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## AZTECS WATER POLO

**CARIN CRAWFORD**  
HEAD COACH  
EIGHTH SEASON  
UC SAN DIEGO '89



Entering her eighth season at the helm of San Diego State water polo, Carin Crawford continues on her mission to establish the Aztecs as a top contender in women's collegiate water polo.

In each of her seven years at San Diego State, Crawford has guided the Aztecs to a top-11 national finish. During her tenure, the Aztecs have accumulated 13 All-America awards and all-MPSF honors 17 times. In addition, her players have earned 27 all-MPSF academic selections and 25 AWPCA all-academic awards.

Prior to water polo becoming an NCAA championship sport in 2001, the Aztecs, under Crawford, advanced to the National Collegiate Water Polo Championship in her first two seasons and finished fifth (1999) and sixth (2000). In 2001, Crawford's Aztec team took second at the postseason National Collegiate Select Tournament.

Crawford's coaching and playing experience has provided the foundation from which she has built the Aztec women's water polo program. Prior to her arrival on Montezuma Mesa, Crawford served as head coach of the San Diego Mesa College women's water polo team from 1996-98 and guided them to a berth in the 1996 SoCal championships while coaching two players to All-America honors during her two seasons.

As coach of the Sunset San Diego Girls water polo club, Crawford assisted in building one of the premier club programs in the nation. The Sunset Girls were perennial medalists in every age group at the National Junior Olympics Water Polo Tournament from 1996-98. As a player for the Sunset Senior Women's team,

Crawford was a four-time All-American, helping her team win nine Senior National Championship titles.

While a member of the United States National Team from 1989 to 1992, Crawford participated in four U.S. Olympic Festivals, earning two gold medals, a silver and a bronze. Through her participation on the national team, she traveled to Hungary, Holland, Australia and New Zealand, accumulating international playing experience which she brings to San Diego State.

During her collegiate career, Crawford was a co-captain for the UC San Diego Tritons and received All-America honors in 1988 and '89. She graduated cum laude in 1989 and returned to earn her master's degree in U.S. history in 1992, while competing on the U.S. National Team.

As a former athlete representative to USA Water Polo, Crawford has worked at the grassroots level to raise the status of women's water polo to an Olympic and NCAA championship sport. Her contribution to the sport paid off when women's water polo was included in the 2000 Olympics and was recognized as an NCAA championship sport in 2001.

A native of Albuquerque, N.M., Crawford attended Valley High School. She enjoys surfing, gardening and spending time with her husband, Jack, and two sons, Jackson and Shane. The family resides in San Diego.



**ALLISON GREGORY**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
FIRST SEASON  
SAN DIEGO STATE '00



Allison Gregory enters her first year as assistant coach at San Diego State after spending the past two years at UC San Diego. Gregory, with nine years of coaching experience under her belt, returns to Montezuma Mesa after earning three varsity letters in water polo from 1996-99.

Gregory finished her collegiate playing career in 1999 after playing in 88 games, amassing 21 goals, nine assists and 67 steals.

Her best year came during her senior season when she played in 40 games, scored 11 goals and recorded six assists and 45 steals. That season, Gregory helped SDSU to a 23-19 record and a trip to the Collegiate National Championships where the Aztecs finished in fifth place.

In her three seasons, Gregory's teams went a combined 67-39 with a pair of third place national finishes and 1999's fifth-place effort.

While still at SDSU, Gregory started coaching at Scripps Ranch High School in San Diego from 1997-2000.

After graduating from San Diego State in 2000, Gregory moved on to coach at another San Diego area high school, La Jolla High, from 2000-05.

Following her stint at La Jolla High, Gregory served as an assistant under head coach Larry Sanders at UC San Diego the last two seasons.

**ALEXIS MUECKE**  
VOLUNTEER COACH  
FIRST SEASON  
UC DAVIS '02



Alexis Muecke begins her first year at San Diego State as a volunteer coach and will work primarily with the team's goalkeepers.

Muecke comes to SDSU after playing competitively at UC Davis from 1999-2002.

A three-year starter at goalie, she ranks second all-time at UCD in career saves with 338. She was an All-America selection in 2001 and earned Academic All-America honors in her final three seasons. She also holds the collegiate record for 4-meter blocks with 11 as a senior and 18 total over the course of her college career.

Muecke graduated in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in human development.

### ► Crawford's Coaching Ledger

#### Head Coach, San Diego State (1999-Present)

Year	Overall		Mountain Pacific Sports Federation		Place	National Finish
	W	L	W	L		
1999	23	19	3	6	5th	5th
2000	18	16	4	5	6th	6th
2001	23	16	4	6	7th	7th*
2002	20	15	5	6	T-6th	8th*
2003	21	12	4	6	T-6th	6th*
2004	26	9	8	3	4th	7th*
2005	16	18	3	9	T-9th	11th
<b>Totals</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41</b>		<i>*Final AWPCA Ranking</i>

#### Previous Coaching Experience

Year	Note
1996-98	Head Coach, San Diego Mesa College ► Team appeared in 1996 SoCal Championship
1996-98	Head (U-13) & Asst. Coach, Sunset S.D. Club ► Junior Olympics Tournament medalists, all ages



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### CATIE BOSWELL

UTILITY  
FRESHMAN • 5-8  
VENTURA, CALIF.  
VENTURA HS



**High School:** Two-year letterwinner at Ventura High. Played for head coach Greg Raney. Was a third-team all-CIF selection. Captained the Cougars for two seasons and was the team's leading scorer her senior year. Earned Ventura's Most Valuable Player award. Participated in the Junior Olympics in both 2004 and 2005. Also competed in swimming during her four years.

