

# *Jeanine Christian*

*ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC  
ATHLETIC  
HALL OF FAME  
2004 INDUCTEE*



*A three-time All-American women's tennis player at Armstrong State, Jeanine Christian was a key member of the Lady Pirates' NCAA Division II National Championship squads in 1995 and 1996. Christian began her career as ASC's No. 3 singles player and, as a senior in 1997, was not only the top singles player for the Pirates, but the top-ranked singles player in NCAA Division II.*

*As a freshman from Frankfurt, Germany, Christian went 25-5 in singles and 24-4 in doubles, earning All-Peach Belt Athletic Conference and ITA All-America honors in both singles and doubles. She attained rankings of No. 19 in singles and No. 2 in doubles in her first year for the Pirates as the team brought home Armstrong State's first-ever NCAA Division II National Championship.*

*1996 saw Christian move up in the lineup to the No. 2 singles spot and she responded with another outstanding year, going an undefeated 23-0 in singles during the dual match season and compiling an 18-3 doubles record, again earning All-PBAC honors in singles and doubles, as well as ITA All-America honors in both. Christian's improvement in singles was also reflected in the rankings, as she finished the year ranked No. 4 in NCAA Division II.*

*In her final year as a Pirate, Christian played the top singles position for Armstrong State in 1997 and led the Lady Pirates to the NCAA Championship match. She finished with a 12-3 dual match singles record and a 19-1 doubles record and was named the Peach Belt Athletic Conference's Player of the Year. She was again awarded All-PBAC honors in singles and doubles as well as ITA All-America honors in singles, finishing the year as the top-ranked player in NCAA Division II.*

*Counting the fall seasons, Christian won over 170 matches for the Pirates in three seasons. She graduated from Armstrong State in just three years, leaving Savannah in 1997 with a bachelor's degree. She currently resides in her home country of Germany.*

# *Brad Squibb*

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*A two-time All-America first baseman for Armstrong State in 1989-90, Brad Squibb helped lead the Pirates to two NCAA Division II College World Series appearances and is still remembered to this day for one of the most outstanding single games in NCAA Regionals history.*

*Squibb transferred to Armstrong State as a junior in 1989 after a two-year standout career at Lincoln Land CC (Ill.) and made an immediate impact on the Pirates' lineup, hitting .339 with a team-high 19 doubles, six triples and seven home runs to go along with 53 RBI and 15 stolen bases. A native of Springfield, Ill., Squibb scored a team-high 67 runs and earned honorable mention All-America honors, as well as All-South Atlantic Region and South Atlantic Region Tournament honors. In the championship game of the region tournament, Squibb was a one-man wrecking crew against Northern Kentucky on May 21st, collecting an NCAA Championship record 15 total bases in a 5-for-5 day that included two home runs, two doubles and a single in the 18-2 win. ASC finished 43-17 that year and was the top-ranked team in NCAA Division II at the end of the regular season.*

*In 1990, Squibb was named a co-captain for the Pirates and enjoyed an even better year at the plate for ASC, hitting .373 with a team-high 20 doubles, eight triples, seven home runs and 53 RBI to go along with 75 runs scored and 21 stolen bases. Earning third-team All-America honors at first base, Squibb again helped lead the Pirates to the NCAA Division II World Series as ASC captured the South Atlantic Region tournament. A two-time Dean's List honoree, Squibb earned the President's Cup in 1990, awarded to the top Armstrong student-athlete each year by the Savannah Exchange Club.*

*Despite playing only two seasons, Squibb is still featured prominently in the Armstrong baseball record books. He currently ranks in the top 10 in four offensive categories, including runs scored, doubles, triples and slugging percentage, and also ranks in the top 10 in four single season categories, including runs scored, doubles and triples (twice).*

*Squibb graduated from Armstrong State College in 1990 with a bachelor's of arts degree and currently resides in Littleton, Colo., with his family.*

# *Detra Thomas*

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*A two-sport standout for the Lady Pirates, Detra Thomas competed for the Armstrong State softball and women's basketball teams from 1980-84 and excelled on both teams for head coach B.J. Ford. A power hitter in an age of softball where power was limited, Thomas was also a gifted fielder and an outstanding team leader for two of Armstrong's successful women's programs in the early 1980s.*

*Thomas came to Armstrong State College as a freshman in 1980-81, when she played in 23 games for the Lady Pirate basketball squad, averaging 3.2 points and 2.1 rebounds per game in her first season. Switching over to the diamond, Thomas hit .380 with five home runs and 17 RBI in 29 games for the Lady Pirates, leading the 17-12 squad into the GAIAW State Tournament.*

*The next year, Thomas saw her time on the court and diamond increase. She played in 30 games for the basketball squad, scoring 108 points and grabbing 100 rebounds for the 20-12 Lady Pirates. On the softball field, Thomas led the Lady Pirates in hitting with an impressive .418 average while driving in 40 runs. She was ASC's Offensive player of the Year and earned GAIAW All-Conference and GAIAW All-State Tournament team honors.*

*Her junior season, Thomas had her best season on the court, playing in all 27 games and averaging 7.6 points a game. She continued to excel at the plate for the softball squad, earning Armstrong's Slugger award and Georgia NAIA All-District 25 honors.*

*Thomas finished out her playing career with 17 games of action on the women's basketball team in 1983-84 and played in 97 games in four years, tied for 10th best in school history.*

*She graduated from Armstrong State College in 1984 with a degree in health and physical education. She currently resides in Rincon, Ga., and operates her own business, Wiley's Home Center.*