

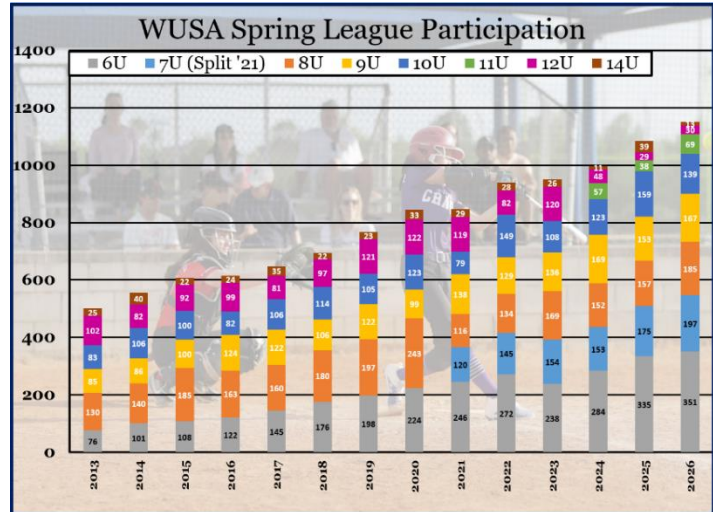


West University Softball Association

Winter 2025 & Spring 2026 Newsletter

Dear WUSA Friends and Families:

We concluded another amazing, record-setting season. Spring 2026, yet again, topped past enrollments. Players and families were treated to an amazing start to the year with a gorgeous WUSA Opening Day. Weather was a non-factor for nearly the entirety of the spring season,



but was second only to the play on the field which was amazing again. Players made great plays, fans cheered hard, and there was a palpable buzz across all our fields, especially down the stretch during the end-of-season tournament.

Our campuses from WUES locations, Pershing, McGovern, to Bayland, and of course our South Campus facilities were in great shape again this season. The entire league got the opportunity to experience our latest addition, the WUSA Hitting and Fielding Pavilion which opened in Fall 2025. The pavilion was used regularly as a valuable backup for practice nights when other fields were not playable and offered a great space for focused hitting and fielding development. The pavilion supported our elite pitching sessions on Sundays which were a new addition to our pro-coaching support offered by the league. This program allowed semi-individualized support to our 12U–14U pitchers to refine and develop their skills at a high level.

This newsletter showcases the moments from this spring season that enhanced our family’s experiences, from on-the field memories to off-the-field activities. Enjoy the read and I hope every player and family added more great softball memories and developed new friendships. Enjoy summer and I truly hope to see you back for WUSA’s Fall program!

~Mike Liebl - WUSA President 2024-2026

Pitcher & Catcher Sessions: Thanks again to our WUSA Pro Coaches Christine



Biggerstaff and Valerie Quiroga and their affiliated coaches for supporting us this Spring. The clinics averaged over 60 participants each Sunday. WUSA needs players at these skill

positions and we thank these coaches and players for their dedication and time they took to develop these unique skills. These collective efforts ensure we have players at these skill positions and allowing a great experience for our growing league.



WUSA Jr. Umpire Program:

WUSA introduced our Jr. Umpire program this spring with great success. Twenty-five, 14U players participated. Jr. Umpires were provided instruction and training in December and were co-

umpires for our 6U Division games. Our Jr. Umpires learned more about the sport by being an official which helps them play the sport at a higher level. They also are giving back to WUSA in a meaningful way as they continue their softball journey as WUSA Tournament Team Players.



WUSA Facilities Updates

In 2025, WUSA started our second decade operating 3 fields at Bayland Park (6400 Bissonnet St.). WUSA has maintained them for over 10 years and as our league has grown, this location has become even more valuable to our operations. The park will



undergo a major revitalization in the coming years and WUSA continues to work with Precinct 4 to provide our expertise and see that our league's needs are considered in the plan. Approximately 20% of our WUSA families are from precinct 4 and we extend our appreciation to Precinct 4 for entrusting WUSA to be a great steward of these facilities and allowing us the broad use privileges we have. Contingencies for when these fields are unavailable to WUSA and our affiliates are being planned.

