular season MWC championship.

In her nine seasons on The Mesa, Van Wyk has coached 13 NFCA all-West Region selections, 25 all-conference members (23 MWC), 12 (11 MWC) all-conference tournament performers and 32 (25 MWC) academic all-conference selections. In addition, she has had players earn pitcher or player of the week honors on 46 occasions (39 MWC).

Van Wyk's players also earned MWC Pitcher of the Year honors four consecutive years (2001-04) and were named MWC Freshman of the Year two straight seasons (2002-03).

She won her 200th game in memorable fashion on Feb. 15, 2003, when catcher Amber Grahlman's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth scored first baseman Jacque Vaca, giving the Aztecs a 2-1 victory over No. 4 Michigan in the Campbell/Cartier Classic.

When SDSU softball first baseman Lacey Craft finished off a ground-ball double play and the Buffalo Bulls for a 6-0 victory on March 21, 2004, Van Wyk won her 254th career game, more than any Aztec softball coach.

Prior to San Diego State, Van Wyk spent 10 seasons as a player and an assistant coach at Cal State Fullerton. She was an assistant coach from 1983-87, helping the Titans to the 1986 NCAA national title.



# Head Coach



**SDSU SOFTBALL**

After leaving Fullerton, she became a pitching instructor at the Rod Carew Baseball School in Anaheim, Calif., from 1987-89.

In 1989, she moved to Azzano Decimo, Italy, where she was the head coach and pitcher for the Azzanase club. She guided a team that had recorded just one win the previous season to its first playoff berth.

From January to March 1990, she was the pitching coach for the Walkerville Softball Club in Adelaide, Australia. She then returned to CS Fullerton as an assistant for the 1991 season.

In addition to coaching the Aztec softball team, she was the pitching coach for the Dutch national team leading up to and during the 1998 World Championships in Japan.

As a player, Van Wyk established herself as one of the top pitchers in the history of collegiate softball, enjoying a phenomenal 1982 season with a 35-1 mark and a 0.18 ERA. The victories remain a school single-season record and her .972 winning percentage was an NCAA Division I record (30 or more decisions) until 2001 when Jennie Finch of Arizona went 32-0. Her ERA is still eighth-best in Division I history and her 33-game winning streak remains a record for consecutive victories. Her phenomenal season included four no-hitters, six one-hitters, back-to-back perfect games, 27 shutouts (sixth most in NCAA history in a single season) and 270 strikeouts.

Throughout her career, she won numerous awards, including All-America honors and the Broderick Award, which is given annually to the nation's top collegiate player. She was also named the WCAA Player of the Year, Orange County Athlete of the Month and won an NCAA postgraduate scholarship with a 3.43 grade-point average. Van Wyk was a member of the U.S. softball team in 1985 and 1989 and is a five-time Amateur Softball Association All-American.

Van Wyk began her collegiate playing career at Texas Women's University, where she garnered 1979 Texas AIAW Player of the Year accolades and is a member of the TWU Hall of Fame. She transferred to CS Fullerton in 1981 after TWU dropped its softball program.

A 1983 graduate of CS Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in physical education, Van Wyk completed her master's degree in education in 1993 at Azusa Pacific.



**Kathy Van Wyk is SDSU's all-time leader with 298 wins and a .557 winning percentage. Her conference winning percentage of .561 (111-87) is also tops among all Aztec coaches.**

## VAN WYK VS. THE OPPOSITION

Akron . . . . .0-1	Indiana . . . . .2-0	Portland State . . . . .1-1
Arkansas . . . . .1-1	Iowa . . . . .1-2	Purdue . . . . .0-1
Arizona . . . . .0-5	Iowa State . . . . .3-1	Rider . . . . .1-0
Arizona State . . . . .1-1	Kansas . . . . .1-1	Sacramento State . . . . .0-4
Auburn . . . . .0-1	Kentucky . . . . .1-0	Saint Mary's . . . . .7-3
Ball State . . . . .1-0	Long Beach State . . . . .9-9	San Diego . . . . .15-1
Baylor . . . . .2-1	Longwood . . . . .1-0	San Jose State . . . . .9-5
Boston College . . . . .2-0	Louisiana Tech . . . . .1-0	Santa Clara . . . . .5-1
Boston University . . . . .1-0	Louisiana-Lafayette . . . . .0-2	South Carolina . . . . .0-1
Brigham Young . . . . .12-11	Louisiana State . . . . .0-1	Southern Utah . . . . .9-1
Buffalo . . . . .1-0	Loyola Marymount . . . . .6-2	Southwest Texas State . . . . .1-0
Cal Poly . . . . .6-4	Massachusetts . . . . .1-0	Southwestern La. . . . .0-1
California . . . . .0-1	McNeese State . . . . .0-1	St. John's . . . . .0-1
Centenary . . . . .1-0	Michigan . . . . .3-1	Stanford . . . . .1-7
Central Florida . . . . .1-0	Michigan State . . . . .1-0	Stephen F. Austin . . . . .1-0
Colorado State . . . . .24-13	Mississippi State . . . . .2-0	Syracuse . . . . .1-0
Creighton . . . . .1-0	Missouri . . . . .1-1	Tennessee Tech . . . . .1-0
CS Fullerton . . . . .3-4	Nevada . . . . .4-0	Texas A&M . . . . .1-1
CS Northridge . . . . .6-6	New Mexico . . . . .28-13	Texas Tech . . . . .1-3
Dartmouth . . . . .1-0	New Mexico State . . . . .2-1	Towson . . . . .1-0
DePaul . . . . .1-2	North Carolina . . . . .1-0	Tulsa . . . . .5-6
Eastern Kentucky . . . . .1-0	North Texas . . . . .1-0	UC Davis . . . . .1-0
Eastern Illinois . . . . .0-1	Northern Iowa . . . . .1-0	UC Riverside . . . . .5-1
Eastern Michigan . . . . .2-0	Northwestern . . . . .0-2-1	UC Santa Barbara . . . . .5-5
Florida . . . . .0-2	Notre Dame . . . . .0-2	UCLA . . . . .0-7
Florida International . . . . .2-0	Oakland . . . . .1-0	UNLV . . . . .24-14
Florida State . . . . .0-1	Ohio State . . . . .2-1	Utah . . . . .15-20
Fresno State . . . . .3-16	Oklahoma . . . . .1-5	Virginia . . . . .0-2
Furman . . . . .2-0	Oklahoma State . . . . .3-0	Washington . . . . .0-8
Georgia Southern . . . . .1-0	Oregon . . . . .2-6	Wisconsin . . . . .2-0
Harvard . . . . .1-0	Oregon State . . . . .5-4	Wright State . . . . .1-0
Hawai'i . . . . .6-10	Pacific . . . . .1-0	
Illinois-Chicago . . . . .3-2	Point Loma Nazarene . . . . .3-1	

