

UTD Adds Assistant Softball Coach

RICHARDSON, TX (Sept. 26, 2005) - University of Texas at Dallas head softball coach Kim Sotomayor has selected one of her former players as the team's new assistant coach.

Nora Pitpitan, who was an outfielder at New Mexico Highlands University while Sotomayor served as an assistant coach there, is now the assistant softball coach/head women's cross country coach at UTD.

Like the head coach, Pitpitan also graduated from Amphitheater High School in Tucson, Arizona before attending Pima Community College for two years before beginning her career at Highlands. She earned a BS degree in exercise science and sport with a minor in coaching from NMHU in May 2004.

Pitpitan spent the last year in her original hometown of Los Angeles, California, where she worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District and served as an assistant coach with Discovery Charter High School. The first-year program finished with an 11-8 record.

She also worked as an assistant coach with West Las Vegas (NM) High School while finishing up her undergraduate courses at NMHU. That team finished 15-2 and earned a trip to the state playoffs.

Pitpitan's other coaching experience came as a volunteer assistant with an amateur team in Tucson and as a student-assistant at Pima Community College.

"I have known Nora for more than 10 years, and am happy to have her as part of my staff," Sotomayor said. "She has a tremendous work ethic and is very competitive and I am anticipating both of those characteristics rubbing off on the team."

Pitpitan takes over the assistant position that Sotomayor held prior to being named head softball coach. Pitpitan will also coach the UTD women's cross country team during the early fall.