**Personal:** Cathryn Leah Boswell was born on Sept. 1, 1987, in Westminster, Calif. Daughter of Vicki and Dennis Boswell. Plans to become a physical therapist after graduation. Lists her favorite athletes as Misty May and Kerry Evans. Majoring in kinesiology at SDSU.

### ELANA CERVANTES

UTILITY  
JUNIOR • 5-11  
DAVIS, CALIF.  
DAVIS HS



**2005:** Set the SDSU record for assists in a season with 56. Broke Dominique Delgado's record of 48, established in 2004. Moved into fourth in school history for assists in a career with 77. Played in 31 games, while making 29 starts. Tied the school record for assists in a game (five) against UC Santa Barbara at the UCSB Invitational. Third on the team in scoring and tied for 30th in the nation with 35 goals. Averaged 1.13 goals a game, good for 29th nationally. Her 31 steals placed her fourth on

the squad. Led the team in scoring on seven different occasions. Scored seven goals in four games (March 12-20) as the team went 2-2. Netted a season-high four goals in SDSU's sudden death overtime loss at California. Recorded at least one goal in six straight games (Feb. 19-27). Ended the streak with eight goals. **2004:** Was the only player to play in all 35 games. Scored 15 goals which tied her with Rachel Serna for fifth on the team. Her 23 steals ranked her seventh on the squad. Was fifth on the team in assists with 21. In game four of the season vs. No. 4 Long Beach State at the UC San Diego Invitational, she scored her first two career goals. Netted a goal in an 11-10 overtime win against No. 10 Hawaii to help the Aztecs improve their record to 9-1. Scored five goals in a span of four games (March 13-27), including two against 19th-ranked Princeton. Tallied three goals on April 24, against Cal Baptist (W, 11-2).

**High School:** Helped lead Davis High School to the sectional title three straight years from 2000 to 2002 and won the Capital Athletic League all four seasons. Named section most valuable player in 2002 and was a three-time first team all-section pick. Earned Capital Athletic first-team honors four times. Played for the USA Youth Team "A" in 2002. Also competed in soccer and swimming.

**Personal:** Born in Arlington, Va., on Aug. 11, 1985. Daughter of Robert Cervantes and Kathy Hebbeler. Enjoys dancing and listening to music. Majoring in communication with an emphasis in advertising.

#### Cervantes Career Statistics

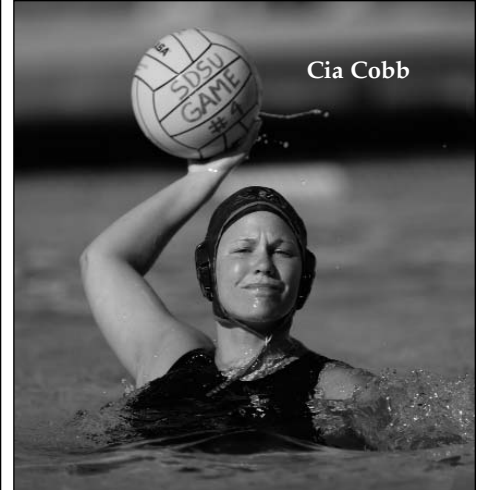
Year	Games	Goals	Assists	Steals
2004	35	15	21	23
2005	31	35	56	31
<b>Totals</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>54</b>

### CIA COBB

UTILITY  
SENIOR • 5-9  
YORBA LINDA, CALIF.  
LONG BEACH CC



**2005:** Played in 31 games and made six starts in her first season at San Diego State. Scored seven goals, dished out 10 assists and added 16 steals. Netted her first goal of the season against No. 4 Loyola Marymount at the UCSD Invitational. Tallied her second goal at home versus top-ranked UCLA. One of nine Aztecs to score in the 10-7 win over No. 16 Princeton. Chipped in with a goal in the 17-2 win over Pomona-Pitzer. In the following game against Cal State Bakersfield at the Long Beach State Invitational, scored three times to guide SDSU to a 16-4 win.



Cia Cobb

**Prior to SDSU:** Played two seasons and earned two letters at Long Beach City College. Was a two-time All-American, all-South Coast Conference, all-Southern California and all-state selection. Guided her team to conference and Southern California titles, as well as a second-place finish in the state tournament her freshman year. In her sophomore season, her team won the state, southern California and conference championship.

**High School:** Prepped at Esperanza High in Anaheim, Calif. Won three letters. Was a two-time all-Sunset League honoree. Also earned all-CIF honors. Her team won the Sunset League during the 1999-2000 campaign.

**Personal:** Alicia Marie Cobb was born on May 29, 1984, in Fullerton, Calif. Brother, Garret, plays water polo at Whittier College. Plans on being a college professor.

