



CLASS OF 2018 INDUCTEE



Susan Craig

A 1970 graduate of the University of New Mexico, Craig is a native of Albuquerque. At the time of her retirement in 2002, Susan Craig had served at the helm of the Lobos' softball program for 25 seasons. She had 654 career wins which ranked her tied for 14th in wins by active Division I Coaches. With her 654 wins, it put her tied for 17th all-time in the NCAA for career victories. In 17 of the 25 years that Craig had been at New Mexico, she has coached teams to national rankings. Her softball teams have been consistently among the most successful programs at the University of New Mexico. After over 1,000 games and three conference champions, Craig knows what it takes to run a successful program.

Craig was the first-ever president of the National Softball Coaches Association. In 1993, Craig's achievements were honored as she was named to the New Mexico branch of the American Softball Association's Hall of Fame. In 1991, she was also honored by being named to the Albuquerque Baseball and Softball Hall of Fame. In 1996, the National Softball Coaches Association presented her with an award recognizing her achievement of reaching the 500-win milestone in her career. By receiving the award, she became a "member" of what is known as the Easton Victory Club. In 1999, Craig was named Western Athletic Conference Co-Coach of the Year.

Craig and the Lobo softball program established a "Camp for Kids" program. The program is a week-long camp that gives girls between the ages of nine and 12 a chance to attend softball camp, when normally their families would not be able to afford it. Along with her pursuits in the community, Craig has also authored a couple of books on softball strategy. The Softball Handbook was written to help in the overall understanding of softball fundamentals and has been used throughout the U.S. and other English-speaking countries as a standard tool to that end. Power Offense was another book written by Craig and former assistant Ken Johnson that scope ranges from hitting, to attacking defenses with aggressive baserunning, to implementing an offensive strategy.

A second baseman by nature, Craig played major ASA fast-pitch softball and was three times an all-region selection for her team. Craig was named the Western Athletic Conference's Coach-of-the-Year in 1992 and 1999. Craig has helped produce four All-Americans, 39 All-Region and 46 All-Conference Athletes.