## VAN WYK YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

YEAR	OVERALL RECORD	CONFERENCE RECORD
1997	30-30	14-18 (WAC)
1998	24-35	14-17 (WAC)
1999	24-24	16-8 (WAC)
2000	35-27	13-7 (MWC)
2001	141-25	10-8 (MWC)
2002	41-22-1	~14-4 (MWC)
2003	139-21	~12-3 (MWC)
2004	37-23	14-6 (MWC)
2005	27-30	34-16 (MWC)
<b>NINE YEARS</b>	<b>298-237-1 (.557)</b>	<b>111-87 (.561)</b>
~ Won regular season conference championship		
! NCAA Tournament		



## Kelly Warren

**Associate Head Coach ♦ Sixth Season ♦ UCLA '97**

**Name**  
Kelly Warren

**Coaching Experience**  
2000-2004  
*San Diego State Assistant Coach*

1999  
*St. Norbert (Wis.) College Assistant Coach*

1997-1998  
*Undergraduate Asst. Coach UCLA*

**Playing Experience**  
1993-1996  
*UCLA*

San Diego native Kelly Warren is in her first season as SDSU's associate head coach after spending the past five years as an assistant coach with the Aztecs.

Warren previously served as an undergraduate assistant at UCLA when the Bruins were runners-up in the national title series in 1997. She also spent time in Wisconsin as an assistant coach at St. Norbert College in 1999.

Warren works with the SDSU infielders and hitters and since she joining the Aztec staff, SDSU has seen its first conference championships (2002, 2003) and have advanced to the NCAA tournament twice. In her five seasons as an assistant coach, SDSU has gone 185-121-1 (.604).

Warren's duties are not limited to the field. Besides working with players, she is responsible for Aztec softball scheduling, recruiting, fundraising and arranges all team travel.

Warren is one of the most decorated softball players in UCLA's history, starting every game during her four years of competition. She helped the Bruins to four NCAA College World Series appearances and was a member of

the 1995 NCAA championship team, earning all-World Series team honors. Warren is a four-time all-Pac-10 pick, three-time all-regional selection, and two-time All-American.

Warren graduated with Bruin career records for at-bats, runs scored, hits and doubles and was named an all-decade Pac-10 honoree. Warren compiled a career batting average of .374 at UCLA.

Warren was invited to the U.S. National Team camp in 1993 and also participated in the 1993 Olympic Festival in San Antonio, Texas. Following her career at UCLA, Warren played professional softball for the Tampa Bay Firestix in the Women's Professional Softball League in 1998.

Warren is a 1992 graduate of Monte Vista High, where she competed in softball, soccer and tennis. She earned her bachelor's degree with a major in geography, environmental sciences from UCLA in 1997. Warren and husband, Dave, live in Point Loma.



## Miranda Bleisch

**Assistant Coach ♦ First Season ♦ Point Loma Nazarene '04**

**Name**  
Miranda Bleisch

**Playing Experience**  
2002-03  
*Point Loma Nazarene*

2000-01  
*Southwestern Junior College*

Miranda Bleisch, a native of Wassenaar, Netherlands, is in her first season as an SDSU assistant coach. Bleisch will work with the Aztec pitching staff and will assist in all aspects of recruiting. She comes to The Mesa with a wealth of international and collegiate experience.

Bleisch, the former Miranda van der Voort, was a standout at nearby Point Loma Nazarene and became one of the most dominant pitchers in Sea Lion history. Bleisch earned NAIA first-team All-America honors in 2002 and was selected the second team in 2003.

Bleisch ranks among the top five in Point Loma Nazarene history in ERA (1st, 0.81), wins (2nd, 46), strikeouts (3rd, 235) and innings pitched (4th), despite only playing two seasons for the Sea Lions. In her two years, she dominated opposing batters and swept all pitching awards both seasons, including GSAC Pitcher

of the Year, all-GSAC and all-Region II.

In 2002, Bleisch went 26-3 with a 0.74 ERA. She also had 24 complete games and 117 strikeouts in 198.1 innings.

Prior to attending Point Loma Nazarene, Bleisch played two seasons at Southwestern Junior College.

Before coming to the states, Bleisch excelled internationally as well, competing for the Dutch National Team from 1997-99, and played for the team at the 1998 World Championships in Japan.

Bleisch, who earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Point Loma Nazarene in 2004, is married to Robert, an all-state football player for San Jose State in the late 1980s. Miranda and Robert are proud parents of an eight-month old daughter, Hayleigh.