



GENEVA COLLEGE  
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# SOFTBALL

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## Facts About Geneva Softball

### RECORD GROWTH

When the 2011 season gets underway, the Geneva College roster will feature a record 26 players on its opening day roster. The Geneva softball program has never been more healthy or prosperous.

### HOME SWEET HOME

It took ten years for the Geneva College softball team to get its own field on campus. After three years of home cooking, the recipe is certainly working. Geneva finished off a 14-2 season on its home field in 2010 and has now combined for a mark of 38-8 on its home turf in three years.

### REWRITING HISTORY

Following the 2009 season, the senior class of Geneva College broke a total of 12 school records. The Golden Tornadoes didn't quite meet those numbers in 2010, but one record did fall and another impressive mark was matched in the circle. Julie DiLonardo tied Jen Picard's 2003 record of 21 pitching victories with her 21-10 mark this past spring. DiLonardo also set a new single season strikeout record with 154 in 2010. Ironically, DiLonardo broke the record held by Erica Exler from 1999. Exler served as DiLonardo's pitching coach throughout her high school years and played a significant role in DiLonardo choosing Geneva to continue her playing career.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

As successful as the Geneva softball team has been on the field, it has enjoyed equal success in the classroom. This past spring the Golden Tornadoes combined for a GPA of over 3.1. In fact, over 70% of the Geneva roster in 2010 walked away with a GPA of over a 3.0. Academics remain the #1 priority and the Geneva softball team has continued to prove it every year.

Head Coach:	Van Zanic
Career Record:	223-146 (8 Yrs.)
2010 Record:	23-17
Conference Record:	12-6
Home Field:	Merriman Athletic Complex
Conference:	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Affiliation:	NCAA Division III

### 2011 SEASON OUTLOOK

The 2011 season can't come soon enough for the Golden Tornadoes. After falling just one game short of a potential trip to the NCCAA national tournament in 2010, the expectations for even more success will accompany the Geneva softball program into the spring of 2011. A team that featured only one senior last spring and finished with a 23-17 overall record will enjoy much more experience next spring with a total of five seniors set to embark on their final campaign in 2011. Led by PAC post-season honorees Leanne Abate and Adriane Blake, Geneva has many pieces of the puzzle already in place. Marti Adams and Julie DiLonardo were also honored by both the PAC and NCCAA after solid sophomore seasons. In fact, DiLonardo and Blake were also honored as second team NCCAA All-Americans. DiLonardo set a single season school record with 154 strikeouts while also tying the single season mark with 21 victories. The Golden Tornadoes will also welcome a solid influx of newcomers to the program for the upcoming season. A total of at least nine freshmen will join Geneva in the fall of 2010 as they continue the tradition of success on College Hill.





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**HISTORY** Geneva, a private four-year Christian college of the liberal arts and sciences, was founded in 1848 by the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America in Northwood, Ohio. In 1880 we were moved to our current campus in historic Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

**LOCATION** Our 55-acre campus is situated in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, only 35 miles from downtown Pittsburgh.

**ENROLLMENT** Of the nearly 1,400 undergraduate students who call Geneva home, 45 percent are male, 55 percent are female, and approximately 10 percent are ethnic minorities. We come from across the country and around the world, representing 35 states and 13 nations. Geneva also enrolls 300 graduate students and 350 undergraduate degree completion students.

**ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT** Since our student-to-professor ratio is 14 to 1, you're assured of one-on-one time with professors both during and outside of class.

**FAITH TRADITION** While our roots are Reformed, our students come from over 60 Christian denominations.

**ATHLETICS** Geneva's Golden Tornadoes compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA Division III), the President's Athletic Conference, and the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). Geneva offers men's baseball and football; softball, tennis and volleyball; and men's and women's basketball, cross country, soccer, and indoor/outdoor track and field.

**NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS** At over 11 sites, we offer an adult degree completion program that allows students to finish a degree in human resources management, organizational development, community ministry or human services in 15 months. The Center for Urban Theological Studies and the Center for Urban Biblical Ministry are inner-city programs that train urban church leaders in ministry leadership.

**GRADUATE PROGRAMS** Geneva's offers master's degrees in business, counseling, higher education, organizational leadership, special education and reading.

**CAMPUS VISIT** Be our guest for a campus visit where you can stay in a residence hall with a current student, attend classes and meet professors, and enjoy meals in our dining hall.

