

# Teen mom steps up to the plate

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Senior Lanae Andrade, the varsity softball team's second baseman and right fielder, is more than just an ordinary Husky. She is a student, athlete and mother to an eight and half month old baby boy, Peyton. Many teen mothers seek other options rather than going back to high school after having a child, but Andrade is not only dedicated to graduating with her high school diploma but also working hard to get in the starting line up for her softball games.

Andrade has played softball for about

four years. A friend first introduced her to the sport and since then she has taken it to the next level. It is hard for a high school student to balance both school work and sports, but raising a child, especially at a young age, can be incredibly stressful.

"Softball helps me stay sane with all the stress and responsibility that comes with being a young mom" Andrade said.

Andrade receives a lot of support from both sides of the family. Her father and uncle, both Washington softball team

coaches, help Andrade grow both off and on the field.

"It's difficult [balancing school and raising a child], but in every situation I do my best to put my son and his needs first because he pushes me to stay dedicated and become successful for him," Andrade said.

Lanae plays for her love for the game and her team.

"Every time Lanae brings him, all the girls on the team get so excited and all crowd around him," teammate senior Briana Terry said.

Andrade has an 89% fielding average with 14 assists in the season so far.

"College softball is way too much of a commitment," Andrade said. Andrade does not plan on playing college softball, choosing to pay full attention to raising her child instead.

"Peyton is awesome," senior Kaley Marden said, "he's sweet and funny and I know Lanae loves him."



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## Mission 'is possible'

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The Washington Huskies were ranked thirteenth overall in the NCS after big wins over Mount Eden, Antioch and College Park. In the Huskies first game of the season against Mount Eden, Feb. 27, the Huskies smashed 12 runs, eight of them in the ninth inning. The boys defeated the Monarchs 12-2.

After eight preseason games, the boys baseball team finally opened up league play against Mission San Jose High School at home, March 24.

"It was a battle and we came out on top with good defense and clutch hitting," senior Billy Nevin said.

The Huskies fell behind early in the game, down by three runs by the third inning. Mission San Jose's pitcher, junior Matt Imhoff played exceptionally well, with 11 strikeouts. After adjusting to the fast pitches, the Huskies came back, starting with a bunt by junior AJ Bagoje, as junior Robert Smith came through, giving the Huskies their first run by the end of the fourth inning. Still down by two runs going into the fifth inning, senior Mark Wik hit a three run home run, giving the Huskies a 4-3 lead over the Warriors. Despite Mission's run at the top of the seventh inning, Washington kept the lead, giving the Huskies their first league win. With a 1-0 league record, the Huskies are off to a good start.

## Huskies upset San Leandro

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The boys basketball team, ranked seventh in North Coast Sectionals (NCS), played against San Leandro High School, Feb. 23. San Leandro, ranked tenth in NCS, competes in a league against schools like Bishop O' Dowd and Castro Valley, two of the most talented teams in the NCS boy's basketball. San Leandro looked to pull an upset against Washington but came up short. San Leandro was behind the Huskies by one or two baskets throughout the game. In the fourth quarter, San Leandro and Washington alternated the lead position. When San Leandro tied the game with a two-pointer, senior Mark

Wik raced down the court with 6.7 seconds and dished a no-look pass to senior Jack Veronin. He went for the game-winning layup, giving the Huskies the ultimate lead.

"I had to keep track of the clock, so I would know how much time was left," Wik said. "I saw the big man open, and I fed him the ball." After the shot, San Leandro called a time-out to prepare for a chance to tie the game. They went for the win but they failed. The Husky fans rushed onto the court at the sound of the buzzer, cheering on their team after a hard-fought victory.

The Huskies lost against De La Salle High School, 47-66, in round two of NCS, Feb. 26. De La Salle is the number two seeded team of the NCS

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1. In high school, this teacher was receiver and running back for James Logan's football team.
2. This teacher played punch ball and stoop ball, while growing up in New York.

1. Sheryl. Martinez, retired physical education teacher, has a black belt in taekwondo.

2. Activities director Helen Paris was an all-league basketball player at Whitworth University.

## Bittersweet victory against Kennedy

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The wrestling team defeated Kennedy, 45-36, at the JFK gym, Jan. 27. The boys won 8 of 11 varsity matches. Sophomores Nicole Belingeri, Kaitlin Loob and Brittany Kinney did not have female competitors to play.

Sophomore Dominic Cesena, junior Raymond Chan and senior Mohammad Khalil won their matches with pins. Kennedy didn't have opponents for sophomore Joel Weintraub, sophomore Joseph Dereis and senior Doran Martinez, so they won points each by forfeit.

Despite the school win, Kennedy's aggressive tactics left many players bruised. Senior Cole Brower endured three slams in his lost match, and team captain senior Joey Johnson couldn't continue his match after his opponent slammed him on his back. Wrestlers are allowed to slam opponents if they have at least one knee on the ground. The referee repeatedly reminded Kennedy players to "take it easy" on the magnitude of slamming. In Johnson's match, the warnings were not enough. He came away with a bruised rib.



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