

Hopewell High School – Softball – Senior Night Speech – 2009
Christina DeAndrea # 1 – Third & Second Base

Where do I begin? The past 10 years of my life have been filled with the joy of stepping out onto the softball field and playing the sport I love. There have been many ups and downs, but in the end I wouldn't change a thing. I've had the privilege to play with these ladies for the past four years, but didn't expect to grow such a close bond. They have been there through my best and worst times. Ladies, you have easily become more than team mates, but my friends and family. We have all had our moments and it's hard to imagine that in a few more games they will just be distant memories.

Of course I have to thank my parents. They have played such a huge role in my life. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for them. From my dad throwing with me in the back yard every night to my mom hauling me to practice and games, no one has been there for me more than they have and I couldn't be more grateful for it. I can't forget my brother who taught me all kinds of pointers and knew just how to relate to me with any situation I was dealt. He always knew how to talk me through things.

This team would be nothing without the random sayings, the throwing of the hat, the taking over of other team's fields and the huge heart from non other than Coach Webster. Although at times we "bring out the worst in him", we all love you Web and appreciate everything that you do for this team. You want the best for all of us and would do anything to help. Who would ever know the score if it weren't for you coach young. The scorebook, along with all of the paper work would be lost without you. Every time I look down the first base line I see coach Spain mouthing the same words to me, "stay on top of the ball"! Even though it may not work, I am listening!

Lastly I want to thank our fans, you guys have stepped it up this year. It's about time! But really, thank you. It's always nice to have other people enjoy wins with us. Also thanks to Alex for capturing all the great moments through out the year. I always look forward to seeing game pictures.

Again thanks to everyone. I couldn't have asked for a better senior year.

Christina will be attending UNC Charlotte this fall