



## **Airdrie Girls Softball Association**

**Pitching Clinic Instructor: Natalie Voortman**

Natalie is a native of Canton, Ohio and was a multi-sport athlete growing up, but her passion was always fastpitch softball. In high school, Natalie was the 4-year starting catcher, a three-time All-Ohio Award winner, and in 2001 was inducted into the Stark County (Ohio) Amateur Softball Hall of Fame. Natalie earned an NCAA Division I Softball Scholarship to Eastern Michigan University where she was the starting catcher as a freshman. After her freshman season, Natalie sought to play at an even more competitive level and transferred to The Ohio State University where she worked her way into the starting catcher position during her junior and senior years. During her collegiate career at OSU, Natalie earned various awards including a 3-time Leadership Award, Coaches Award, Buckeye Power Club Award (given by the OSU Strength & Conditioning Coaches for intensity and leadership in the weight room), Team Captain, 3-time OSU Scholar-Athlete Award, 3-time Academic All-BigTen Award, and NCAA All-American Scholar-Athlete Nominee. After graduating from Ohio State in 2006, Natalie was named the Head Softball Coach at Columbus State Community College in Columbus, Ohio. In her first year as Head Coach, Natalie led the team to the school's first appearance in the NJCAA Division III National Tournament and was named the Regional Coach of the Year. Natalie has been coaching teams and individual players since 2007. She is currently an Assistant Coach for the University of Calgary Dinos Fastball team and the Head Coach of the Absolute Softball Academy at the Absolute Baseball Academy and Fitness Centre. Natalie loves to promote the sport of fastpitch softball and has goals of producing the best softball players in Alberta.