#### Cobb's Career Statistics

Year	Games	Goals	Assists	Steals
2005	31	7	10	16

### HEATHER FENSKE

GOALKEEPER  
SOPHOMORE • 5-10  
LOMPOC, CALIF.  
LOMPOC HS



**2005:** Saw action in two games, totaling 21 minutes. Played the entire second half against Pomona-Pitzer and stopped seven shots. Earned time in the fourth quarter versus Cal State Bakersfield and turned back a pair of shots. Averaged 4.50 saves per game. Overall, made nine saves while only allowing three goals. Had a goals against average of 4.00.

**High School:** Won four letters as a member of the Lompoc High water polo squad. Earned first-team all-Los Padres League honors in 2003.

Elana Cervantes



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and 2004 Was a second-team all-CIF selection in 2004 and a third-team honoree in 2003 Named team captain and team MVP in 2003 and 2004 Guided her school to a Northern League championship in 2002 Second-team all-Northern League pick in 2002 Member of the Club Paradise squad that won the 2003 Junior Olympic championship Earned three letters in swimming.

**Personal:** Heather Marie Fenske was born on Feb. 10, 1986, in Lompoc, Calif. ... Daughter of Jeff and Danean Fenske Favorite athlete is Ian Thorpe.

### Fenske's Career Statistics

Year	Games	Saves	Saves Avg.
2005	2	9	4.50

### ANNA GONZALES

2-METER DEFENSE  
FRESHMAN • 5-11  
FRESNO, CALIF.  
CLOVIS WEST HS



**High School:** Four-year varsity member at Clovis West High Was a three-time NISCA Girls All-American Is the second all-time leading goal scorer at Clovis West with 201 career goals National Youth A team member in 2004 Member of the 2005 Junior National team training squad Named to the 2005 Speedo Top 40 team Tabbed the 04-05 Athlete of the Year by *The Clovis Independent* Shared all-Valley and all-Tri-River Athletic Conference most valuable player honors with fellow Aztec classmate Erinn Greenwood In her final two years at Clovis West, she earned all-City, all-Valley, all-Conference and all-CIF honors Voted team MVP in 2004-05 Scored 84 goals her senior season An accomplished three-year letterwinner in swimming Was a three-time NISCA/Speedo Girls All-American in swimming.

**Personal:** Anna Katherine Gonzales was born on Oct. 9, 1987, in Fresno, Calif. Daughter of Greg and Dian Gonzales Majoring in biology at San Diego State with plans on becoming a coroner.

### ERINN GREENWOOD

2-METER DEFENSE  
FRESHMAN • 5-10  
CLOVIS, CALIF.  
BUCHANAN HS



**High School:** Played four years at Buchanan High in Clovis, Calif. All-TRAC first-team member three times Named co-TRAC most valuable player in 2005 Led the Bears to con-

secutive co-league titles in 04-05 Was a 2005 second team All-American Guided the team to a pair of 2005 tournament championships at the Sierra and Clovis Shootouts where she also garnered MVP honors Swam for Buchanan for four years and was a two-time all-league soccer player as well.

**Personal:** Erinn Ann Greenwood was born on Aug. 14, 1987, in Fresno, Calif. Daughter of Mark and Miriam Greenwood Both parents swam at the University of Southern California Sister, Ashley, plays water polo at UC Davis Majoring in nursing.

### PATTY HALMAY

2-METER OFFENSE  
JUNIOR • 5-7  
LAKESIDE, CALIF.  
GROSSMONT JC



**Prior to SDSU:** Attended Grossmont College and won two letters under head coach Larry Larsen Garnered first-team all-Pacific Coast Conference honors both seasons in leading Grossmont to consecutive conference championships Was a member of the swim team her second year and was on the Dean's List as well.

**High School:** Played at El Capitan High in Lakeside, Calif. Earned four varsity letters in water polo and a pair in swimming Three-time all-league honoree, including two first-team selections Was the league offensive player of year in 2003 As a swimmer, earned freshman of the year award in 2000 Scholar-athlete all four years.

**Personal:** Patricia Louise Halmay was born on March 9, 1985, in San Diego Daughter of Mary Klein and Peter Halmay Father was a three-sport star at McGill University, while her grandfather was a part of the eight-man 1936 crew Olympic championship team Majoring in nursing at San Diego State.



Savannah Kelley

### SAVANAH KELLEY

UTILITY  
SENIOR • 5-8  
MODESTO, CALIF.  
JOHANSEN HS



**2005:** Team's co-captain along with then senior Dominique Delgado Started in all 32 games in which she played Only teammate Sarah Kilgore started more games Her 45 steals were second-most on the team Moved into seventh place on the SDSU career steals list with 134 Scored 18 goals over the course of the season Recorded a hat trick against Bucknell Tallied two goals in the Aztecs fourth consecutive Harper Cup win versus UC San Diego One of three players to score twice in SDSU's 6-3 exhibition win over Canada's B team Dished out 11 assists and also drew 23 ejections.

**2004:** Played in 33 games and started 32 of them Was the fourth-leading scorer on the team with 20 goals Tied with Holly Hartzell for the team lead in steals with 55 Tallied 12 assists and also had three saves Scored a goal in four of the first five games of the season Scored four goals during the team's seven-game win streak from Feb. 12 to Feb. 28 In three wins over No. 7 California, Pacific and No. 4 Long Beach State, she scored a goal in each game Scored two goals twice, both against UC Santa Barbara (April 10 and May 1).

