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WeCOACH Announces Memorial Scholarship

Geri Ann Glasco Memorial Scholarship presented in partnership with Natasha Watley Foundation, Glasco Family and WeCOACH

February 11, 2019 – WeCOACH has announced the Geri Ann Glasco Memorial Scholarship presented in partnership with the Natasha Watley Foundation (NWF) and the Glasco Family. Geri Ann Glasco, a 24-year old University of Louisiana volunteer assistant softball coach, was tragically killed in a multi-vehicle accident on January 24, 2019. The Natasha Watley Foundation-Glasco Family Fund was created in memory of Geri Ann to aid and inspire young female coaches in the softball community.



In partnership between WeCOACH, NWF and the Glasco Family, the Geri Ann Glasco Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a female assistant coach in the first five years of her career at the NCAA level. The memorial scholarship includes tuition and a travel stipend to attend WeCOACH's NCAA Women Coaches Academy this summer. Coaches interested in this premier development opportunity must apply for the NCAA Women Coaches Academy by February 18 at <u>www.wecoachsports.org</u>. One eligible applicant will be awarded the scholarship.

"NWF is proud to fulfill the wishes of the Glasco Family by collaborating with an outstanding partner in WeCOACH," said Sue Enquist, NWF Board member and former UCLA head softball coach. "This scholarship will aid future young softball coaches and secure Geri Ann Glasco's legacy."

Geri Ann, who played at Georgia in 2013-14 and Oregon in 2015-16, had an infectious love for the game and was two weeks away from opening day of her first season working for her father, Louisiana head coach Gerry Glasco. She was the youngest sibling in a family well-known in college softball. Both of her older sisters played NCAA softball; Tara at SIU-Carbondale and Erin at Notre Dame and Texas A&M. Tara is now an assistant coach at Illinois State.

"Having the Glasco family reach out during their most tragic moment and being entrusted to carry out Geri Ann's legacy was truly humbling. It is with great responsibility and honor that we will see this through. We are appreciative of our partnership with WeCOACH to give this premier opportunity to young women who dream of having a career in coaching," said NWF founder and two-time Olympian, Natasha Watley.

For information on the Natasha Watley Foundation-Glasco Family Fund and to make a donation, please visit <u>https://natashawatleyfoundation.org/</u>.

About WeCOACH

Founded in 2011, WeCOACH is the premier membership organization committed to recruiting, advancing, and retaining women coaches across all sports and levels. Previously known as the Alliance of Women Coaches, the organization reimagined their brand in August 2018. By providing a supportive and unified network, educational resources, and access to in-person and digital programming opportunities, WeCOACH is changing the landscape for women in coaching. To learn more about the NCAA Women Coaches Academy, visit <u>www.wecoachsports.org</u>. Applications will be accepted through February 18.

About Natasha Watley Foundation

The Natasha Watley Foundation (NWF) was founded by two-time Olympic medalist Natasha Watley to create opportunities for girls in under-served communities to learn and play the game of softball. NWF uses the medium of sport to inspire young women to reach their full potential while fostering character development and awareness of social issues that affect women.

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