

**REGENTS COMMUNICATION
REQUEST FOR ACTION**

SUBJECT: Naming in the Athletic Complex

ACTION: Authorization to Name the Softball Stadium at the Wilpon Baseball & Softball Complex

Carol Hutchins retired in August 2022 after 38 years as the head softball coach at the University of Michigan. After a total of 39 years as a head coach she compiled an NCAA record of 1,707 career victories and a career winning percentage of .755. One of the biggest highlights of her tenure at UM was coaching the 2005 NCAA Championship team; the first team located East of the Mississippi River to win a National Championship.

Her numerous achievements include:

- 2005 NCAA Championship
- 22 Big Ten Championships
- 10 Big Ten Tournament Championships
- 29 NCAA Tournament appearances, including 27 consecutive appearances
- 12 Women's College World Series appearances
- 2006 National Fastpitch Coaches Association hall of fame inductee
- 2015 NCAA runner-up
- 18-time Big Ten Coach of the Year
- 8 NFCA Regional Coach of the Year
- Two-time NFCA National Coach of the Year (1995, 2005)
- 2016 espnW Pat Summitt Coaching Award
- 69 All-America citations
- 14 Academic All-Americans
- 20 Big Ten Players of the Year
- 14 Big Ten Pitchers of the Year
- 212 All-Big Ten student-athletes
- 202 Academic All-Big Ten citations
- Michigan Sports Hall of Fame (2021)
- Founded the Michigan Softball Academy in 2010 to raise money for the American Cancer Society, raising over \$1.5 million

Built in 1982, Varsity Diamond is where the softball team began play until it was formally renamed in 1992 to Alumni Field. In 2007, additional seating, media facilities, concession stands, and a suite area were added as a result of a generous gift from the Wilpon family to upgrade both the softball and baseball facilities and Alumni Field became part of the Wilpon Baseball and Softball Complex. The existing Donald R. Shepherd Softball Center was built in 2014 on the footprint of the former softball building (1998) and is named in recognition of gifts from Donald R. Shepherd.

In recognition of her exceptional commitment to the development of hundreds of young women, the game of softball, women's athletics, and the University of Michigan, we recommend that the Board of Regents formally designate the Softball Stadium at the Wilpon Baseball and Softball Complex as Alumni Field at Carol Hutchins Stadium.

Respectfully submitted,

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Warde E. Manuel
Donald R. Shepherd Director of Athletics

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Thomas A. Baird
Vice President for Development

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