WUSA Hitting and Fielding Pavilion

The amazing generosity of former and current families allowed the construction of this 90' x 90' structure with a modular netting system that can be divided for multiple hitting/pitching lanes or opened up allowing a full infield practice.

This project was a direct result of our responsible use of league funds, along with the

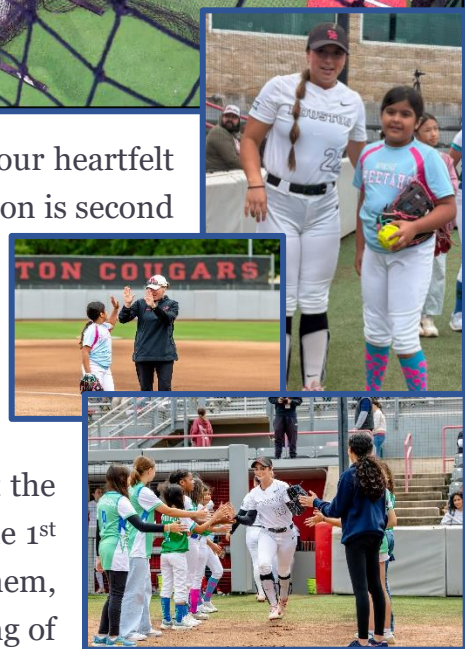
generosity of our WUSA families during our fundraising events such as Hit-A-Thon week and Adult Social combined with the founding donations from several current



and previous WUSA families. Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors for all you have given. The pavilion is second to none and is an amazing resource for our league!

WUSA Day at UH Stadium

For the 2nd year, WUSA coordinated a league day at UH Cougar Stadium to take in some D1 softball. WUSA players not only got a chance to see softball at the highest levels but were showcased by throwing out the 1st pitch, invited guests on the field for the national anthem, and were allowed to be a guest announcer for an inning of the game.



Our families responded to the invitation as we brought over 250 spectators to the game.

With the new coaching staff at UH starting the 2025-2026 season, WUSA hopes to engage UH Softball staff for activities in the fall to complement the collaboration we have with University of St. Thomas' staff and players. As our league grows, having more outlets for our players and families to connect with coaching support is valuable.

WUSA 2026 Spring Season Final Season Standings and Tournament Results

Congratulations to our division champions and runners-up for the 2025 Spring Season!

Divison	Champion	Runner-up
7U	Thunder (Walker)	Volcanoes (Oden)
8U	Meteors (McConathy)	Sunburst (McQuade)
9U	Lions (Pedersen)	Bobcats (Hardin)
10U	Serpents (Howard)	Mambas (Kuck)
12U	Heat (Baird)	Power (Pasche)

2026 Spring Season End-of-Season Tournament Standings

Divison	Champion	Runner-up
7U	Volcanoes (Oden)	Monsoon (Rutherford)
8U	Sunburst (McQuade)	Aliens (Rac)
9U	Panthers (Thompson)	Wolves (Kaplan)
10U	Serpents (Howard)	Mambas (Kuck)
12U	Heat (Baird)	Velocity (Hartz)





WUSA Auxiliary Updates



Our auxiliary facilitates so many of our league operations that get our girls on the field and then make the fan experience great. Auxiliary coordinates all our WUSA Swag from clothing to yard signage. They also spearhead our concessions program. This Spring Season again, our auxiliary organized player uniforms and yard signs plus all the great events this spring like Hit-A-Thon. The program raised over \$15,000 for support of our college scholarship program.



The WUSA Adult Social was awesome again at the Marquis II. Casino night gambling was fun and our WUSA families showcased incredible generosity to attain those coveted reserved

parking spots. All attendees had a great time.

Father-Daughter night was a hit again this year with watching an outdoor movie on the WUES field and fun in the scout house.

.Special thanks to our WUSA auxiliary Co Chairs, Katie Driscoll and Megan Fehn as well as our Concessions Chair, Shana Thorvilson. Get involved with this amazing team. Email auxiliarywusa@gmail.com to learn more.



