

**Butler County Softball Hall of Fame
Class of 2021**

Leah (Ledford) Starcher

Leah (Ledford) Starcher was a first team All-Greater Miami Conference and All-District selection as a junior and senior at Lakota West High School, leading the Firebirds to Regional Championships both years after regional runner-up finishes as a freshman and sophomore. She was a captain and four year starter hitting .378 as a senior and led the team in RBIs. Leah had three firsts at Lakota West: First player to hit for the cycle, first player to hit a homerun over the 220ft fence (did it twice), and hit the first grand slam in Southwest District All-Star game history. She helped lead her club team, the Central Ohio Stingrays to the state championship at the 12U,14U,16U, and 18U divisions, and to a third place finish at the NSA National Championship.

Leah then took her talents to The Ohio State University where she played four successful years as a scholarship athlete. Her freshman year, she saw plenty of playing time and was instrumental in the Buckeyes winning the Big 10 Conference and Big 10 Tournament. She earned a starting spot in the outfield during her Sophomore, Junior, and Senior seasons. Her Junior year Ohio State went to Regionals (Sweet 16). Leah ended her senior season with a .306 batting average (5th overall on the team), .398 on base percentage and didn't commit an error the entire season.