



## TECHSTERS IN THE COMMUNITY

*Last year, the Lady Techsters hosted a soccer camp for area children. They also assisted with the running events at the North Central Special Olympics. At the Boys and Girls Club in Ruston, they instructed approximately 50 children on the fundamentals of soccer.*

*The team also painted, sanded and cut wood at a local Habitat for Humanity building project. For Christmas, the Techsters used their own money to purchase clothes and toys for two area children.*

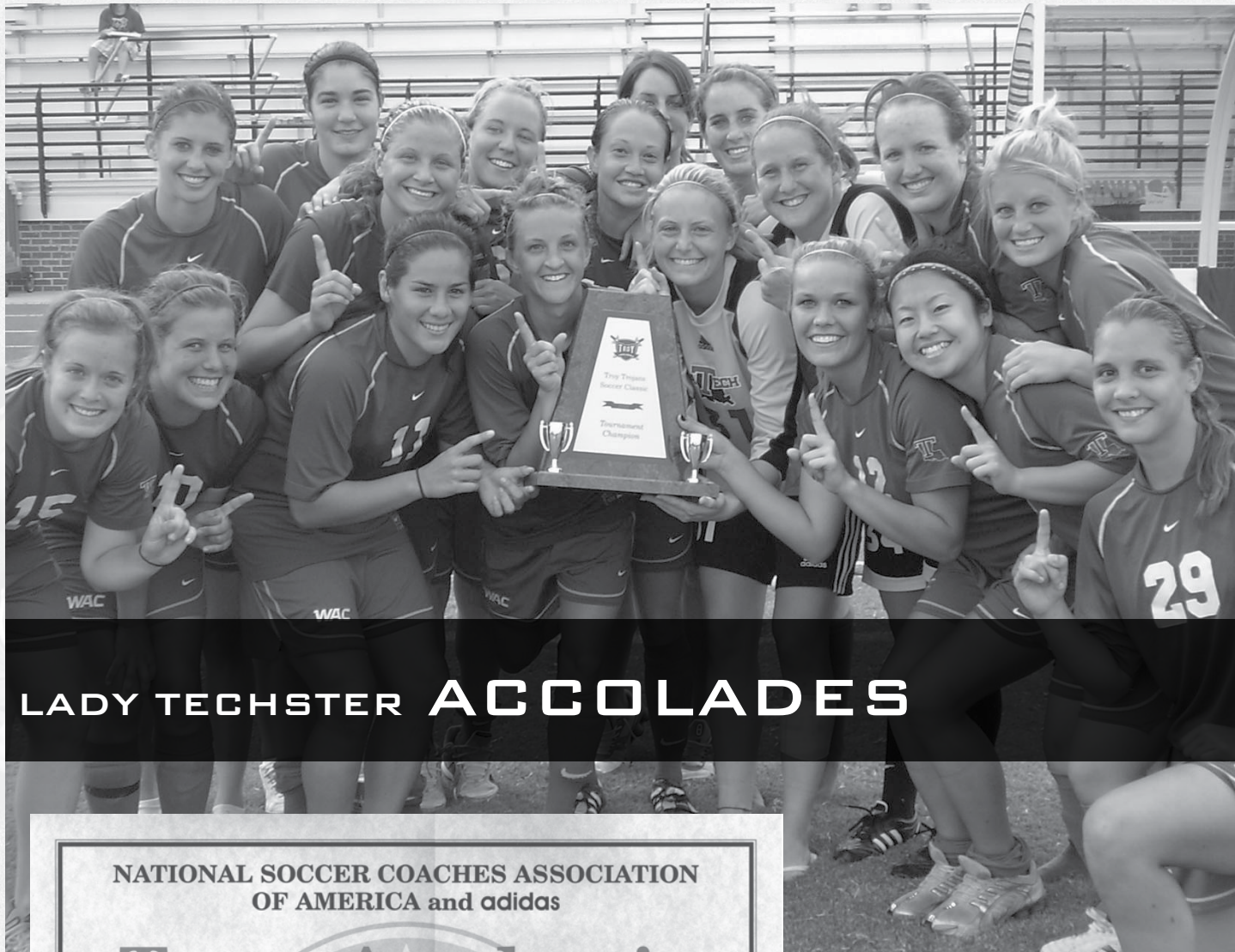
### CHAMPS

Louisiana Tech's student-athletes and administration are committed to the NCAA's CHAMPS/Life Skills program which helps better prepare the young men and women for the challenges of the real world.

Through CHAMPS (Challenging Athletes Minds for Personal Success), Louisiana Tech's student-athletes are introduced to numerous facets of life through service projects, workshops and social events.

*"Community service is one of the pillars of our soccer culture. I believe the real winners in all of this are the players themselves. They are learning a valuable life lesson in giving, which will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. To be a successful soccer team, each player must give themselves for the betterment of others. Community service is a reflection of this ethos and what we do within our team every day."*

*-- Kevin Sherry, Head Coach*



## LADY TECHSTER ACCOLADES



The National Soccer Coaches Association of America and adidas awarded the team with its first academic award after they averaged a 3.10 GPA during the 2007-08 school year.

*The NCAA named the 2008 Lady Techster soccer team the most improved in the nation after they enhanced their record by an impressive 8.5 games from the '07 season. Only three other schools in the country were recognized for this substantial improvement.*



## Lady Techster Soccer Field

Beginning this season, the Louisiana Tech women's soccer team will have a field they can call their own.

Located across the street from their previous home, Joe Aillet Stadium on Alabama Ave., the new Lady Techster Soccer Field will feature a scoreboard, press box, permanent bleachers, fencing and a sound system once completed.

The field, scoreboard and temporary bleachers will be in place for the home opener while permanent bleachers, press box and fencing are scheduled to be added during the upcoming year.

The Lady Techsters' posted an 11-9-3 record over a four-year span at Joe Aillet Stadium, home to the Bulldog football team. The facility will forever be remembered as the place where the soccer program earned its inaugural victory, a 2-0 shutout of Mississippi Valley State on Aug. 28, 2005. Tech's Katy Garrison scored the first goal in the stadium on an assist by Sarah Chovanec at the 45:45 mark of the game.

Tech will have the opportunity to write their own history on their new field as they have 12 home games scheduled for the upcoming season with the inaugural match set for Aug. 21 against Lamar. Western Athletic Conference foe Idaho will travel to Ruston for the first ever league match Oct. 2.

Tech head coach Kevin Sherry said he is thrilled about the program's new pitch.

"To have a field we can call our own gives our team a great amount of joy," Sherry said. "It also gives us a sense of ownership and pride and that is very important."