WUSA College Scholarship Recognitions

Ten WUSA alumni were honored with a WUSA scholarship to help support them in their 1st year of college. This was truly an amazing class of student athletes who spent their entire softball careers through 14U with WUSA. (Pictured from left to right: Lauren Magid, Lauren Hebert, Kyra Nguyen, Maggie Hester, Jordan Bey, Mattie Trefz, Rosalia “Ali” Edwards. Not pictured: Natalie Gianone, Claire Johnston, Bella Stewart



Hat tip to our WUSA “ACES”

WUSA’s – **Associates Committed to Excellence in Softball (ACES)**” role is our league’s introductory volunteer group that complements our Auxiliary. ACES are recognizable in their distinctive blue shirts, and blue hats with the ACES logo. WUSA ACES open and close our campus, support various tasks to maintain the facilities and provide support to our umpire crew and managers for impartial rules interpretations. WUSA Aces are an essential extension of our WUSA Board and we are indebted to these volunteers for their help this spring.

Joining the WUSA ACES program is another way to support the league beyond involvement in your daughter’s team. Email the [WUSA helpline](#) if you have an interest in joining for the next season (Fall 2026 and Spring 2027).

2025 – 2026 WUSA ACES

Colin Bear	Collins Free	Ahmad Kawas	David McIntyre	John Plumb	Carlos Valdez
Andrew Beaupre	Russell Gray	Mike Kim	Christian McMurray	Seve Ramirez	Dave Wall
David Block	Justin Gregg	Chad Kuck	Will Mejia	Michael Raspino	David Whitley
Alan Crane	Tracy Hale	Stephanie Landis	Isaac Middleton	Ben Roberts	Carter Wiley
Patrick Cresap	David Halpin	Jenny McCarthy	Matt Moake	Matt Rodilosso	
Chris David	Ryan Hardin	Kevin McCarthy	Paul Monsour	Shawn Rosenzweig	
Lee Donovan	Marko Hirvensalo	Jim McDade	Tiffany Munro	Alfonso Sanchez	
Andrew Driscoll	Chris Howard	Mac McDaniel	Frank Ortiz	Ross Thompson	
Jared Dubin	Kyle Jung	Greg McEldowney	Dan Oska	Michael Thorvilson	

WUSA Spring Season All Stars

Congratulations Spring Season All-Stars. The action on the field was great & showcased the superb talent and skills of players in the league as we continue this WUSA tradition!

7U Blue Team Manager – Roger Walker	7U Red Team Manager – Travis Oden
Blair Rainwater (Avalanche)	Anna Free (Whirlwind)
Charlotte Rutherford (Monsoon)	Anne Marie Buttry (Heatwave)
Claire Qian (Tsunamis)	Avery Beleiff (Volcanoes)
Hayden Heard (Tornados)	Avery Brown (Lightning)
Jojo Naulls (Thunder)	Camila Maredia (Hailstorm)
Leia Wu (Tsunamis)	Elise Womac (Tornados)
Leighton Jackson (Cyclones)	Emy Harris (Wildfire)
Lia Mosbacher Kokish (Quicksand)	Evelyn Hohos (Blizzard)
Lila Dols (Hurricanes)	Katie Ruth Loverin (Fireballs)
Mariah Brooks (Lightning)	Lila Haggard (Earthquake)
Naomi Walker (Thunder)	Mila Hill (Monsoon)
Pauline Caseres (Whirlwind)	Payton Carden (Blizzard)
Raines Thompson (Sandstorm)	Reagan Selbst (Hurricanes)

