

## 2000 HALL OF FAME



### *Andrea Serrano* *Outstanding Athlete*

Andrea Serrano is a true Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table alum. Andrea was a 6-time SBART Athlete of the Year, 3 while at Dos Pueblos HS and 3 while at UCSB. Andrea is very modest about her achievements. You decide. Dos Pueblos HS MVP, All-Channel League and All-CIF were just a few of the honors Andrea garnered while pitching (and playing) softball into a position of power. She emphasizes the fact that her performance, maturation, and any successes bear a direct relationship to the influence of her friend and coach, the late Jennifer Moreland.

Her transition from high school to university was less successful than ever imagined. Her frosh year at UCSB found her struggling academically and athletically as her Gaucho team suffered through a 6-50 season. Then the real Andrea Serrano stood up. She became a two-time winner of UCSB's Golden Eagle Scholar-Athlete Award; was selected as a GTE Academic All-American; a Big West Scholar-Athlete; and won All-Big West Conference honors.

Typically her proudest moments are not individual accomplishments; they include a Gaucho win over UCLA during a record-setting Bruins' win streak.

Overcoming adversity defines Andrea Serrano. She broke her cheekbone in a pre-senior season freak softball accident. So what? Just wear a protective cage and get on with the game. That same spirit and determination made her an Academic All-American. She majored in Speech and Hearing Sciences, obtained an M.S. in the same field, and what is she doing now? "I love my job as a speech-language pathologist working with special needs students ages 5-22."

She credits her family for any successes; her mother Joan was a recipient of the Louise Lowry Davis Award, her dad coached and her siblings competed. She lives in Tucson, is a Yoga instructor and loves to hike. Her proud moments include: "Teachers or parents expressing how you are making a difference in their kid's lives."