



FELICIAN UNIVERSITY GOLDEN FALCONS

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RUTHERFORD, N.J. – The Felician University softball team will sponsor several events in conjunction with its home doubleheader against the University of the Sciences on Sat., Apr. 9, at noon at Matera Field in Lyndhurst.

The date was already set as Senior Day. Felician's lone senior, **Amanda Lopez (Riverbank, Calif./Riverbank)** will be honored in a brief ceremony between games.

Felician now invites its softball alumnae to Matera Field that afternoon for an Alumnae Day. Together, the current and former Golden Falcons, along with members of the USciences squad, will join together in an attempt to "Strike Out Cancer."

The games will be played in memory of cancer victims and those who are battling the disease. The Golden Falcons will be selling T-shirts and pink socks at the game, as well as soliciting monetary donations. All proceeds raised will be donated to the Tackle Kids Cancer Campaign on behalf of the **Immaculate Heart Academy softball team's Anthony LaRezza Invitational.**

The **Tackle Kids Cancer Campaign** raises awareness and support of the fight against pediatric cancer, the number one cause of death by disease among children in the United States. The Anthony LaRezza Invitational is named for the longtime IHA softball coach and Newark firefighter, who died of cancer in February.

"Anthony was a great influence on me both as a coach and a person," said third-year Felician head coach **Chris Foye**. "He touched so many lives, on and off the softball field. I am only trying to do my part to carry on his legacy by supporting a cause that I know was important to him."

By inviting Felician softball alumnae to enjoy free refreshments and help honor Lopez, Foye hopes the afternoon will be special for all involved and make inroads toward Striking Out Cancer.

"Apr. 9 has the potential to be a fantastic event," he said. "We hope that people will come out to watch two great softball teams, support a worthy cause, and have some fun."

For more information, contact coach Foye at **cfoye2001@yahoo.com**.

Felician University, the Franciscan University of New Jersey, is a liberal arts, coeducational Catholic university founded in 1942 and sponsored by the Felician Sisters. True to its mission, Felician University welcomes a diverse student population and embraces its educational needs. With campuses in Lodi and Rutherford, New Jersey, Felician University currently enrolls more than 2,100 students and offers more than 55 undergraduate and graduate programs, in the classroom and online, in the arts and sciences, business and management sciences, health sciences and teacher education. Felician University also sponsors 14 varsity intercollegiate sports that compete at the NCAA Division II level.