

Jennifer Beach was named all-state in softball by the Texas Sportswriters Association in 1997 after her senior season at Belton H.S. She became the first BHS female athlete to win a Division I athletic scholarship and played four years at Texas Tech. In 2006 Jennifer Beach Locklin is a Middle School teacher/coach in Georgetown where she lives with her two children.

Jennifer Faye Beach was born on Dec. 18, 1978, in Ft. Worth TX to Bill and Judy Beach and was raised in Belton with her siblings, Billy, Angie and Kimberly. Jennifer attended Central Elementary School, Belton Jr. H.S. and graduated from Belton H.S. in 1997. Her 13-year softball career began early in Belton as she played T-Ball and later played for the AMC Animals and the ASA Cen-Tex Babes who advanced to Nationals in Rockford IL in 1996.

Jennifer played several sports as a youth and through high school. She was a starter as a soph and junior on the Tiger volleyball team which won District and Bi-District titles in 1994 & 1995 and was twice named 1st Team All District, including "Newcomer of the Year" in 1994. She also played on the Belton varsity basketball team as a soph and junior (as point guard) and was named All-District in 1996. She also ran track in her junior year and was named the Belton Female Athlete of the Year in both 1996 & 1997.

Beach was best known for her exploits in softball as she was a four-year starter; a four-time team MVP; and four-time 1st team All District for Coach Derek Tyler. The Lady Tigers finished 2nd in district (13-7) in her soph year (1995); 3rd (21-10, 4-4) in her junior year (1996) and 1st (17-6, 10-0) in her senior year (1997).

Jennifer hit a team leading .446 in her senior season in which Belton was the undefeated district champion in the school's first year in 5A and lost to Klein Oak in the 2nd round of the playoffs. She hit .452 during district as a senior including a home run to knock Temple out of the race. Beach was named the MVP of District 13-5A as a senior in 1997 and was 1st team All District for four years. Also in 1997 she was named to the Waco Tribune's Super Cen-Tex All-Star Team and to the Texas Sportswriters' 2nd team 5-A all-state softball team at shortstop.

Jennifer was recruited by several schools including Dartmouth, UT Arlington, Kansas Wesleyan and UT and signed with Texas Tech where she was a four year (1998-2001) starter at third base and shortstop. Tech was ranked #17 in the nation in 1998.

Jennifer also performed well in the classroom at Belton and Texas Tech as she graduated from BHS "with honors" in 1997 and was awarded the "Superintendents Award" and the "Don Ringler award." At Texas Tech she was named to the Big 12 All-Academic First Team, the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll and Dean's List after maintaining a 4.0 GPA in 2001. She graduated from Tech in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Sport Sciences with a concentration in Fitness and Wellness and a minor in English.

Beach was also involved in community work in high school with Teen Involvement mentoring elementary students and at the Ronald McDonald

House and the Special Olympics. At Tech Jennifer participated with her softball team in Habitat for Humanity helping to build homes.

In 2009 Jennifer Beach Locklin was teaching gifted and talented math and coaching volleyball at Benold Middle School in Georgetown where she lived with her children, Kade, 6, and Brooke, 3.