



### 2017 FALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (CT)
<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>NC State</b>	<b>+4:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 1	at Elon	1:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Lenoir Rhyne</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>North Georgia</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>North Georgia</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>NC Central</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>Elon</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 26	at Liberty	6:30 p.m.

**Bold indicates home dates**  
*All times Eastern and subject to change*  
 +- ACC Network Extra

### DUKE SOFTBALL TIMELINE

- Dec. 16, 2013 - Duke Vice President and Director of Athletics Dr. Kevin White announces the addition of softball as a varsity sport
- Spring 2014 - Trustees of Duke University approve the addition of softball as the institution's 27th intercollegiate sport
- July 29, 2015 - Duke Vice President and Director of Athletics Dr. Kevin White announces the hiring of the program's first head coach, Marissa Young
- July 30, 2015 - Marissa Young meets with the media for the first time since her hiring
- Nov. 23, 2015 - Marissa Young announces Duke softball's inaugural signing class, as the Blue Devils sign Hannah Pridemore, Jazmine Moreno and Allison Florian
- April 1, 2016 - Duke announces plans to break ground on new softball stadium located on East Campus
- May 23, 2016 - Duke Vice President and Director of Athletics Dr. Kevin White, Senior Deputy Director of Athletics Dr. Chris Kennedy and head coach Marissa Young break ground on Duke's new softball stadium
- Nov. 16, 2016 - Duke head coach Marissa Young announces her second signing class, comprised of seven student-athletes
- June 27, 2017 - Laura Valentino joins staff as an assistant coach
- July 6, 2017 - Lacey Waldrop joins staff as an assistant coach
- Aug. 27, 2017 - Construction is completed on the Duke Softball Stadium
- Aug. 28, 2017 - Duke moves in to stadium.
- Sept. 16, 2017 - Duke holds its first official team practice
- Sept. 30, 2017 - Duke takes on NC State in its first competition as a program


VS.


**DUKE**

**NC STATE**

**HEAD COACHES**

Marissa Young . . . . . Name . . . . . Shawn Rychcik  
 0-0 (1st Season) . . . . . Record At School . . . . . 150-131-1 (6th Season)  
 Same . . . . . Career Record . . . . . 421-290-2 (14th Season)

**2017 RECORD**

First Season . . . . . Overall . . . . . 18-38  
 First Season . . . . . ACC . . . . . 10-14

### GENERAL INFO

**Location:** . . . . . Durham, N.C.  
**Stadium:** . . . . . Duke Softball Stadium (500)  
**Date:** . . . . . Saturday, Sept. 30  
**Live Stream:** . . . . . ACC Network Extra  
**Talent:** . . . . . David Shumate, John Roth & Art Chase  
**Live Stats:** . . . . . www.GoDuke.com  
**Saturday Forecast:** . . . . . 77 Degrees, Sunny (0%)

### PROBABLE STARTERS

POS.	NAME	AVG.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SB
C	Jazmine Moreno	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1B	Amelia Wiercioch	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2B	Kortney Dry	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3B	Raine Wilson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SS	Jameson Kavel	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
LF	Haley Wymbs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CF	Ashleigh Rodriguez	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
RF	Rachel Abboud	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
DP	Hannah Pridemore	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

POS.	NAME	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
P	Peyton St. George	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
P	Katherine Huey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
P	Amelia Wiercioch	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

