

Fayetteville state has added seven new recruits to its 2011-12 softball roster. Adding to a core of talented players, these new additions promise to aid the Lady Broncos as they seek a championship season. The new class of player features three All-State Players, a player named MVP at a world series tournament, a player that helped lead her team to a third-place finish in high school State playoffs, a player that helped lead her team to two separate NC State Championships, and two players that participated in the NC State Games. The Lady Broncos extend their core team by three catchers, a third baseman, a shortstop with a gun of an arm, a speedy outfielder and two talented pitchers. Coach Who is very excited about the upcoming year, stating, "Our program is heading in the right direction. With these new additions to the core players we already had, we expect great things from this team."

**TIA CALDWELL – P/SS/1B – 5’10” – R/SWITCH – NEWPORT, NC/CARTERET COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



Tia, a four-year letter-winner in softball at West Cartaret High School, comes to Fayetteville State University after spending her freshman year at Carteret Community College. At West Cartaret, Tia was a four-year letter-winner for softball, leading the team to two consecutive state playoff bids – a first in school history. Named MVP her senior year, Tia was named All-Conference her sophomore, junior and senior years, and honored by the NCHSAA as an All-District and All-State player during her junior and senior years. A member of the FFA all four years of high

school, Tia was an outstanding student and a member of the National Honor Society for three years.

Played travel ball with the Crystal Coat Rage and Crystal Coast Comets, winning MVP recognition in numerous tournaments. Born in Newbern, NC, the daughter of Shirley and William Caldwell, Tia has one brother, Jeremy. Per Coach Who, "Tia is a great surprise addition to the team and will be an asset to our team from the mound, in the field and at the plate."

**KALNEISHA DRAWHORN – OF/C - 5'4" – R/R – ROWLAND, NC/ SOUTH ROBESON**



Kalneisha, a four-year letter winner in softball at South Robeson High School, has just completed a successful fall campaign with the Lady Broncos. Kalneisha's solid glove and ability to play multiple positions on the field makes her a valuable addition to the softball team. Kalneisha is a determined player who aggressively follows through on every play. Born in Lumberton, NC, the daughter of Anthony and Mary Drawhorn, Kalneisha, or "Laps", as she is known to the team, has four siblings. "Kalneisha brings excitement and flexibility to our program," Coach Who says.

**RENEE TORI GUISCHARD – OF – 5'5" – R/R – FORT BRAGG, NC – CARTHAGE (NY)**



Freshman Renee Guischard was recruited by Coach Who to play outfield for the FSU Lady Broncos. A dual sport athlete participating in volleyball for FSU as well, Renee was a three-year letter winner at Vilseck, Copperas and Carthage High Schools, where she played

outfield. Renee received All-Star recognition all three years for her outstanding performance on the softball field, in the classroom and for being a person of character. Born in Wuerzburg, Germany, Renee is the daughter of Sherry and Patrick Davis. Renee has two sisters , Brittany and Angela, and a brother, Andre. Regarding Renee, Coach Who comments, “Renee’s speed adds an edge to our team and we will use it to our advantage.”

**SIERRA-BETHANY DIANE HENDERSON-HOLMES – C/3B/2B – 5’3” – R/R – OLIVIA, NC – W. HARNETT**



Sierra, a four-year letter winner for the Western Harnett, has just completed a successful fall campaign in her freshman year. From behind the plate, Sierra picked off and threw out numerous opponents, while on third base her aggressive play helped shut down the opposition’s offense. Batted a solid .448 during the fall campaign, with 6 doubles and 8 RBI’s. An All-Conference, All-Region, All-District and All-State player in high school, Sierra set three new NCHSAA record’s, 8 new school records, and hit .457 with a .581 slugging, while racking up 41 extra base hits and 107 RBI’s during her high school Career. Sierra was a vital part of the 2007 NC 16u USSSA State Championship team and the 2008 NC 16 NSA State Championship teams, and was named MVP of the 2008 World Series. Played travel ball with the Fuquay Bombs Red under Grant Coleman and with the Cape Fear Storm. Sierra was born in Sarasota, FL, daughter of Dawn Henderson and Daniel Holmes. Alphet, as she is known to the team, has one brother, Ryan, and the love of her life, her nephew, Dallas. Says Coach Who, “Alphet is a very solid player with a strong bat and outstanding defense. She is a great addition to the team.”

**KAYLA RHODES HINTON – C/2B – 5’6” – R/R -- ROCKY MOUNT, NC /PITT COMMUNITY**



Kayla, a four-year letter winner for Southwest Edgecombe, just wrapped up an outstanding fall season for the Lady Broncos. Holding down the fort at 2<sup>nd</sup> base, Kayla made some stunning, run saving plays in the field, while accumulating a .400 batting average at the plate. A former All-Conference, All-Area, All-District and All-State player in high school, Kayla participated in the NC State games during both her junior and senior years, and was also named SW Edgecombe’s Female Student Athlete of the Year in her sophomore and junior years. Played travel ball for the Lady Starz and the Lady Blues. Kayla arrives at FSU by way of Pitt Community College. Born in Rocky Mount, NC, daughter of Gail and James Hinton Jr, Kayla has two siblings, Morgan and Daniel. Coach who enthuses: “Defense is Kayla’s expertise and I love it. A good bat only adds to the package”

**REBECCA JANE POLASCHEK – P/OF – 5’7” – R/R – HOPE MILLS, NC/BARTON COLLEGE**



Rebecca, a four-year letter winner for Cornerstone Christian, has just finished up a successful fall campaign for the Lady Broncos. On the mound, Rebecca provided outstanding pitching for FSU, and on the field picked up a new acquired position with alacrity: 1<sup>st</sup> base, posting a perfect fielding percentage of 1.00. During high school, Rebecca helped lead her school to a third-place state finish, during which she posted a .375 batting average. An All-Conference and All-State player in High School, Rebecca comes to FSU by way of Barton College. Rebecca, known as “Turtle” by her teammates, is the daughter of Robbin and Dean Polaschek. “Turtle has come home where she belongs,” comments Coach Who. “She makes a great addition to our pitching staff!”