

2010 WA Varsity Softball Biographies

19 Jenna Clancy

Utility
5-5
Hits: R; Throws: R
Junior
Naperville, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Jenna Clancy: *"Jenna had to sit out last year because she was a transfer from a public to a private school. Early this season she's had to miss a lot of time because of a high ankle sprain she sustained during winter conditioning. We are hopeful that Jenna gets healthy because she has the potential to be a contributor for us. She has a lot of power and also has the ability to be a good defensive player. We're excited to have Jenna as an important part of our program."*

After sitting out the 2009 season as a transfer, will look to be a contributor for the Warriors this spring. She has good power and the potential to be a solid defensive player at a number of different positions.

2009: Sat out the season as a transfer.

Personal: Daughter of Shannon and Mike Clancy...was born 12/31/92.

8 Hannah Daflucas

Utility
5-6
Hits: L; Throws: R
Junior
Glendale Heights, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Hanna Daflucas: *"Hannah is playing softball at Wheaton Academy for the first time this spring and she's been a very nice addition to our program. Hannah competed in track last spring and she can really run. We're making her a left-handed hitter and she's making great strides from that side of the plate. She's also a very hard*

worker. Hannah is going to be a solid contributor for our team this spring."

Is one of the fastest players on the varsity softball roster and will be hitting from the left side of the plate this spring.

2009: Competed as a member of Wheaton Academy's track & field team...did not play softball.

Personal: Daughter of Esther and Mark Daflucas ...sister, Deborah, plays on the Wheaton Academy frosh/soph. softball team...also has a sister, Catherine (13), and a brother, Daniel (12)...was born 5/5/93.

11 Bekah Heubner

Shortstop/Outfield
5-4
Hits: R; Throws: R
Sophomore
Naperville, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Bekah Heubner: *"I am extremely excited about Bekah Heubner. She joined our team about three weeks into the season last year and just kept getting better and better. Bekah's a very good athlete. She plays fast and she picks up things really quickly. She's going to be a really good hitter for us. Defensively, she played the outfield last season. We want to move her to shortstop. It will be really interesting to see how she'll handle the transition. We know it will be a great challenge for her but I'm confident that by the time her career is over she's going to be one of the best shortstops in the Suburban Christian Conference. She has a chance to be a very special player."*

One of the most exciting young players in the program, Heubner will look to make the move from the outfield to shortstop in 2010. She has a lively arm, above-average speed, and can hit with power. She has battled through a

sore throwing shoulder throughout much of the preseason.

2009: As a freshman, Heubner joined the team several weeks into the season and made an immediate impact. She has very good speed and plays very aggressively...hit .296 on the season with one double and eight RBI... finished the season recording 10 hits in her final 13 at-bats, including a bases-loaded double against second-team all-state pitcher Jocelyn Oppenhuis (Illiana Christian)...was 3-4 with a double, a run scored, and two RBI vs. Illiana Christian (5/20)...was 3-for-3 vs. Montini (5/21)...was 3-for-3 vs. ACE Tech Charter in the regional semifinals of the IHSA 3A state tournament (5/28)...was 1-3 in the regional final vs. Montini (5/30).

Personal: Also plays volleyball... daughter of Chris and Jay Heubner... has two sisters: Rae (21) and Jaci (19)...was born 9/13/93.

27 Paige Huizenga

Pitcher/Third Base
5-3
Hits: R; Throws: R
Junior
Bartlett, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Paige Huizenga: *"I have really high expectations for Paige heading into the 2009-10 campaign. She'll be one of our top returning pitchers and hitters. In the circle, she's only going to benefit from the pitcher's plate moving from 40- to 43-feet as she has excellent movement and control of a number of pitches. I think she'll also be more effective because I think we'll be a better defensive softball team than we were one year ago. Where Paige made the greatest strides last year was at plate. She was one of our most consistent hitters. Her next step is to further develop her power. Paige may also play at third base or in the outfield when she's not pitching. I'll also be surprised if she's not one of our best team leaders."*

An all-Public School League selection as a sophomore in 2009, Huizenga will look to lead the Warriors in the circle and at the plate in WA's first season in the Suburban Christian Conference this spring. She will likely play shortstop or in the outfield when she isn't pitching. A control pitcher with a variety of pitches, the move of the pitching plate distance from 43- to 40-feet should actually serve as an advantage for the junior righthander. She was one of WA's most consistent offensive threats as a sophomore.