8U Blue Team Manager - Thomas McConathy	8U Red Team Manager – Martha Rac
Anna Driscoll (Hypernova)	Caroline Newhook (Galaxy)
Ava Jousan (Meteors)	Ella Van Buskirk (Eclipse)
Grace Lyons (Moonbeams)	Goldie Osorno (Cosmos)
Isabella Palaskas (Orbits)	Hannah Marks (Supersonics)
Julia McConathy (Meteors)	Kelly McDowell (Stars)
Kaia Wu (Supersonics)	Maeve Kelly (Comets)
Lucy Zachry (Satellites)	Mia Halprin (Zodiac)
Margot Gregg (Galaxy)	Mili Subramanian (Nebula)
Olivia San Angelo (Cosmos)	Nancy Novotny (Zodiac)
Quinn Sabat (Moonbeams)	Sam Salciccioli (Sunbursts)
Riley Jody (Asteroids)	Sloane Bormaster (Quasar)
Sarah Beer (Stars)	Victoria Perkins (Gemini)
Susie Seidel (Hypernova)	Vivian Rac (Aliens)

9U Blue Team Manager – Ryan Hardin	9U Red Team Manager – David Block
Abigail Bucher (Tigers)	Adeline Bonura (Foxes)
Amelia Heins (Coyotes)	Alex Matthews (Lynx)
Catherine Rahmn (Pumas)	Brighton Powers (Ocelots)
Elise Warner (Wolves)	Caroline Marcum (Badgers)
India Persia (Badgers)	Eleanor Mize (Polar Bears)
Ivy McDavid (Coyotes)	Isabella Funk (Lions)
Mollie Raspino (Panthers)	Jackie Walters (Cheetahs)
Morgan Stasio (Cheetahs)	Luiza Rodilosso (Ocelots)
Reagan Roe (Pumas)	Maya Doustan (Jaguars)
Sara Hardin (Bobcats)	Sadie Firestone (Bears)
Savannah Ramirez (Bobcats)	Sophia DeLatorre (Leopards)
Wimberley Standiford (Lions)	Wellesley McKenny (Polar Bears)
Unable to play	Camille Johnson (Foxes)

10U Blue Team Manager – Chris Howard	10U Red Team Manager – Chad Kuck
Addison McDade (Anacondas)	Annabelle Landrum (Diamondbacks)
Cyan Lee (Cobras)	Charlotte Kuck (Mambas)
Danica Rajevac (Anacondas)	Delaney Donovan (Copperheads)
Emma Howard (Serpents)	Emmy Jung (Rattlers)
Emma Watts (Pythons)	Genevieve Avery (Mambas)
Grace Newhook (Kingsnakes)	Iona Kawas (Copperheads)
Illana Lee (Kingsnakes)	Juliana Ochoa (Moccasins)
Josephine Oska (Moccasins)	Mila Middleton (Mambas)
Kat Westin (Sidewinders)	Penny Hughes (Boas)
Madeline Howard (Serpents)	Reagan Pfeil (Rattlers)
Madison Believeff (Vipers)	Sheryl Li (Adders)
Sabrina Scheet (Pythons)	Tessa Jebbitt (Cobras)
Unable to play	Julianna Wall (Anacondas)

12U Blue Team Manager – Jordan Baird	12U Red Team Manager – Ali McKenny
Addison Gubitza (Force)	Adalyn Kim (Volts)
Annabelle Whitley (Power)	Ava Stewart (Crush)
Brooke Stewart (Crush)	Cadence Porter (Crush)
Charlotte Shih (Velocity)	Emma Pasche (Power)
Gemma Baird (Heat)	Evie Galfione (Volts)
Josie Johnston (Crush)	Isla Shaftel (Power)
Julia Skaug (Heat)	Julia Landis (Blast)
Maiseyn Clarin-Jante (Boom)	Keelie Cordova (Blast)
Sadie Reichman (Crush)	Remi Roe (Heat)
Samantha Moake (Power)	Samantha Gray (Blast)
Sari Jones (Heat)	Talia Wright (Fusion)
Shiloh Landrum (Force)	Vivi Varner (Velocity)



2026 WUSA Graduates Recognized

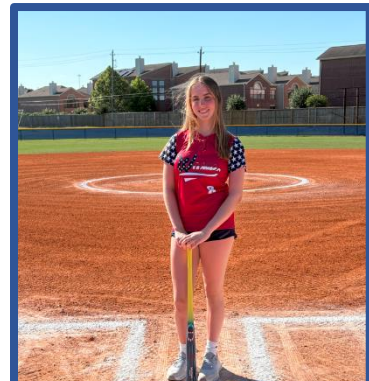
Our WUSA Graduates recognition program honors players who have participated in eight or more WUSA recreational seasons and competed in a WUSA 14U CO-OP Spring Season.