### NEED TO KNOW

- Duke will play in its first ever competition as a varsity program on Saturday, as it hosts the NC State Wolfpack to open up the Fall schedule at the Duke Softball Stadium at 4 p.m.
- Head coach Marissa Young, who was hired in July 2015, will lead a squad of 18 players onto the field Saturday in her first contest as a head coach. She was previously an assistant for the last two seasons at cross-town rival North Carolina.
- Young completed her staff this summer with the additions of Laura Valentino and Lacey Waldrop. Valentino was recently a standout assistant at Charlotte, while Waldrop spent last season as a graduate assistant with the national champion Oklahoma Sooners. Waldrop was a two-time ACC Pitcher of the Year selection and the 2014 USA Softball National Player of the Year pick at Florida State.
- Duke's 2017-18 roster is comprised of players from nine different states: California (6), Virginia (3), Georgia (2), Florida (2), North Carolina (1), Texas (1), Nevada (1), Oklahoma (1) and New Jersey (1).
- Young has already made big news for the seasons to come, as her 2018 recruiting class has been ranked ninth nationally by FloSoftball. Her 2018 class includes four of the top 100 players in the nation.
- The Duke Softball Stadium, which completed construction in late August, has capacity for 500 fans in the stands along with additional lawn spaces down the right field line. The stadium includes three indoor batting cages, locker room, team room, athletic training area, conference room and a press box. Designed by EwingCole and constructed by Romeo Guest and Associates, the stadium features a playing surface of Latitude 36 Bermudagrass and Ephesus LED lighting.



# MEDIA INFORMATION

## CONTACT

Information about the Duke University Softball team will be coordinated by Assistant Sports Information Director Hunter Richardson. All interview requests for student-athletes and coaches should be made to Hunter Richardson at (919) 684-6522 or h.richardson@duke.edu.

## PRESS SERVICES

Weekly press releases, including individual and team statistics, as well as information on upcoming games, will be available at the beginning of each week in which the team competes. Members of the media can request to be added to the email list to automatically receive up-to-date information on Duke softball. On game days, game flipcards, individual and team stats and any pertinent pregame information are available in the press box.

## INTERVIEWS

Interviews must be conducted before or after practice. Requests should be made 24 hours in advance to ensure availability through Hunter Richardson in the Duke Sports Information office. In the event of a schedule change or bad weather, check with Richardson for updated practice times.

For post-game interviews, head coach Marissa Young and requested players will be available following a 10-minute cooling off period on the field.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Fans can keep up with the Blue Devil softball team by following the program on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Search "DukeSoftball" on all three platforms and follow/like the program's page to receive up-to-the-minute and behind-the-scenes information on the program.

Fans can also get exclusive coverage of Duke athletics by following the school's Snapchat account by searching "dukeathletics".

## DUKE ON THE WEB

All of the latest news concerning the Blue Devil softball team, including notes, features, updated statistics and results, is available 24 hours a day on Duke's official athletics website, GoDuke.com/softball.

## QUICK FACTS

Location .....	Durham, N.C.
Enrollment .....	6,495
Founded .....	1838 Trinity College
Color .....	Duke Blue & White
Nickname .....	Blue Devils
Conference .....	ACC
Stadium .....	Duke Softball Stadium (500)
President .....	Vincent E. Price
Director of Athletics/Vice President .....	Kevin White
Head Coach .....	Marissa Young
Record at Duke (Years).....	0-0 (1st)
ACC Record .....	0-0 (1st)
Career Record/Years.....	0-0 (1st)
Assistant Coaches .....	Laura Valentino Lacey Waldrop
Volunteer Assistant.....	Robert Young
Director of Operations .....	Casey Price
Sport Admin.....	Todd Mesibov
Athletic Trainer.....	Morgan Skidmore
Sports Performance.....	Meghan Rottler
Equipment Manager.....	Crystal Terry
Academic Coordinator.....	Maddie Wheeler
Facilities Coordinator/Game Ops.....	Nicole Batista

## SOFTBALL HISTORY

First Year of Softball.....	2018
Marissa Young Hired .....	July 29, 2015
Stadium Construction Completed.....	Aug. 27, 2017
Team Move Into Stadium .....	Aug. 28, 2017
First Team Practice.....	Sept. 16, 2017

## SPORTS INFORMATION

Assoc. Director/External Affairs .....	Art Chase
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# 2017 ROSTER

## NUMERICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	B/T	HT.	YR.	EXP.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
00	Jillian Nobles	UTL	R/R	6-0	Gr.	TR	Long Beach, Calif. (North Carolina A&T)
1	Jill Ferraro	C	R/R	5-7	Gr.	TR	Ashburn, Va. (North Carolina)
2	Jameson Kavel	INF/OF	R/R	5-8	Fr.	HS	Duluth, Ga. (Wesleyan School)
3	Haley Wymbs	OF	L/L	5-3	RSo.	TR	San Jose, Calif. (Seattle University)
4	Reilly Metzger	UTL	L/R	5-4	Jr.	TR	Boerne, Texas (Columbia University)
7	Katherine Huey	RHP	R/R	5-10	Fr.	HS	Cummings, Ga. (South Forsyth HS)
9	Allison Florian	INF/OF	R/R	5-6	RFr.	RS	Kannapolis, N.C. (Northwest Cabarrus)
10	Peyton St. George	RHP	R/R	5-10	Fr.	HS	Mechanicsville, Va. (Atlee HS)
12	Hannah Pridemore	C	R/R	5-4	RFr.	RS	Lithia, Fla. (Newsome HS)
13	Ashleigh Rodriguez	OF	R/R	5-6	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Liberty HS)
14	Raine Wilson	UTL	R/R	5-6	So.	TR	Mechanicsville, Va. (James Madison)
17	Makenna Lutterloh	INF/OF	R/R	5-3	Fr.	HS	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic HS)
19	Amelia Wiercioch	RHP/1B	L/R	6-1	Fr.	HS	Tustin, Calif. (Rosary Academy)
21	Emilie Cieslak	1B/3B	R/R	5-8	RFr.	RS	Montvale, N.J. (Immaculate Heart Academy)
23	Meghan Riddle	UTL	L/R	5-4	Jr.	TR	Jupiter, Fla. (Indian River State College)
30	Jazmine Moreno	C/OF	R/R	5-4	RFr.	RS	Elk Grove, Calif. (Elk Grove HS)
31	Kortney Dry	INF	R/R	5-6	RFr.	RS	Tahlequah, Okla. (Tahlequah HS)
34	Rachel Abboud	UTL	L/L	5-5	Fr.	HS	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Edison HS)

## ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME
34	- ABOUD, Rachel	4	- METZGER, Reilly	14	- WILSON, Raine
21	- CIESLAK, Emilie	30	- MORENO, Jazmine	3	- WYMBS, Haley
31	- DRY, Kortney	00	- NOBLES, Jillian		
1	- FERRARO, Jill	12	- PRIDEMORE, Hannah		
9	- FLORIAN, Allison	23	- RIDDLE, Meghan		
7	- HUEY, Katherine	13	- RODRIGUEZ, Ashleigh		
2	- KAVEL, Jameson	10	- ST. GEORGE, Peyton		
17	- LUTTERLOH, Makenna	19	- WIERCIOCH, Amelia		

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Rachel ABOUD .....Ah-bood  
 Emilie CIESLAK ..... Seas-lack  
 Jameson KAVEL ..... KAY-vel  
 Makenna LUTTERLOH.....Letter-loh  
 Amelia WIERCIOCH ..... Wier-chuck  
 Haley WYMBS .....WHY-mbs



# MARISSA YOUNG



## The Marissa Young File

### Personal:

**Hometown:** Santa Ana, Calif.

**Undergraduate:** Michigan, 2003

### Coaching Career:

#### Head Coach, Duke, 2015-Present

Assistant Coach, North Carolina, 2014-15

Assistant Coach, Eastern Michigan, 2012-13

Head Coach, Concordia University, 2008-11

### Career Player & Coaching Highlights:

- Helped UNC to 37-16 record in 2015, advancing to the NCAA Tournament
- Five Academic All-Americans and five player of the week selections at Eastern Michigan
- At Concordia, turned a 2-20 program to a .500 team in less than three years
- Captured second-most wins in a single season in 2002, advancing to the NAIA National Tournament
- Three-time All-American pitcher at Michigan
- 2003 Big Ten Player of the Year
- 2002 Big Ten Pitcher of the Year
- Michigan all-time strikeouts leader (927) and second in career wins (88)
- Matched the then-program single-season home run record with 13 in 2003
- Played two years of professional softball, one in Italy and the second with the Texas Thunder of the National Pro Fastpitch

## Head Coach • First Season • @DukeCoachYoung

Former Big Ten Player of the Year Marissa Young will be the first head softball coach at Duke University, announced by Vice President and Director of Athletics Dr. Kevin White on July 29, 2015. Young spent the past two years as an assistant coach at the University of North Carolina.

