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Supporting WVC's Athletes

Student Support Personnel Team for West Valley College

The Student support personnel team works professionally to provide open communication amongst students, team members, and affected participants.

Vice President of Student Services: Dr. Victoria Hindes
Counselors include:
- Dr. Wanda Wong, N4A 2-year college committee chair & respondent to the NCAA on 2 year college issues and member of 3C4A
- Sara Patterson member of 3C4A and N4A Admissions and Records Eligibility: Loretta McMahon
Athletic Director: Joan Worley
Athletic Trainers: Paul Starks and Meredith Dillon
Athletic Secretary: Lisa McNiven
Athletic Equipment Specialist: Roger Hopkins
Disabled Educational Support Program: Ross Smith and Jean Finch
Financial Aid: Elizabeth Ochoa
Health Services: Becky Perelli
Tutoring: Jeff Griffin

A Message from the President

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Where They Transfer

Albertson College-Idaho
Arkansas Tech University
Azusa Pacific University
Campbellsville University-Kentucky
Chadrow State College
Claremont College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Concordia University
CSU Chico
CSU East Bay
CSU Fresno
CSU Fullerton
CSU Humboldt
CSU Long Beach
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Northridge
CSU Pomona
CSU San Diego
CSU San Francisco
CSU San Jose
CSU San Luis Obispo
CSU Sonoma
Fort Hayes State University
Lewis and Clark University
Lincoln Memorial University-Tennessee
Long Island University – NY
McPherson College
Menlo College
Mesa State University
Northern State University
Notre Dame de Namur
Occidental College
Oklahoma State University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Pepperdine
Santa Clara University
Southern Illinois University
Southwest Montana State
St. Francis – New York
St. Mary’s University-Kansas
Syracuse University
Texas Tech University
UC Berkeley
UC Irvine
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
UCLA
University of Alaska-Anchorage
University of La Verne
University of Mexico
University of Nebraska-Kearney
University of Nevada-Reno
University of North Carolina-Greensboro
University of Oregon
University of San Diego
University of the Pacific
University of Western Michigan
Utah State University
Washburn University
West Georgia State University
West Virginia Wesleyan
Whitworth University

Athletes Who Transfer

Women 17
Men 40

WVC ATHLETES AT A GLANCE (2009-2010)

| Scholarships Awarded | Women | 1 |
| Number Athletes by Gender | Women | 68 |
| | Men | 164 |
| Athletes Who Transfer | Women | 17 |
| | Men | 40 |

Average Number of Units Completed

- WVC Athletics: 24.5
- General Students: 9.4

Grade Point Average

- WVC Athletics: 2.93
- General Students: 2.79

Facts & Information

Student Athletes Volunteering in the Community:
- Bay Area Women’s Sports Initiative (BAWSI) since 2005
- San Jose Rock and Roll half marathon since 2005
- Big Kahuna of Santa Cruz
- Jungle Run of Los Gatos
- Second Harvest Food Bank donation
- Stanford Soccer game ushers
- Stanford Children’s Hospital team volunteers
- El Camino Children’s Hospital volunteers

Notable WVC Alumni
- Erik Thames – Toronto Blue Jays
- Jason Cordioli – San Diego Padres
- David Berner – Houston Astros
- Carlos Hernandez – Oakland A’s
- Chris Balcolm-Miller – Boston Red Sox

Notable WVC Coaches
- Bruce Watson – US National Team member 1976-1979, USA Water Polo All American 1983
- Vicky Galindo- World Champion Gold Medalist 2010, USA Softball Olympic Silver Medalist in the 2008 Beijing games
- Jennifer Kerwin-National Soccer Collegiate Athletic Association Western Region Coach of the Year 2004

Student Athlete Transfer Information

Oregon Institute of Technology
Pepperdine
Santa Clara University
Southern Illinois University
Southwest Montana State
St. Francis – New York
St. Mary’s University-Kansas
Syracuse University
Texas Tech University
UC Berkeley
UC Irvine
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UC Santa Cruz
UCLA
University of Alaska-Anchorage
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Athletes by Ethnicity (Women)

- African American (2)
- Hispanic (13)
- White (37)
- Other (2)

Athletes by Ethnicity (Men)

- African American (30)
- Hispanic (36)
- White (97)
- Other (9)