**Jacqueline Harrison: 1996-1998**

Jacqueline Harrison was a standout soccer, basketball and volleyball player at Belmont. She was introduced to athletics at a young age, joining Juan de Fuca soccer and Triangle Little League T ball when she was five and continued to participate in various sports throughout high school. Her accomplishments and versatility led to her winning the top grade 11 athlete and top grade 12 athlete awards in consecutive years, and was also being voted the most coachable athlete in the school.

Jacqueline considers her best Belmont sporting experience to be competing in the 1998 high school soccer provincials in Kamloops as a team of 10.  “*We had qualified for the soccer provincials in my grade 12 year after having a perfect year with 11 wins and no losses.  But unfortunately the tournament fell on the same weekend as prom, so we were left to play the tournament with 10 players (only 9 on the last day). We competed hard, maintained a high level of competitive play and even won a few games.  The heart that the team showed that weekend, never giving up, is still one of my fondest memories.”*

Soccer was her initial incentive to attend university, but Jacqueline appreciates the fact she also received a first class education, and says that “*in the end it is that Bachelor of Science degree that I got from UVic that allows me to have the career I enjoy today*.” Despite being a serious student, she still devoted many hours to soccer, and won Uvic rookie of the year honours during her first season with the Vikes Varsity women’s team. Jacqueline appreciated the many travel opportunities that sports provided for her, as team trips have taken her to many tournaments, provincial and national championships in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, California, Arizona, Hawaii and Mexico.

When asked if she had any advice for current Belmont athletes, Jacqueline responded: “*The friendships formed while playing sports, create some of the strongest bonds. I consider myself lucky to still count some of my former and current teammates as some of my closest friends today.”*