2009: Earned all-Private School League honors...hitting in the third spot in the lineup, finished second on the team with a .386 batting average...led the team in RBI with 20 and also recorded three doubles, two triples, and 11 walks in 83 at-bats...in the circle, finished 7-7 with a 3.19 earned run average. She allowed 98 hits and only 12 walks, while striking out 82, in 79.0 innings pitched...was 3-for-5 with two runs scored and an RBI, while also earning the victory in the circle, in a season-opening victory at Plano...recorded three RBI each in a win over Westminster Christian and in two wins over Luther South (5/1)...was 3-for-4 with two runs scored in WA's 2-1 walk-off victory over Somonauk...earned pitching victories over Plano, East Aurora, Luther South, Westminster Christian, ACE Tech Charter, and two against Aurora Christian...did not allow a hit in 3.0 innings of work in an IHSA regional semifinal victory over ACE Tech Charter (5/28)...**2008:** Saw significant varsity action in the circle as a freshman for the Warriors.

Personal: Played travel softball in 2009 for the Carol Stream Storm... daughter of Mary and Alan Huizenga...was born 7/30/93.

15 Alison Koch
Third Base
5-4
Hits: R; Throws: R
Senior
Wheaton, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Alison Koch: "I couldn't have been more proud of Alison Koch as a jun-

ior last season. We demand a lot of our third basemen and she worked like crazy to give us everything she could at that position. I think at times it may have taken away from her offensive production because she was concentrating so much on being an effective third baseman. I am confident that Alison is going to have a very solid senior season at the plate and defensively. She's a very hard worker and just a tremendous young lady."

Alison Koch will be expected to be a consistent contributor at the plate in 2010 as well as compete for playing time at third base. In 2009, she finished second on the team in RBI with 13.

2009: Was a solid contributor at third base for the Warriors as she started nearly every game at the hot corner... hit .175 with one double and eight runs scored... finished tied for second on the team with 13 RBI...was 1-2 with two RBI and a run scored in a 10-8 season-opening with at Plano (3/20)...was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI in a win over Luther South (5/1)...had a pinch hit base hit against Montini (5/21)...**2008:** Competed as a member of the junior varsity softball team...**2007:** Competed as a member of the junior varsity softball team.

Personal: Daughter of Cherie and Phil Koch...will attend Taylor University in the fall...has one brother, Joel (24)...was born 10/31/91.

6 Caitlin Koehler
Second Base
5-3
Hits: L; Throws: R
Sophomore
St. Charles, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Caitlin Koehler: "I have a tremendous amount of respect for Caitlin Koehler. She's an extremely hard worker, she's coachable, she is really bright, and, while sensitive, is also tough. Caitlin is someone who would have greatly benefitted from playing on the junior varsity last year but because of our low roster numbers

was really forced into the lineup at second base, which in my mind is one of the most challenging positions to play in fastpitch softball. She had about everything possible thrown at her last season and she just kept improving as the season progressed. Caitlin is a quick-twitch athlete who will, in time, become a fantastic second baseman. Her throwing arm really improved during the offseason and that should help her. We've also turned her around and are going to make her a multi-threat hitter from the left side. Caitlin runs well and I think she is someone who will really excel from the left side of the plate. Caitlin's only going to get better and better."

Expectations are much higher for the sophomore second baseman after a year of varsity softball under her belt. She spent the entire offseason working on becoming a multiple-threat hitter from the left side of the plate and made great strides in improving the strength of her throwing arm.

2009: Was the Warriors primary starting second baseman as a freshman... hit .180 with 11 hits in 61 official at-bats...also recorded 11 walks, a sacrifice hit, and a stolen base...was 1-for-3 with a run scored, a walk, and two RBI in a win over Aurora Christian (4/18)...was 2-4 in a 7-6 loss vs. Walther Lutheran (4/25)...was 3-for-4 with three runs scored and an RBI in a win over Luther South (5/1)... recorded two hits in three at-bats, scored a run, and drove in two runs in a 16-0 win over ACE Tech Charter in an IHSA 3A regional semifinal (5/28).

Personal: Daughter of Mary Kay Koehler...has two sisters: Colleen, a sophomore at the University of Illinois, and Bridget (13)...was born 1/6/94.