**2003:** One of only two players to play in all 33 games and made one start ... Led all first-year members with 34 steals, which was the third highest total on the squad ... Scored five goals and added three assists from her defensive position ... Tied for fourth on the squad with five goals and racked up a team-high 13 steals in six games as the Aztecs' "A" Team took second place at the USWP 2002 Women's Open Championship in the fall.

**High School:** Three-year letterwinner at Johansen HS in Modesto, Calif. ... All-league first-team (three years) and all-section first-team (two years) honoree Modesto Bee player of the year as a senior Stanislaus County female athlete of the year finalist Vikings compiled a 128-game winning streak and advanced to the section championship game in each of her four years Member of the 2001 Central California Zone section of the U.S. National Youth Team Earned four varsity letters in swimming and also played basketball.

**Personal:** Savannah Kelley was born Sept. 25, 1984, in Meadville, Penn. ... Enjoys writing, cooking and making shirts ... Recent summer jobs include teaching swimming lessons and coaching a 14-under water polo team ... Has career plans of owning and operating her own restaurant ... Majoring in hospitality and tourism management.



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### Kelley s Career Statistics

Year	Games	Goals	Assists	Steals
2003	33	5	3	34
2004	33	20	12	55
2005	32	18	11	45
<b>Totals</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>134</b>

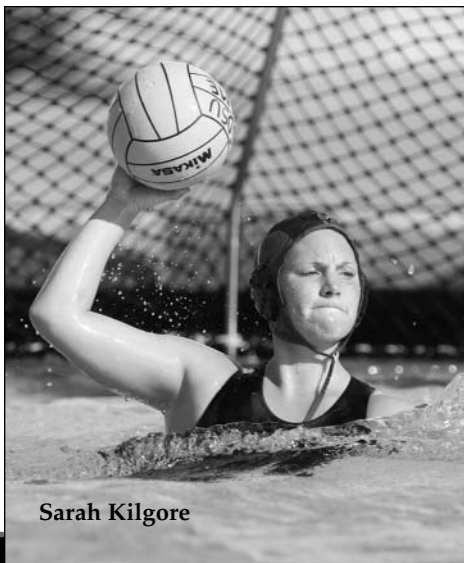
### SARAH KILGORE

GOALKEEPER  
JUNIOR • 5-8  
ROSSMOOR, CALIF.  
LOS ALAMITOS HS



**2005:** Started all 32 games in which she played. Recorded the fourth-most saves in a season with 225. Ended the year with a goals against average of 7.08. Ranked 10th in the nation for saves per game with 7.03. Posted the third-most steals on the team with 40. Added 11 assists. Made a season-high 15 saves in SDSU's upset win over No. 6 UC Santa Barbara in the first round of the MPSF tournament. Stopped eight shots in the Aztecs' 6-5 overtime win over No. 11 Michigan in Santa Barbara. Tallied another eight saves in SDSU's first conference win at Pacific. Held No. 20 Cal Baptist to one goal en route to a 9-1 victory in Hawaii. Denied eight Triton shots on goal in helping the Aztecs collect their fourth straight Harper Cup win over UC San Diego. Ended the regular season by making 11 saves on SDSU's Senior Day win over Arizona State. Shut out Cal State Northridge in the first half and made nine saves to secure seventh place at the MPSF tournament.

**2004:** Called upon to start in two of the eight games in which she played. Made 52 saves. Recorded a goals against average of 4.38. Tallied seven assists and two steals. Set the season high for assists in a game with five



Sarah Kilgore

Also set the season high for saves in a contest with 16 against Cal Baptist (April 24). Stopped four shots in her first action of the year in a 12-3 win over Cal State Bakersfield. Had a game-high six saves vs. Cal State Northridge (Feb. 21) at the UC Davis Shootout. Saved nine shots on goal in a 16-5 victory over Pacific (March 13).

**High School:** Earned three varsity letters at Los Alamitos High School ... Named Sunset League Player of the Year after leading team to the league title in 2003 and advancing to the CIF semifinals ... *Long Beach Press-Telegram* player of the year her senior season ... First team all-Sunset League in 2002 ... Named Los Alamitos defensive player of the year in 2002-03 ... Competed in swimming also.

**Personal:** Sarah Elisabeth Kilgore was born on May 12, 1985, in Long Beach, Calif. ... Daughter of John Kilgore and Noreen Kelly ... Favorite athlete is Major League Baseball's Josh Beckett ... Has career plans in architecture ... Majoring in history and spanish.

### Kilgore s Career Statistics

Year	Games	Saves	Saves Avg.
2004	8	52	6.50
2005	32	225	7.03
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>6.93</b>

### ERIN LESTER

DRIVER  
FRESHMAN • 5-2  
LAKE FOREST, CALIF.  
EL TORO HS



**High School:** Played at El Toro High and earned three varsity letters. Captured first-team all-South Coast League honors her final two years for the Chargers. All-CIF Division I third-team selection her junior season and a second-team pick her senior year. Team captain in 2005. Her club team finished second in the 2005 18-under Junior Olympics. Competed in swimming and received four letters. Swim team captain her senior season.

**Personal:** Erin Marie Lester was born on March 16, 1987, in Anaheim, Calif. Daughter of Sue and Doug Lester. Lists her favorite athlete as Garret Anderson. Undecided on a major at San Diego State.

