

Angel Shamblin  
Class of 2019



Angel graduated from Las Plumas High School (LPHS) in 1990 where she played varsity softball for three years and was Eastern Athletic All-League as a junior and senior. She also played basketball.

Following high school, Angel wanted to stay close to home and enrolled at Butte Community College where she played shortstop on the softball team and received Honorable Mention on the Golden Valley Conference team. After earning her AA degree at Butte, she attended Brigham Young University (BYU) Hawaii for one year, playing in the outfield.

After leaving BYU in Hawaii, and working in the orthopedic field, local friend and current athletic director at Oroville High School, Tom Frazier, asked her if she'd like to be a volunteer coach of the Central School girls 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team. Angel accepted and enjoyed it so much she returned to college to pursue her teaching credential. She earned her BA degree in Kinesiology from Cal State University, Chico (CSUC) in 2001 and her MA degree in 2010.

From 2000-2006, Angel was employed at Pleasant Valley High School (PVHS) in Chico serving as Junior Varsity softball coach for two years, assistant varsity coach for two years and head varsity softball coach for the 2005 and 2006 seasons. As a two-year varsity coach her teams compiled a record of 64 wins nine losses and one tie and were Northern California Interscholastic Federation (NSCIF) champions both years, playing 28 home games and losing only one.

Following her stint at PVHS, Angel ventured to Yuma, Arizona in 2007 to become head coach at Arizona Western Community College (AWCC). She found success there as well and was named the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference Softball Coach of the Year in 2009.

After her successful two years at AWCC, with a record of 64 wins, 36 losses and two ties, Chico State Athletic Director Anita Barker came calling when the CSUC head softball coaching position became open. The program was in need of a strong leader and Angel was that coach and leader. She had previously served as an assistant at CSUC, knew the program and what it would take to rebuild it.

In her first year as CSUC head coach, Angel led her team to their first winning season in four years leading them to a 32-21 record, an improvement of 14 wins over the previous year and its first winning season since 2005. They won their last nine conference games to finish fourth in the conference and qualify for post season play for the first time in four years. They finished the season one-win shy of reaching the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship finals, eventually losing to national champion Hawaii Pacific in the NCAA West Super Regional, one game shy of reaching the Division II College World Series and a #17 national ranking.

Over the last nine seasons, Angel's teams have posted an impressive record of 310 wins and 170 losses and winning percentage of .548 and multiple appearances in the post season. Her teams have won California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) and NCAA West Region titles and earned a berth to the Division II Championship finals. Her teams have won more than 30 games in each of her first three seasons and in 2018, posted a 55-6 record - the most ever by a Chico State softball team.

Over the last decade, Angel established herself as one of the top college softball coaches in the nation. Her 310 wins over nine seasons make her the winningest coach in CSUC history. Her teams have earned their way into the post season seven times and won CCAA and NCAA Region titles. Her 55-win 2018 team earned a trip to the NCAA Division II Championship Finals and finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Along with CSUC's amazing team accomplishments, 2018 also saw Angel named the 2018 CCAA Coach of the Year and she and her staff were honored as the West Region Coaching Staff of the Year. In her nine years at CSUC, her girls have won 47 all-conference awards, 36 All-West Region selections, and four All-American honors. The team went 31-17 and finished in the Top 25 in the country. Her six seniors all graduated and every student athlete who completed her eligibility graduated.

In addition to hosting a Little League Day annually at CSUC, during the Camp Fire, Angel and her players volunteered at animal shelters and assisted people who had to evacuate their homes. They also collected softball gear from all over the area and donated it to the Paradise High School Softball team.

Angel makes her home in Chico.