

23-14, 10-3 CUNYAC CUNYAC Tournament Champions



Danielle Ponsiglione
Pitcher

The College of Staten Island's 2009 campaign saw the team get back to their championship ways, as the squad notched their fourth CUNYAC postseason title in the past six years with a trio of gritty wins in the CUNYAC Playoffs.

The largely young and inexperienced group boasted just one senior and a brand-new look in the pitcher's circle, yet expectations were high from the get-go, and after some early-season turbulence, the team did a terrific job down the stretch. CSI started the season 5-7, dropping three games on their Spring Training trip to Virginia. After a couple of conference wins over Baruch College, CSI was handed a couple of very tough losses to John Jay College on the game's final pitches.

The losses seem to wake up the Dolphins as the team went on to win 16 of its next 21 games, including seven of their final eight conference contests. The Dolphins finished second in conference play behind Hunter College, but had a chance to up-end the Hawks in the playoffs. After opening up with a 5-0 win over Baruch College, CSI won two gritty games against Hunter, 6-5, and 4-2, to win the CUNYAC Championship. Freshman hurler Danielle Ponsiglione valiantly overcame a late-season injury to pitch in that final game, earning the win, while lone senior and CUNY All-Star Nicole Estrada was named MVP of the tourney.

The Dolphins went on to play in the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament, and despite losing in both of its contests there, the highlight came when the Dolphins took eventual Nation-Champion Messiah College, 0-0, into the game's sixth inning, before eventually falling 4-0. Still, the losses were enough to boost the confidence of a predominantly young squad that hopes to be back on the national stage in years to come.

2009 Final Statistics

Batting

Name	GP-S	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	K	SB	PO	A	E	FLD.
Nicole Estrada	27/27	.396	91	35	36	12	3	3	21	7	1	1	5/5	68	37	8	.929
Kaitlyn Flynn	32/31	.350	100	24	35	5	2	5	33	6	0	11	0/0	37	55	4	.958
Joanna Tepedino	35/35	.350	103	23	36	11	2	3	23	9	1	8	1/2	237	8	5	.980
Raechel Strobel	31/31	.313	96	25	30	11	1	5	22	9	2	15	2/6	52	50	7	.936
Jillian Castore	24/9	.300	40	7	12	1	0	0	8	2	1	4	1/3	6	1	1	.875
Catherine Ebro	13/11	.267	15	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0/0	25	4	3	.906
Michelle Ferraiuolo	25/25	.266	64	7	17	0	1	0	6	7	0	5	1/1	24	45	5	.932
Danielle Ponsiglione	22/19	.250	56	9	14	2	0	0	4	4	0	5	2/2	12	28	1	.976
Allysa D'Elia	31/29	.245	94	17	23	6	0	0	9	7	0	21	0/1	28	2	3	.909
Carmella Lubrano	29/28	.236	72	9	17	2	1	0	10	11	0	17	0/0	15	19	4	.895
Jennifer Volpe	31/29	.228	79	19	18	0	0	1	5	10	1	11	13/17	47	1	1	.980
Amanda D'Amato	27/24	.200	55	6	11	2	0	0	8	3	0	7	3/3	75	11	3	.966
Jillian Graniero	30/28	.159	44	11	7	2	0	0	5	8	0	8	1/1	32	4	3	.923
Jenna Schulman	24/14	.087	23	5	2	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	4/5	19	2	1	.955
Kristen Liberatore	4/2	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	3	2	0	1.00
TOTALS	35/35	.281	934	198	262	54	10	17	156	88	6	123	33/46	680	275	49	.951
OPPONENTS	35/35	.254	897	115	228	35	2	7	95	58	10	116	24/31	674	318	82	.924

Pitching

Name	ERA	W-L	AP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HP	B/Avg.
Kaitlyn Flynn	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	.167
Danielle Ponsiglione	2.18	11-7	23	18	18	6	3	123.2	115	44	30	7	67	4	4	.236
Michelle Ferraiuolo	5.17	9-6	16	16	10	4	0	94.0	104	66	54	47	46	7	5	.275
Kari Drew Varriale	6.43	0-1	1	1	1	0	0	7.0	8	5	5	4	0	0	1	.320
TOTALS	3.53	21-14	35	35	29	10	3	226.2	228	115	89	58	116	11	10	.254
OPPONENTS	5.57	14-21	35	35	23	3	0	224.2	262	198	139	88	123	27	6	.281



Stella Porto
Head Coach

CSI's head coach since the 2003 season, Stella Porto is already one of the most successful, as she has won four CUNYAC Championships, made four NCAA Tournament appearances and earned CUNY Coach of the Year honors three times as well.