### NICOLE LOUIE

DRIVER  
FRESHMAN • 5-6  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.  
SANTA BARBARA HS



**High School:** Played varsity all four years at Santa Barbara High. Helped the Dons to four

straight Channel League and CIF Division IV titles. Guided the team to a national championship in 03-04. Was a CIF academic team honorable mention pick in her first prep season.

Received all-league honorable mention during her sophomore year. Tabbed first-team all-CIF and all-League her final two seasons. Named to the fifth team of the NISCA Girls All-America Water Polo team in both 03-04 and 04-05. Member of the second place USA Water Polo women's 20-and-under team and was part of the fourth place women's senior team. A decorated prep swimmer. Led the Dons to four straight Channel League swimming crowns.

**Personal:** Nicole Louie was born on Feb. 18, 1987, in Santa Barbara, Calif. Daughter of Norman and Agatha Louie. Lists David Beckham as her favorite athlete. Is undecided on a major at SDSU.

### LACY LUEHRS

2-METER DEFENSE  
FRESHMAN • 5-9  
KAHUKU, HAWAII  
KAHUKU HS



**High School:** Played at Kahuku High under head coach Aukai Ferguson. Earned three varsity letters. Oahu Interscholastic Association (OIA) first-team member in 2004 and 2005. Led the Red Raiders to four OIA titles. Finished third in the state of Hawaii in 2004 and second in 2005. Also competed in swimming and canoe paddling. Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kahuku.

**Personal:** Larisa Cecelia Luehrs was born on Feb. 9, 1987, in North Shore, Hawaii. Daughter of Susan and Larry Luehrs. Both parents are teachers at Kahuku High. Is undecided on a major.

### ASHLEY McCULLUM

2-METER DEFENSE  
JUNIOR • 5-10  
POWAY, CALIF.  
UNIV. OF MICHIGAN

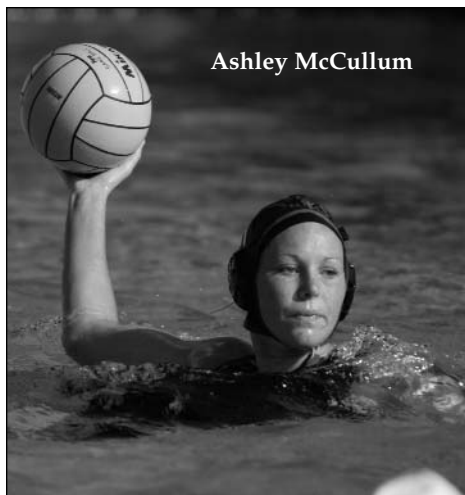


**2005:** Played in 32 games, while making one start. Scored nine goals on the season. Recorded nine steals and eight assists. Tallied her first goal as an Aztec in the season-opening win over Cal State Bakersfield at the UCSD Invitational. One of six players to score in the 6-5 road win at Pacific. Chipped in with a goal to help defeat UC Irvine, 10-9, in the first home game of the year. Scored a goal in wins over Bucknell, No. 16 Princeton, No. 20 Cal Baptist and No. 18 UC San Diego. In games she scored at least one

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Ashley McCullum

goal, the Aztecs were 7-1. The only loss came at California in the MPSF tournament.

**Prior to SDSU:** Played one season at the University of Michigan. Competed in 29 games for the Wolverines. Scored nine goals and tallied seven assists.

**High School:** Attended Poway High and earned four letters. First team all-CIF in 2003. Two-time *North County Times* all-north county team (2002, 2003). Led Poway in scoring with 92 goals. Palomar League champs from 2000-02. 2002 CIF champions. A three-time first-team Palomar League selection and second-team all-CIF San Diego section honoree (2001-03). Team MVP and captain in 2002, 2003. Junior Olympic All-American in 2002, 2003.

**Personal:** Ashley Beth McCullum was born on May 22, 1985, in San Diego, Calif. ... Daughter of Wayne and Pam McCullum. Recent summer jobs include being a lifeguard, water polo instructor and working at Nordstrom.

### McCullum's Career Statistics

Year	Games	Goals	Assists	Steals
2005	32	9	8	9

### JESSICA PACE

DRIVER  
FRESHMAN • 5-4  
SANTEE, CALIF.  
SANTANA HS



**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Santana High. Selected to the Grossmont North League's first team three times and was the Sultans' most valuable player on three occasions.

Participated in the Junior Olympics with her club team, San Diego Shores. Won a gold medal five times (2000, 02-05) and a bronze medal once (2001) at the Junior Olympics.

**Personal:** Jessica Lynn Pace was born on May 5,

1987, in Bryan, Texas. Daughter of Roger and Diane Pace. Comes from an athletic family as her three siblings played Division I sports. Both parents are educators. Aspires to become an anchorwoman. Majoring in journalism.

### BEKAH RIFE

DRIVER  
JUNIOR • 5-6  
ROCKLIN, CALIF.  
SIERRA COLLEGE



**Prior to SDSU:** Played at Sierra College for two years. Named second team all-conference her freshman season and was a first-team member her second year. During her sophomore campaign, she was team captain, defensive player of the year and an All-American for the Wolverines.

Also swam at Sierra and was an All-American in seven different events, breaking various school records.

**High School:** Went to Clayton Valley High and played for head coach Dennis Bledsoe. Earned second-team all-conference accolades in 2002 and was also awarded the team's most improved player award. Excelled in synchronized swimming as her team finished first at Junior Nationals in 2002-03. Was an All-America pick in 2003.