This year, we honored 14 players and families who have shown dedication to the sport, embraced the values of the league, and have made WUSA their softball home for well over 4 years. These 14 players combined, played an average of 11 recreational seasons with WUSA! Some started out as WUSA Shamrocks and Bumblebees. Others joined WUSA as Dolphins and Kangaroos or as WUSA Sparks. While some of those WUSA team names have been replaced, the memories of these players' time as young WUSA players will never be lost.



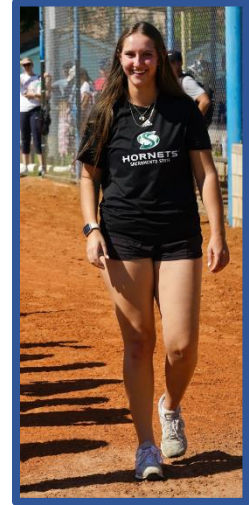
To commemorate their time in WUSA, our graduates received a custom, personalized bat. Congratulations to our WUSA graduates. We wish you well as you continue your softball journey on a WUSA Tournament Team, with your Middle-School, and for some, your in HS teams. Keep the WUSA tradition of excellence going!



WUSA Alumni Moving Onto College Athletics

Over the years, WUSA has been the formative home for many incredible softball talents and athletes. Starting fall 2026, four WUSA Alumni are making the move to play collegiate sports and were recognized during our All Stars Games celebration.

Jordan Bey played 10 seasons with WUSA and is a standout pitcher for Episcopal High School. Jordan will be attending the University of California Sacramento State in the fall and playing softball with the Hornets.

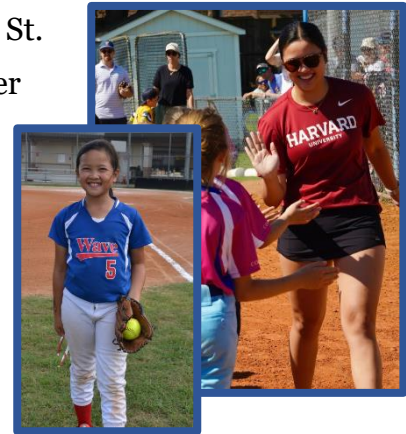


Claire Johnson played 10 seasons with WUSA and continued her softball career at Episcopal High School where she plays catcher. Claire is a two-sport athlete and high school and will be attending William and Mary University and playing Soccer.

Lauren Magid played 9 recreational WUSA seasons and numerous tournament team seasons with WUSA. Lauren will be playing college softball at Emory University after the closure of her High School career at Bellaire High School.

Kyra Nguyen played 12 WUSA seasons through 14U and was a staple of a number of WUSA Wave tournament teams. She played HS Softball at St. Agnes Academy and has been a leader on the team since her freshman year. Kyra excels on the field and in the

classroom. She will be playing for the Harvard Crimson next year.



We wish all these WUSA Alumni the very best and are proud that WUSA was a small part of their softball journey!

Images from the Spring Season (Photos Courtesy WUSA Auxiliary, Cheney Chang & Will Mejia)







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From all of us at WUSA, we hope you added new memories and new friendships during the Spring 2026 WUSA season. Have a wonderful summer and see you in the Fall!

Michael Liebl
WUSA President



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall 2026 Season Early Bird Registration – July 19th – July 25th
- Fall 2026 Season Regular Registration – July 26th – August 21st
- Fall 2026 Season Late Registration begins August 21st
- Fall 2026 Season Manager Meetings – August 23rd, 2026
- Fall 2026 Season Practices Begin – Week of August 31st, 2026
- Fall 2026 Season Concludes – November 14th, 2026

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