The Blue Devils are scheduled to open varsity play during the 2017-18 academic year. Eleven current ACC schools sponsor softball including Boston College, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Louisville, North Carolina, N.C. State, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Virginia and Virginia Tech.

"In Marissa Young, Duke was able to secure the talents of one of the brightest young stars in the softball coaching profession," Dr. White said. "Her pedigree as both a coach and a player is simply spectacular. Having played for, and excelled in, one of the premier programs in America at Michigan, Marissa understands winning at the highest level of college softball. Even more impressive is her advocacy, energy and passion for student-athletes. Unequivocally, we believe she is the right coach to build an amazing softball program from the ground up here at Duke. We are ecstatic she is joining the Duke family."

"First and foremost I want to thank God for blessing me with this opportunity," Young said. "I am honored by Dr. White's belief in me and entrusting me to start the softball program at Duke. Starting a program is a once in a lifetime opportunity, but to do it at one of the nation's most prestigious schools academically and athletically is a dream come true. Success is not a single event but a process. After meeting with Dr. White, I was confident in his visionary leadership and commitment to the process of making Duke Softball successful. The excitement on campus and within the athletic department about the start of our program has been astounding. I look forward to building this program from the ground up and to carry on the successful tradition of Duke athletics both on and off the field."

Young was a three-time All-America selection as a pitcher at the University of Michigan and was named the 2002 Big Ten Pitcher of the Year and 2003 Big Ten Player of the Year. At North Carolina, her primary responsibilities included coaching the pitchers and catchers.

In the spring of 2015, Young helped the Tar Heels to a 37-16 overall record and a berth in the NCAA Tournament after the squad won 24 contests the prior season. Young's pitchers posted a 3.30 earned run average with 234 strikeouts in 335.1 innings pitched.

Young spent the 2012 and 2013 seasons as an assistant coach at Eastern Michigan, where she served as the compliance liaison, recruiting coordinator and managed team travel and the operational budget, among other duties. She helped coach five Academic All-America picks and five player of the week selections during her tenure at Eastern Michigan.

Prior to her stint at EMU, Young was the head coach at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Mich., from 2008-11. In less than three years, she turned the 2-20 program to a 23-23 record, the second-most wins in a single season since an appearance in the 2002 NAIA National Tournament.

Young graduated from Michigan in 2003 as the all-time strikeout leader (927) and her 88 career wins became the second highest in program history. She also matched the then-program single-season home run record with 13 in 2003.

Young played two years of professional softball, one overseas in Italy and the second year with the Texas Thunder of the National Pro Fastpitch.

A native of Santa Ana, Calif., Young has three children: Layla, Jolyna and Kayden.



## ASSISTANT COACH LAURA VALENTINO



### FIRST SEASON AT DUKE

Hometown: Smithtown, N.Y.

Undergraduate: Hofstra, 2011  
Physical Education

Graduate: Fairfield, 2013  
Special Education

### THE VALENTINO FILE

#### Coaching Career

Assistant Coach, Duke, 2017-Present  
Assistant Coach, Charlotte, 2015-17  
Assistant Coach, Fairfield, 2012-14

#### Coaching Bio

Laura Valentino joined the Duke softball staff in June, 2017 and serves as an assistant coach with primary responsibilities including infield play, catching and offensive strategy.

Valentino joined the Duke program following three seasons at the University of North Carolina Charlotte. While with the 49ers, her primary responsibilities included offensive and defensive development and strategy with an emphasis on catching.