The Dolphins have posted five-straight 20-win seasons under her guidance, and her 153 wins rank first in CSI history. Under her guidance, a total of 21 CSI women's softball single-season individual and team records have been broken.

A New York native, Porto earned a scholarship to NCAA Division I Long Island University to play softball, and helped lead the Blackbirds to an ECAC Championship in 1987. She then transferred to the College of Staten Island, where she played her final three years, winning CUNYAC Championships in 1989 & 1990.

After graduation, Porto hit the high school coaching circuit, winning three consecutive junior varsity titles with St. Joseph by the Sea High School. She then spent three years with St. Joseph Hill High School before making her collegiate coaching debut at her alma mater. Porto currently doubles as an Assistive Technology Specialist with the New York City Department of Education.

Preaching academics first and foremost, Porto looks for versatility and dedication from her players as a foundation for her highly successful teams.

2009 Results

Date	Game	Result
3/6	vs. Stevenson University	L 4-5
	vs. Gettysburg University	L 1-2
3/7	vs. Arcadia University	L 1-5
	vs. Cabrini College	W 2-0
3/15	@ Baruch College	W 8-6
	BARUCH COLLEGE	W 7-2
3/22	DREW UNIVERSITY	W 1-0, L 1-13
3/23	@ NJ City University	W 7-2, L 3-4
4/4	UNION COLLEGE	L 0-5, L 4-9
4/5	@ BARUCH COLLEGE *	W 8-0, W 11-1
4/9	MONTCLAIR STATE U.	W 5-1, W 6-4
4/10	vs. John Jay College *	L 7-8, L 9-10
4/13	BROOKLYN COLLEGE *	W 8-0, W 10-3
4/16	@ Manhattanville College	W 6-3, L 2-3
4/19	@ Lehman College *	W 15-0, W 14-0
4/23	@ NJ City University	W 3-2, L 1-3
4/25	HUNTER COLLEGE *	L 1-3, W 8-0
4/26	@ York College *	W 12-0, W 14-0
5/1	vs. Baruch College %	W 5-0
5/2	vs. Hunter College %	W 6-5
	vs. Hunter College %	W 4-2
5/7	vs. Messiah College !	L 0-4
5/8	vs. Eastern Connecticut !	L 0-7

* - CUNYAC Game

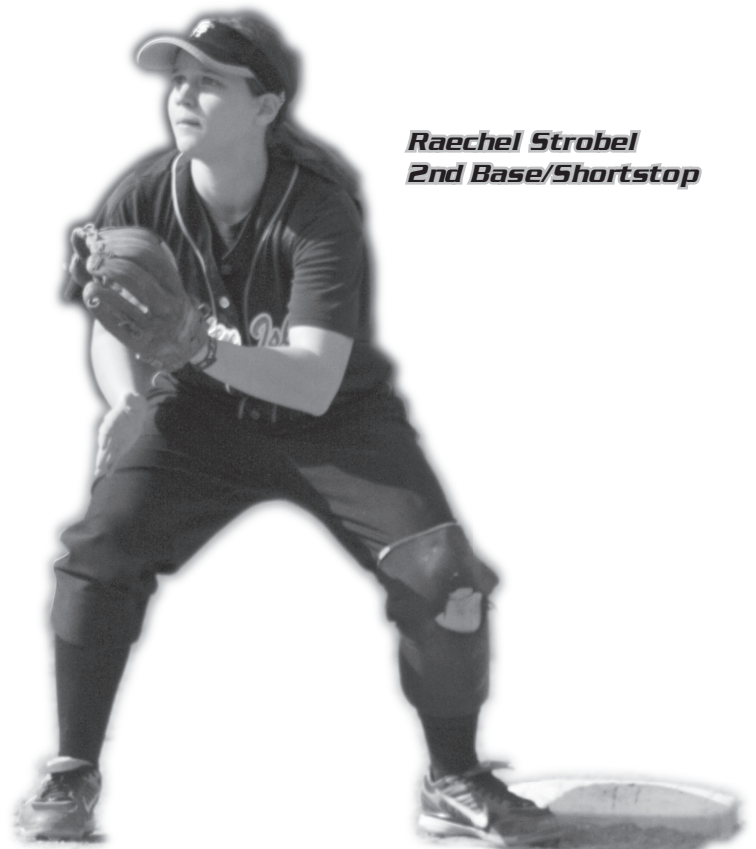
% - CUNYAC Tournament

! - NCAA Division III National Tournament



CUNYAC Champions

1985, 1987, 1989
1990, 1991, 1992
1996, 1998, 1999
2004, 2005, 2007
2009



Raechel Strobel
2nd Base/Shortstop