**Personal:** Rebekah Loren Rife was born on May 14, 1985, in San Francisco, Calif. Daughter of Gail Rife. Sister, Rachel, is on both the swim and water polo squads. Coached synchronized swimming this past summer. Majoring in business.

### RACHEL RIFE

DRIVER  
JUNIOR • 5-6  
ROCKLIN, CALIF.  
SIERRA COLLEGE



**Prior to SDSU:** Attended Sierra College in Rocklin, Calif. Earned All-America status both years and was league most valuable player in her second season. Was a two-time all-conference selection, including a first-team pick in 2004. In two years, she took home team defensive player of the year honors (2003) and was voted team MVP and captain (2004). An accomplished swimmer. Was an All-American in seven events spanning two years. Broke numerous school records.

**High School:** Prepped at Clayton Valley High in Concord, Calif. Selected to BVAL second team. Voted the most improved player on the team. Went to the Olympic Trials in 2003 and competed in synchronized swimming.

**Personal:** Rachel Loren Rife was born on May

14, 1985, in San Francisco, Calif. Daughter of Gail Rife. Sister, Bekah, is on both the swim and water polo teams. Lists favorite teams as the Sacramento Kings and Denver Broncos. Studying business at SDSU.

### JENNA SCHUSTER

UTILITY  
FRESHMAN • 5-10  
UPLAND, CALIF.  
UPLAND HS



**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Upland High. Guided the Highlanders to four consecutive Baseline League titles and three straight CIF championships. Named Baseline MVP in 2002 and was CIF Division V MVP in 2005. Three-time first-team all-league and all-CIF. Earned a bronze medal in 2005 and a gold medal in 2004 at the Junior Olympics. An accomplished prep swimmer who helped Upland to the 2003 CIF Division II crown. Was the Baseline co-MVP that same season. Was the 2004 CIF Division II champ in the 100-yard freestyle. Selected as Upland's female athlete of the year in 2005. Earned four letters in swimming and one in volleyball. Two-time scholar-athlete.

**Personal:** Jenna Jo Anne Schuster was born on Jan. 14, 1987, in Pomona, Calif. Daughter of Frederick and Sherry Schuster. Brother played water polo for six seasons. Majoring in graphic design.

### RACHEL SERNA

DRIVER  
SENIOR • 5-6  
CORONADO, CALIF.  
CORONADO HS



**2005:** AWPCA All-America third team selection.

Started 32 of the 33 games in which she played. Her team-high 65 goals were the eighth-highest single season total in SDSU history and fourth in the nation. Averaged 1.97 goals per game, good for sixth nationally. Owned the team's top goal percentage (minimum 50 attempts), connecting on 42.5 percent of her shots. Led the team or shared game-high scoring honors in 20 of the team's 34 contests. Posted three or more goals 11 times. Fifth on the team with 30 steals. Scored a season-high five goals in the Aztecs' 10-8 win over UC Irvine at the UCSB Invitational. Netted seven goals in the final two games of the regular season in wins over No. 18 UC San Diego (three goals) and No. 17 Arizona State (four goals). Named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Mikasa player of the week on April 25. Scored twice in





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SDSU's 7-4 upset win over No. 6 UC Santa Barbara in the MPSF tournament. Added two more goals in the Aztecs' seventh-place win versus Cal State Northridge. 2005 honorable mention all-MPSF.

**2004:** Made starts in two of the 34 games she played. Her 15 goals tied her with Elana Cervantes for fifth on the team. Recorded 14 assists, which placed her sixth on the squad. Was eighth on the team in steals with 20. Committed the fewest turnovers (3) among those who played in 33 games or more. Scored her first goal of the season vs. No. 4 Long Beach State on Feb. 8, in the UC San Diego Invitational. Netted two goals in a 5-3 win over eighth-ranked Michigan (Feb. 29).

**2003:** Played in 27 games and started in two during her first season of collegiate action ... Led SDSU freshmen with eight goals on 27 attempts ... Posted four assists and seven steals ... Scored a season-high three goals as she led the Aztecs with three goals in a 13-5 win over Claremont-Mudd Scripps on March 1.

**High School:** Lettered all four years at Coronado. Islanders were CIF champions in 1999 and runners-up in 2001. School's female athlete of the year and earned second-team CIF honors in 2002. Received four varsity letters in tennis and swimming. Also competed in surfing and won the county championship.

**Personal:** Rachel Marie Serna was born May 2, 1984, in Coronado, Calif. Daughter of Steve and Gina Serna. Worked as a beach lifeguard for the City of Coronado. Hobbies include Bikram yoga, rock climbing, surfing and paddling. Kinesiology major with career plans of becoming a personal trainer.

