## Player Profiles

Name: Jessica Mendoza Position(s): Outfield

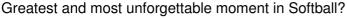
College/University played for? Stanford University

Current Club/Pro Tea: NPF Florida Pride and USA Softball Employment: President, Women's Sports Foundation; Lead

Colour Analyst, ESPN

What's your favourite TV show? Dexter What's your favourite food? Sushi What 's your favourite food after a tough game? Sushi What's your favourite website? www.jmendoza.com of course! And then www.WomensSportsFoundation.org

I see on your website (www.jmendoza.com/) New Zealand is your favourite holiday vacation, why is that? I spent three weeks of my honeymoon there and we both did not want to come home. Out of all of the places I have travelled, it is the closest to epitomizing nature at its absolute best. The people we met were like family overnight, and the food was great too!! May be a kiwi sooner that you think ③



Hitting the game-winning homerun at the World Championships in 2006 in Beijing, China, and hitting a home run my very first at bat back (two weeks ago) after having a baby 4 months before.

## Why is Softball special to Jessica?

It is the place where I first learned I could really be myself, loving every moment and mostly importantly, giving me the confidence to be the person I am today, to choose a better path than many of those peers around me. Softball has taken me from just playing a game to now being an ambassador for young girls everywhere

Do you have any pregame rituals and if so what? I like to take a 15 minute nap right before we leave!

Who is the one person that has influenced your Softball career the most and why? My parents. My father instilled into me to be humble, knowing that there is always a way to get better, as an athlete, as a student and most importantly, as a person.





## What is your vision for world Softball in 2020?

I want to see the IOC see this sport as something that embodies the Olympics: a sport that brings people together, countries together, and provides a place where those of any shape, colour and size can play.

What's the best piece of advice anyone has given you in regards to playing Softball? "Practice like you are the worst player on the field, Play like you are the best"