In 2017, UNC Charlotte won 30 games – reaching the 30-win plateau for the second straight season – including the program's first Conference USA Tournament victory since 2001. Valentino helped mentor shortstop Haley Pace, who earned all-conference and all-region honors on the field as well as first team CoSIDA Academic All-America accolades after establishing school single-season records for batting average (.433), slugging percentage (.487), runs scored (53) and home runs (15) while matching the 49er mark for hits (71).

In 2016, the 49ers achieved their first 30-win season since 2010 and received votes in the NFCA Top 25 poll for the first time in school history. The squad's marked improvement was highlighted by a .295 team batting average, up from .257 in 2015, while freshman outfielder Emma Ocker earned first team All-Conference USA and C-USA All Freshman Team accolades. In addition, Pace earned NFCA All-Region honors as well as the Conference USA Spirit of Service Award while pitcher Lexi Betancourt claimed an all-league citation and became UNC Charlotte's all-time wins leader.

Valentino joined the UNC Charlotte staff after three years as an assistant coach at Fairfield University, where she aided with all facets of offense, defense, pitching and catching along with recruiting and administrative duties. At Fairfield, Valentino helped the Stags to two MAAC regular season championships and three conference tournament appearances with a pair of runner-up finishes. Additionally, she coached four 2014 first team All-MAAC selections including the MAAC Pitcher of the Year and MAAC Player of the Year.

Prior to her time at Fairfield, Valentino was a four-year letterwinner with the Hofstra University softball team as a designated player, infielder and catcher and was a part of the two winningest seasons in program history (45 wins in both 2008 & 2010). Valentino started 84 games over her final two seasons, helped NFCA All-America pitcher Olivia Galati establish school single-season records for wins (29), shutouts (17) and strikeouts (348) and capped her career by earning a spot on the NFCA Scholar-Athlete Team and garnering the Hofstra University Outstanding Senior Athlete award.

A native of Smithtown, N.Y., and member of the Smithtown High School Hall of Fame, Valentino graduated from Hofstra in 2011 with a degree in physical education and later earned a master's degree in special education from Fairfield in 2013.

## ASSISTANT COACH LACEY WALDROP



### FIRST SEASON AT DUKE

Hometown: Chester, Va.

Undergraduate: Florida State, 2015

### THE WALDROP FILE

#### Coaching Career

Assistant Coach, Duke, 2017-Present  
Graduate Assistant, Oklahoma, 2017

#### Coaching Bio

Lacey Waldrop joined the Duke softball staff in July, 2017 and serves as an assistant coach with primary responsibilities including pitching staff and player development.

Waldrop joins the Duke program following one season at the University of Oklahoma, where she served as a graduate student manager as the Sooners went 61-9, captured the Big 12 regular season and tournament titles and defeated top-seeded Florida in the best-of-three NCAA championship series to win their second consecutive national crown.

A native of Chester, Va., Waldrop was a two-time ACC Pitcher of the Year selection and the 2014 USA Softball National Player of the Year pick at Florida State while helping the Seminoles to a four-year record of 195-58 with three ACC regular season championships, two ACC Tournament crowns and four NCAA Tournament berths including one College World Series appearance in 2014. A three-time All-ACC and three-time All-America choice, she hurled 859.2 career innings to post a record of 109-29 with seven saves, a 1.37 earned run average and 917 strikeouts.

Waldrop, a two-time Academic All-ACC choice and two-time ACC All-Tournament Team selection, finished her career among Florida State's all-time leaders in pitching victories (1st), pitching appearances (170; 2nd), strikeouts (3rd) and saves (4th). In addition, she was the recipient of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award in 2015 and earned 16 ACC Player of the Week citations during her heralded career. The No. 3 overall selection in the 2015 National Pro Fastball draft by the Chicago Bandits, Waldrop helped the Bandits to consecutive NPF championships in 2015 and 2016.