



Jo Ann Gordon has coached several college programs including D I University of Toledo as head Softball Coach for 6 years and as the head softball and volleyball coach at Thiel College, an NCAA Division III school in Greenville, PA

In her first campaign as the Rockets' mentor in 2003, Gordon began the program's rebuilding process by improving UT's MAC win total by three games. In her second season, Gordon's squad posted 10 more wins than the previous year, increasing the team's total wins to 21. The Rocket softball program had not won 20-plus games since the 1997 season.

In her three seasons on the diamond at Thiel, she guided the Tomcats to a 47-53 overall mark and a 14-10 win-loss ledger in the President's Athletic Conference.

A native of Kirtland, OH, Gordon also served as an assistant coach at Kent State--her alma mater--for nine seasons (1991-99). She helped the Golden Flashes compile a 247-204-1 (.548) mark and was a part of KSU's 1999 MAC East Division championship squad in her final season.

Before coaching at Kent State, Gordon was a four-time letter winner at first base and shortstop for the Golden Flashes, while earning her bachelor's degree in physical education. As a team co-captain in 1990, she helped lead KSU to a Mid-American Conference title and a berth in the Women's College World Series. She also co-captained the squad in 1989.

In addition to receiving her bachelor of science degree from Kent State, Gordon went on to earn a master's degree in sports administration at KSU in 1999. She also is a member of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Jo Ann brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the FAST Wizard program and enjoys sharing her skills with our many softball players.