### Serna's Career Statistics

Year	Games	Goals	Assists	Steals
2003	27	8	4	7
2004	34	15	14	20
2005	33	65	11	30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>57</b>

## SUSAN STIVERS

DRIVER  
SENIOR • 5-4  
EL CAJON, CALIF.  
EL CAJON VALLEY HS



**2005:** Saw action in 25 games, while making eight starts. Scored 15 goals (15-for-24) at a 62.5 percent shooting clip. Fourth on the team in assists with 14. Recorded seven steals. In the season-opener against Cal State Bakersfield at the UCSD Invitational, netted two goals in the Aztecs' 11-4 win. Tallied a pair of goals and was one of eight players to find the back of the net in the 17-2 win over Pomona-Pitzer. Notched two consecutive hat tricks against Cal

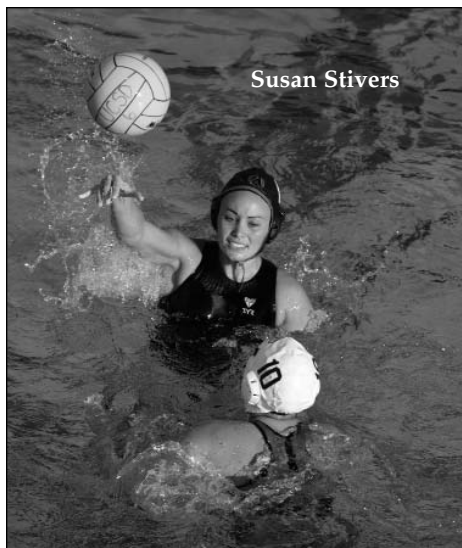
State Bakersfield and Hartwick College at the Long Beach State Invitational. Contributed a goal in SDSU's convincing 8-3 win over Cal State Northridge in the seventh place game of the MPSF tournament.

**2004:** Doubled her games played from the previous year with 20. Scored six goals on 15 attempts. Her goal percentage of .400 was second highest on the team (Holly Hartzell-.456) among those with at least 10 shots attempted. Averaged one turnover every five games played. Had two multiple-goal games. Scored two goals against CS Bakersfield (W, 12-3) at the UC Davis Shootout. Led the team in scoring with three goals en route to a 16-5 win over Pacific (March 13).

**2003:** Played in 10 contests in her first season at SDSU ... Scored three goals in nine attempts and recorded three assists and one steal ... Earned SDSU's Monty Award for academic performance.

**High School:** Four-year starter and varsity letterwinner at El Cajon Valley High. First-team all-league selection her final three years after earning second-team honors as a freshman. Selected Grossmont North player of the year as a junior and senior. Chosen team MVP as a junior. All-tournament first-team selection all four years at the El Cajon Valley Invitational ... Also a four-year letterwinner for the Braves swim team in the backstroke and individual medley. Team captain her junior and senior seasons for both the water polo and swim teams ... Honor roll member all four years and was selected female athlete of the year in 2002.

**Personal:** Susan Lynn Stivers was born Dec. 5, 1984, in La Mesa. Parents are Frank and Linah Stivers. Sister Donna played water polo at SDSU. Lists scrapbooking, crocheting and knitting as her hobbies ... Is scheduled to get married in June 2006 ... Plans to become a math



teacher after she graduates ... Is a math major.

### Stivers' Career Statistics

Year	Games	Goals	Assists	Steals
2003	10	3	3	1
2004	20	6	5	5
2005	25	15	14	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>

## ASHLING TAYLOR

2-METER OFFENSE  
FRESHMAN • 5-11  
NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF.  
NEWPORT HARBOR HS



**High School:** A three-year varsity player at Newport Harbor High. Guided the Sailors to back-to-back Seaview League titles en route to a pair of CIF Division I championship appearances, winning the crown in 2004. She was a two-time all-CIF and all-Seaview League selection taking home first-team honors in 2005. Named to the *Orange County Register* all-county team and the *Los Angeles Times* All Star team in 2005. Garnered all-tournament team honors at the Irvine and Holiday Cup tournaments her senior year. Earned All-America status at the Atherton College Tournament as a senior. Voted as Newport Harbor's 2005 MVP. Won a pair of letters in swimming and helped the Sailors to the 2005 CIF Division I championship.

**Personal:** Ashley Suzanne Taylor was born on Sept. 28, 1987, in Newport Beach, Calif. Daughter of Chris and Robert Taylor. Enjoys surfing and riding horses. Undecided on a major at San Diego State.

## BECCA UR

2-METER OFFENSE  
SOPHOMORE • 6-1  
LOMPOC, CALIF.  
CABRILLO HS



**2005:** Played in 30 games, while starting 21 times.

Had a stretch of 17 straight starts. Was on pace to play in every game until she missed the last four games due to an eye injury suffered in the season finale against Arizona State. Scored 15 goals, including one at California as time expired to send the game into overtime. Drew a team-leading 63 ejections. Owned the team-high for ejections in a game with six against Cal State Northridge (March 13). Tallied 15 steals and 10 assists. Scored her first goal as an Aztec in the Long Beach State game at the UCSD Invitational. Posted her first multiple-goal scoring game (two goals) at No. 2 Southern California. Scored in three straight games (at California, vs. UC Irvine, vs. UCLA), tallying

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four total goals.

**High School:** Three-year letterwinner at Cabrillo High Two-time Los Padres first-team member and all-CIF selection Los Padres League MVP Her team won a pair of league championships 2003 team reached CIF finals

An eight-time scholar-athlete 2003 Junior Olympic All-American Her Club Paradise team won the 2003 Junior Olympic championship A three-year varsity swim team member.

**Personal:** Rebecca Joy Ur was born on April 22, 1986, in Lompoc, Calif. ... Daughter of Susan and Wilbur Ur Reading, surfing and watching movies are listed as her hobbies Hopes to attend medical school and become a neurologist.

