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Lt. Gov. Askins Winds Up for Women's College World Series

OKLAHOMA CITY- Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins stepped up to the mound and threw out the first pitch at Tuesday night's final game of the Women's College World Series. "I am honored to support the best in women's softball, and to share our state's rich culture with the rest of the nation," Askins said.

This year, the Oklahoma City All Sports Association and the University of Oklahoma hosted college softball teams from around the nation to crown an NCAA champion. This year's softball finals featured a Pac-10 - SEC showdown between the University of Washington and University of Florida, with the Washington Huskies defeating the Florida Gators 3-2.

Oklahoma City has served as the host city for the previous 18 series, and the tournament annually draws about 63,000 people to the Sooner State. Askins, chair of the State Tourism Commission, said this tournament gives Oklahoma a chance to showcase its stature as a growing tourism destination. "This tournament not only draws visitors to Oklahoma City, but shows them what a vibrant place our capital has become," Askins said.

This was the first time Askins had thrown out the first pitch at the WCWS and she said it was a wonderful opportunity to represent the state.



Lt. Governor Askins Throws Opening Pitch



Lt. Governor Askins with Huskies Catcher Alicia Blake