13 Julia Kolanowski

Centerfield/Shortstop

5-4

Hits: R; Throws: R

Senior

Carol Stream, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Julia Kolanowski:

“Julia Kolanowski is someone whom I really enjoy coaching. She is bright, serious, a solid leader, a really good student, and a good athlete. Julia’s work ethic has made her a good softball player. Julia is someone who will do whatever it takes to help Wheaton Academy win softball games. Julia has a strong arm and really helped solidify our defense from her centerfield spot last season. She even saw time in the middle infield when we needed some help at that position, as well as earning a few innings in the circle. At the plate, Julia is a very good contact hitter. She also runs well. I really expect Julia to have a really good senior season.”

Looking to be one of the top contributors for the Warriors this spring, she will see action in the outfield and in the middle infield. An excellent contact hitter, she has spent the offseason working on improving her power to all fields.

2009: Started every game as a junior...saw most of her action in centerfield, while also seeing playing time in the middle infield and at pitcher... hit .244 with 12 runs batted in, 12 walks, and four doubles...in the circle, saw 5.0 innings of action on the season and allowed four hits and two walks, while striking out nine. She did not allow an earned run...at the plate, only struck out eight times in 92 total plate appearances (78 official at-bats) ...also stole three bases...was 1-3 with a run scored and RBI in 4-3 loss at Newark (4/9)...was 1-3 with two runs scored and 2 RBI in a 16-4 win over Aurora Christian (4/18)...was 3-7 with three runs scored, a double, and an RBI in a doubleheader split with Walther Lutheran (4/25)...was 1-2 with two runs scored, a double, and a walk in a 5-3 loss at Driscoll (5/14) ...was 3-4, including a double, with

two runs scored and two RBI, in a 16-0 win over ACE Tech Charter in the IHSA 3A regional semifinals (5/28)...**2008:** Saw action on the varsity as a sophomore ... **2007:** Played on the junior varsity team as a freshman after joining the team midway through the year.

Personal: Is planning to attend Indiana Wesleyan in the fall...was named to the all-star team of the WPD Girls Summer Softball High School League...daughter of Joyce and John Kolanowski...was born 3/13/92.

16 Kim Olson

Pitcher/1B/3B

5-9

Hits: R; Throws: L

Sophomore

Wheaton, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Kim Olson:

“I can’t say enough about Kim Olson’s maturity. She’s also very tough, which I think in some ways may result from her being diabetic. She’s had to face a very difficult life-altering situation from a very young age and it’s helped her mature. I think Kim has a chance to be a dominating pitcher by the time she leaves Wheaton Academy. She’s big, she’s strong, and her ball has natural movement. She is still very raw in many ways in the circle but she’s only going to get better. At the plate, Kim has big-time power and I expect her to be a great hitter for us this spring. She can really drive the softball and really improved her bat speed during the offseason. Her biggest shortcomings this offseason have been injuries. She’s really had some tough injuries throughout the offseason and she’s playing catch-up right now. We hope she can return to form very quickly.”

Olson has been limited throughout the offseason by a fractured tibia and sprained ankle, patella tendonitis in her knee, and a sprained left wrist. Even though she’s a natural first base-

man, she will be looked upon to play

third base when she’s not pitching.
2009 in the circle: As a freshman, Olson immediately worked her way into the starting lineup at first base and became one of Wheaton Academy’s top two pitchers... also saw action at third base late in the season... the lefthander finished with a 4-10 overall record, with one save, in 2009...in 87.1 innings pitched, allowed 80 hits, while walking 37 and striking out 101...threw the first no-hitter of her career on April 29 when she didn’t allow a hit or a walk in a 6-0 win over Luther North. Every out was retired by strikeout or by at WA infielder. In 5.0 innings of work she threw only 54 pitches, while striking out 10, including the last four batters she faced...earned the first pitching appearance of her career on March 27 in a 7-0 victory over East Aurora. In 4.0 innings of work, allowed no hits and two walks, while striking out nine, to earn the save...earned the first varsity win of her career in a 6-1 decision over Walther Lutheran (4/25), allowing only one hit, while walking five in 7.0 innings of work... allowed only 2 hits in 7.0 innings in a 3-1 loss to IMSA (5/4)...ended Somonauk’s six-game winning streak when she allowed only four hits in 7.0 innings of work in a 2-1 victory (5/11). She allowed no earned runs and walked three, while striking out nine.

2009 at the plate: A right-handed hitter, Olson hit .282 as a freshman with 18 hits in 71 at-bats. She also recorded two doubles and nine RBI, while walking 10 times and striking out 13...was 1-3 with 2 RBI in a 12-9 loss to Illiana Christian (5/20)...was 1-2 with a double vs. Montini in the IHSA 3A regional championship game (5/30).

