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FORMER LADY PIRATE WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Ashley Block, who starred for the PC softball team and excelled in the classroom for two years, has been honored by being named to the California Community College Athletic Association, Pepsi Scholar Athlete Honor Roll. She was chosen from among highly talented scholar athletes in the state, and the notice that she made it stated that there are nearly 25,000 student athletes in the system.

For those at PC who knew her, this was no real surprise. She not only was an outstanding pitcher, chalking up 196 strikeouts, but a strong hitter with a sensational .410 batting average, leading to her being named the team MVP. She was also named to the Academic All-American team both years. Along with the softball accolades, Ashley was putting together a 4.0 grade point average. Those facts made it pretty easy for the selection committee to name her as one of two "Students of the Year" at the 2007 commencement exercises.

After sifting through several Division 1 offers to play softball, she selected Tennessee State University to finish her collegiate career. She is enjoying success with that team now, but said recently that she will always remember her days at PC with fondness and getting to play for Coach Vicki Dugan and Assistant Coach, Sylvia Harral.

The award will be presented at a Celebration of Student Athletes Luncheon in Ontario, California in April.