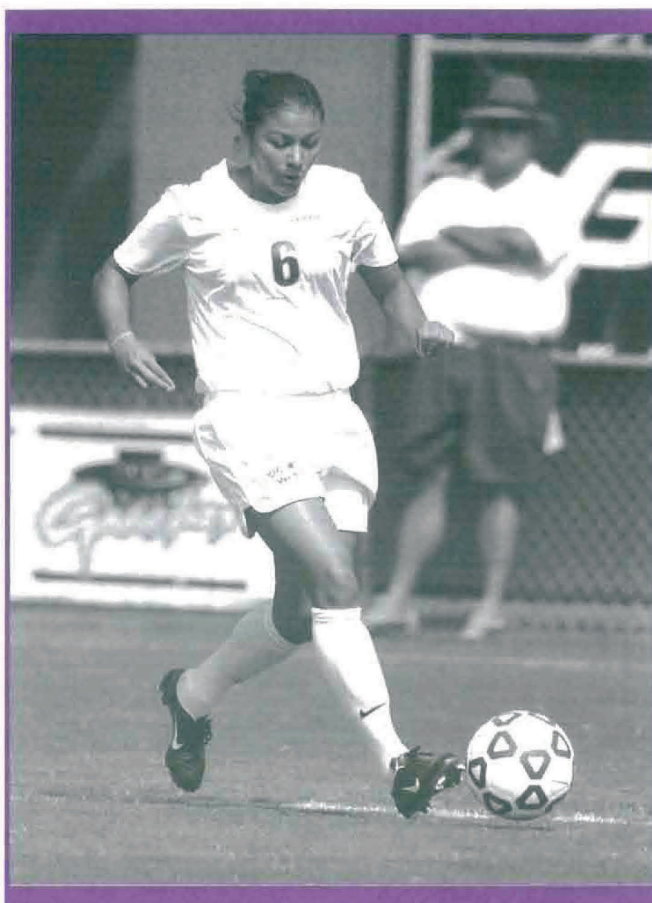


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ALMA MARTINEZ *Outstanding Athlete*

A four-year letterman for the Santa Barbara High School girl's soccer team and 1999 graduate, Alma Martinez notched four CIF appearances with the Dons and garnered Channel League Most Valuable Player and All-CIF honors in her senior year. Martinez, a Santa Barbara native, went on to join the Santa Barbara City College soccer program, enjoying two Western State Conference Championships. She was named All-WSC and All-State in the 1999-2000 and the 2000-01 seasons. Transferring to UCSB in 2001, Martinez was an offensive standout. She expects to graduate in June 2005 with a degree in Spanish Literature.

Martinez earned a spot on the 2004 Mexico National Team as a left midfielder. She scored a goal in Mexico's 8-1 win over Trinidad & Tobago and played 54 minutes in a 2-0 loss to a powerful United States National Team. In the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, Martinez played the entire game against world champion Germany and appeared in the first half in the quarterfinals against Brazil.

Playing at the professional level and being part of the first Women's Mexican National Team appearance in the Olympics are the achievements of which Martinez is most proud, even though training kept her from friends and family. She notes her father, Jose Martinez, and her local soccer coaches – Lito Garcia from Santa Barbara High and Brent Gonzalvez from SBCC – as her greatest influences.