Personal: Has played summer softball in the Wheaton Park District... plays the piano and guitar...daughter of Dawn and Tom Olson...has two sisters: Heather (19), who is in college, and Ashley (9)...was born 8/25/93.

3 Ashley Pivaronas

Outfield

5-5

Hits: R; Throws: R

Senior

Bartlett, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Ashley Pivaronas: *"Ashley Pivaronas is a pleasure to coach. She is a natural leader to whom her teammates gravitate. She's also extremely bright. She's one of the best high school mock trial attorneys in Illinois and one of the best students in the senior class. On the field, Ashley has developed into a very good leftfielder. She runs well and has an above average throwing arm. At the plate she has really good power. She's very strong and can drive the softball to any part of the park. We just need to have her cut down on her strikeouts. I know she worked really hard this offseason to shorten her swing and her stride and I think it will pay great dividends. Ashley has to be a consistent contributor at the plate if we're going to be a good offensive team this spring."*

She will look to be one of the Warriors top hitters in 2010. Finished the 2009 season tied for second on the team with 13 RBI. Has the power to hit to all fields and has one of the strongest throwing arms on the team. She is primed for a very successful senior season.

2009: Was a mainstay in leftfield for the Warriors...recorded nine hits in her last 23 at-bats of the season...for the year, hit .188 and finished tied for second on the team in RBI with 13...in 69 official at-bats, recorded 13 hits, including three doubles and a home run. She also walked eight times and tied for the team lead in stolen bases with seven...recorded the first home run of her career, and recorded three RBI, in a win against Aurora Christian (4/18)...was 1-2 with two runs scored and 2 RBI in a win over Luther South (5/1)...was 3-3, including a double, with three runs scored and two RBI in a win over Westminster Christian (5/9)...recorded a double with two RBI in a 5-3 loss at Driscoll

(5/14)...recorded a double and an RBI in a loss vs. Illiana Christian (5/20)...was 2-2 with an RBI in a home loss vs. Montini (5/21)...in IHSA regional semifinal vs. ACE Tech Charter (5/28), was 1-2 with a run scored. **2008:** Played varsity softball as a sophomore ... **2007:** Played junior varsity sophomore as a freshman after joining the team at mid-season.

Personal: Daughter of Lisa and Norbert Pivaronas...has yet to make her college decision but is choosing among an impressive list of schools...has two sisters: Amy (21) and Andi (10)...was born 5/14/92.

12 Kelsey Ridderhoff

Pitcher/UT

5-4

Hits: R; Throws: R

Freshman

West Chicago, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Kelsey Ridderhoff: *"I am very excited about Kelsey Ridderhoff. First, she is an extremely hard worker. She's very coachable. She has the potential to play a number of different positions. She's going to spend most of her time pitching for the frosh/soph. team this spring but when they aren't playing we plan to have her dress and compete with the varsity program. We've turned her around at the plate and she's doing some hitting from the left side. She is also a rapidly improving defensive player. I'm really excited about her future with our program."*

This freshman will spend most of her time pitching for Wheaton Academy's frosh/soph. team. She has the ability to play a number of different positions.

Personal: Is the daughter of Janice and Dave Ridderhoff...has a younger sister, Michelle, who is in the eighth grade at Wheaton Christian Grammar School...was born 3/19/95.

4 Jessi Tantillo

Outfield/First Base

5-4

Hits: R; Throws: R

Junior

Downers Grove, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Jessi Tantillo: *"Jessi is a transfer who is playing softball for the first time at Wheaton Academy this spring. I've been really pleased with her improvement. As she secures more experience she has the chance to be a very good hitter. She's also shown a lot of progress in the outfield and with her throwing. I expect her to compete for playing time this spring."*

A transfer to Wheaton Academy this past fall, Tantillo will look to be a contributor for the Warriors this spring. Has the potential to be a very solid hitter as she gains additional experience.

2009: Was not a student at Wheaton Academy

Personal: Is the daughter of Leann and Scott Tantillo...sister, Abbie (20) is a student at Illinois State...was born 6/4/93.

5 Olivia Tilly

Catcher

5-5

Hits: R; Throws: R

Senior

Batavia, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Olivia Tilly: *"Olivia Tilly is a special player and person. She's played at a very high level of competition with the Elgin Heat, her travel team. There's no question in my mind that Olivia will be one of the best catchers in the Suburban Christian Conference. I think she's that good. Olivia handles pitchers well, has a strong arm, and is a very good hitter. It's really great to have her back on the team this season. In addition to her on-the-field capabilities, Olivia is a tremendous student who will be in the running to be her class's valedictorian. She brings a lot to the table."*

She will be looked upon to be one of the finest catchers in the Suburban Christian Conference in 2010. She can hit with power, is very solid behind the plate, and has an above-average throwing arm.