### Ur s Career Statistics

Year	Games	Goals	Assists	Steals
2005	30	15	10	15

### JAMIE VESSEY

DRIVER  
FRESHMAN • 5-3  
REDLANDS, CALIF.  
REDLANDS HS



**High School:** Attended Redlands High and earned four letters in water polo and swimming and two in cross country All-Citrus Belt League and all-CIF selection all four years Was a two-time team captain, high school All-American and league MVP Helped the Terriers to four consecutive undefeated league seasons Guided Redlands to a pair of CIF title game appearances As a swimmer, helped her team to four league championships Was a member of a 200 free relay team that earned All-America honors in 03-04 ... Her 400 free relay received the same recognition in 02-03 and 03-04

Won the league championship in the 100 fly four straight years and the 200 freestyle three times Was the Citrus Belt Athletic Directors Association s female athlete of the year.

**Personal:** Jamie Marie Vessey was born on April 17, 1987, in Redlands, Calif. Daughter of Ann and Jim Vessey Has three siblings Is a business major with a minor in sports marketing.

### STACY WERNER

UTILITY  
JUNIOR • 5-11  
LODI, CALIF.  
LODI HS



**2005:** Played in 33 games, while making 24 starts Second on the team and tied for 26th nationally in goals scored with 36 Ranked 31st with her 1.09 goals per game average Tied the



Stacy Werner

school record for assists in a game and tallied a season high for steals in a contest with five apiece at California Equaled Megan Dunbar s 33 assists in 2000 for sixth in the Aztec season record book Led the team in steals with 53 Netted a season-high five goals at UC Santa Barbara at the UCSB Invitational Led the team in scoring on nine different occasions Six multiple-goal scoring games and three hat tricks Ended the season scoring in eight consecutive games, totaling 10 goals.

**2004:** Played in 16 games with one start to her credit Scored three goals on nine attempts ... Totaled 14 steals and just two turnovers Netted two goals in a 16-5 win over Pacific (March 13) Scored in a 10-4 win vs. Pacific (April 17) at the Long Beach State Tournament.

**High School:** Three-year member of the varsity water polo team at Lodi High, and won three SJAA league titles from 2000 to 2002 ... Named the SJAA MVP and first-team all-CIF in 2002 ... Second team all-SJAA in 2000 and 2001 ... Zone Team member in 2003 ... Also a member of the swimming team throughout high school.

**Personal:** Stacy Elizabeth Werner was born on Nov. 25, 1985 ... Daughter of Ronald and Becky Werner ... Mother, who is a registered nurse, traveled to Mississippi to help aid Hurricane Katrina victims for a month ... Brother Dan played water polo at California Enjoys dancing, watching television and quoting movies.

### Werner s Career Statistics

Year	Games	Goals	Assists	Steals
2004	16	3	1	14
2005	33	36	33	53
<b>Totals</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>67</b>

### CASSIE ZEBISCH

2-METER OFFENSE  
SENIOR • 5-9  
ANAHEIM HILLS, CALIF.  
LONG BEACH CC



**2005:** Played in 28 games after redshirting last season Scored six goals on the year SDSU was victorious in every game in which she scored at least one goal Tallied her first goals of the year in the 17-4 victory over Marist at the UCSB Invitational Was one of six Aztecs to find the back of the net in SDSU s 6-5 win at Pacific During the team s first homestand of the season, scored goals against Bucknell and Princeton to help the Aztecs to a pair of victories Drew 26 ejections, good for fifth on the squad.

**2004:** Utilized her redshirt season.

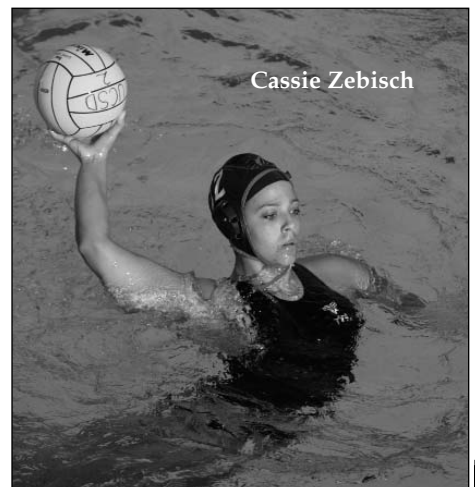
**Prior to SDSU:** Played two seasons at Long Beach City College ... Named junior college first team All-American in 2001 and 2002 ... Southern California regional player of the year in 2002 ... Two-time all-southern California first team honoree ... All-state tournament team and team MVP for two seasons ... Led LBCC to South Coast Conference title during both years under coach Chris Oeding, a former Olympian.

**High School:** Played at Canyon High School and earned first team all-Century League honors in 2001 ... Named Division I all-CIF third-team as a senior ... Team captain.

**Personal:** Cassandra Michelle Zebisch was born on April 8, 1983, in Burbank, Calif. ... Daughter of Marianne Zebisch and Mike Saliman ... Enjoys shopping and going to the beach ... Lists Derek Jeter as favorite athlete ... Has aspirations to be involved in sports broadcasting or sports management ... Majoring in communication.

### Zebisch s Career Statistics

Year	Games	Goals	Assists	Steals
2005	28	6	2	4



Cassie Zebisch