

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 ☺](#)

Greatest and most unforgettable moment in Softball?
[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"