2009: Did not play as a junior...**2008:** Earned All-Private School League honors as a sophomore ... **2007:** Earned All-Private School League honors as a freshman as she hit .507 with 18 runs batted in.

Personal: Plays travel softball for the Elgin Heat...is an accomplished artist...has yet to make her college decision but is choosing among an impressive list of schools...daughter of Catherine and Todd Tilly...has a younger sister Lucy (13)...was born 2/13/1992.

2 Zerbrina Valdespino
Shortstop/Outfield
5-4
Hits: R; Throws: R
Junior
North Aurora, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Zerbrina Valdespino: *"Zerbrina Valdespino is someone whom I am very excited to have back as an important part of our program. I had heard good things about her as a junior varsity player two years ago but she decided not to play last fall. Zerbrina runs very well, has the ability to be a solid hitter, and can play several defensive positions. She's also a very hard worker and has a great attitude. I expect her to be a very nice addition to our team this spring."*

After sitting out the 2009 season, she will look to be a contributor for the Warriors this spring. Will likely open the season as a starter in the outfield but also has the potential to compete for the starting position at shortstop. She also runs very well. **2009:** Did not participate...**2008:** Played on the JV team at Wheaton Academy.

Personal: Daughter of Efren Valdespino...has a brother, Efren, who is a sophomore at Wheaton Academy...has two sisters: Kayla (9) and Bella (1 1/2)...was born 6/19/92.

7 Adrienne Washington
Catcher/UT
5-4
Hits: L; Throws: R
Freshman
Bartlett, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Adrienne Washington: *"It's hard to talk about Adrienne Washington without first discussing her personality. She's just a tremendous young lady and a natural leader. I think she's personally recruited half of the members of our frosh/soph. team because of her effervescent qualities. Adrienne's going to be a very good player for us as well. Because we don't have great depth at the varsity level she's going to need to float a bit between both teams but, in time, she's going to be a very good hitter and an above-average defensive catcher. We're thrilled to have her as part of our program."*

She will likely see playing time with both the varsity and frosh/soph. teams in 2010. Has the ability to be a very good softball player as her career progresses at Wheaton Academy.

Personal: Daughter of Dawn McCain and Charles Washington...was born 2/16/95.

20 Bitsy Weaver
First Base
5-8
Hits: L; Throws: L
Sophomore
Wheaton, Ill.

Coach Starowitz talking about Bitsy Weaver: *"I couldn't have expected any more than we received out of Bitsy Weaver as a freshman in 2009. There were times during the season when opponents just couldn't get her out. She is just a very sound, fundamental hitter. I think as she gets stronger she's going to be someone that will really be able to drive the ball in both alleys, while also being a threat to slap if the opportunity presents itself. She also runs well and she's smart. I think one thing that may have been overlooked last year was*

just how well she played defensively. Bitsy is a really good defensive first baseman. If she continues to work hard I'm confident that she'll be one of the best players in the Suburban Christian Conference as her career continues."

One of the top hitters in the Private School League as a freshman in 2009, she hit a team-high .429, while also leading the Warriors in slugging percentage (.584) and on-base percentage (.511). She secured the leadoff position in the WA lineup from the beginning season and never relinquished that role. She is now tied for eighth in the single-season IHSA record books for most consecutive hits with 10. Bitsy also played a solid first base and was a steadying influence on the Warriors defense.

2009: Earned all-Private School League honors as a freshman...led the Warriors in batting average (.429), slugging percentage (.584), and on-base percentage (.511)...is currently tied for eighth in the IHSA record book for most consecutive hits with 10 (hit in final at-bat at Newark, 3-for-3 vs. Kaneland, 2-for-2 vs. West Chicago, and 4-for-4 in the first game of a doubleheader vs. Aurora Christian) ...recorded 22 hits in the first 39 at-bats of her high school career...was 17-for-24 during a stretch of eight games from April 15-April 25...was 2-for-3 with a run scored and two doubles vs. Chicago Christian (4/22)...was 3-for-4 with a double, a run scored, and an RBI in an IHSA regional semifinal win over ACE Tech Charter (5/28).

Personal: Has played travel softball for the Wheaton Wildcats...was named to the all-star team of the WPD Girls Summer Softball High School League in 2009...also plays volleyball and is involved in the theater arts at Wheaton Academy...daughter of Connie and Jack Weaver...has a brother, Trent (21).

2010 WA Softball Coaching Biographies

Todd Starowitz **Second Season** **Varsity Head Coach**

Todd Starowitz enters his second season at the helm of the Wheaton Academy softball program. In 2009, he helped lead the Warriors to their first IHSA regional championship game appearance since the 2004 season, and its first at the 3A level. Wheaton Academy won eight more games in 2009 than it had the season prior to Starowitz's arrival.

A public relations manager at Tyndale House Publishers, Starowitz, 39, has collegiate and professional athletics experience working in both the Big Ten Conference and the National Football League.

At Tyndale, where he has worked since 2004, Starowitz has been responsible for the public relations efforts for a number of New York Times best sellers, including Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy's memoir, *Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life*, Ohio State head football coach Jim Tressel's *The Winners Manual: For the Game of Life*, Deanna Favre's *Don't Bet Against Me*, Kaylene Johnson's *Sarah: How a Hockey Mom Turned the Political Establishment Upside Down*, and Brenda and Kurt Warner's *First Things First*. He recently facilitated a PR tour for *The Official Chuck Norris Fact Book* and this summer will do the same for the new book by New Orleans Saints quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees, *Coming Back Stronger*. Dungy's *Quiet Strength* has sold more than 1,000,000 copies and spent more than 30 weeks on the Times' hardcover, non-fiction list. It is one of the bestselling sports-related titles in history.

Starowitz's most extensive softball experience came at Indiana University, where he worked very closely with the Hoosiers. As the media relations director for the softball program he attended practices and every game at home and on the road from 2001-

03. While at Indiana he worked for former Indiana head coach and current Iowa Hawkeyes assistant Diane Stephenson.

At Indiana University from 1997-03, Starowitz served as the football media relations director for former Hoosiers head coach and current Baltimore Ravens offensive coordinator Cam Cameron. Starowitz handled media relations responsibilities for the men's basketball program under Bob Knight during the 1999-00 campaign, and also worked closely with the men's and women's swimming, volleyball, and baseball programs. Prior to coming to Bloomington, Starowitz was a public relations assistant with the Philadelphia Eagles. He has also worked for the Indianapolis Colts and at in the athletic department at Colorado State University.

Starowitz currently works as a gameday statistician for the Chicago Bulls, as well as the shot clock operator for the WNBA's Chicago Sky. Todd is a 1993 graduate of Indiana University with a double major in journalism and political science. He played club lacrosse for the Hoosiers. Starowitz is a native of Canandaigua, N.Y., where he lettered in football, swimming, and baseball at Canandaigua Academy.

Todd lives in Winfield, Ill., with his wife, Beth Bauer. Beth is a graduate of Wheaton College and earned her doctorate in music education from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University in 2003. She teaches at Wheaton College, the College of DuPage, and the Wheaton College Community School of the Arts and has earned national recognition for her work teaching piano to children with Down syndrome and autism.

Rachael Burick **Fifth Season** **Varsity Assistant Coach**

Rachael Burick serves as Wheaton Academy's Technical Director and Yearbook Adviser. This is her fifth season with Wheaton Academy's soft-

ball program. Rachael is originally from West Chester, Pennsylvania, and is the youngest member of her family. She has an older sister, Rebecca, as well as an older brother, Josh, who teaches and is the History Department Head at Wheaton Academy. Her parents, Tom and Nancy, also live in West Chicago.

Rachael played softball throughout her high school career both during the spring and summer. Her high school team at Concordia Lutheran High School in Tomball, TX, earned a state championship title her junior year of high school.

Rachael earned a B.A. from Saint Mary's College and is in the process of completing her Masters Program in Teaching at Aurora University.

Libby Thompson **First Season** **Frosh/Soph. Head Coach**

Libby Thompson is in her first year coaching at Wheaton Academy. She is a junior at Wheaton College where she played left field and third base for her first two years before joining the WA coaching staff.

Originally from St. Louis, Libby graduated from Pattonville High School in 2007 and is now studying Christian Education and Psychology at Wheaton College. Upon graduation she plans to pursue a career in high school ministry. She is currently a leader with Aurora K-Life's High School program and spends her summers working at Kanakuk Kamps.

She has a heart for kids, sports, and missions, and hopes to integrate all three into her career. At home Libby is the third of four children, with three older step-siblings, and loves nothing more than spending time with her two young nieces.