



UCLA's Jackie Robinson Athletics and Recreation Complex

In March 2016, UCLA added its final piece to the Jackie Robinson Athletics and Recreation Complex, thanks to the generosity of Casey Wasserman and the Wasserman Foundation. A bronze plaque honoring Jackie Robinson's legacy is placed below a 42-inch tall number 42 bronze sculpture that prominently rises from its bronze base, stationed along the south side of the John Wooden Center.

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UCLA... CHAMPIONS MADE HERE

DID YOU KNOW? UCLA closed the 2015-16 school year with a nation-leading 113 NCAA team championships. The men's water polo team won the school's 113th NCAA team title in Dec. 2015, defeating crosstown rival USC in the championship match for the second consecutive year. UCLA became the first intercollegiate athletics department to capture 100 NCAA team titles in May 2007 when the women's water polo team won its third consecutive NCAA Championship.

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Year-End Recap

In addition to the men's water polo team's NCAA Championship, numerous UCLA athletic squads had terrific seasons with strong postseason results in 2015-16.

UCLA in the Community

UCLA's student-athletes excel as community leaders, volunteering over 3,000 hours in community outreach events each season. The athletics department hosted over 20 events on campus.



Graduation Ceremony

The athletic department hosted its student-athlete graduation ceremony in Pauley Pavilion the night of June 9, 2016. UCLA had 116 student-athletes participate in the Class of 2016 graduation celebration.



Dear Bruins,

Our department enjoyed another year of remarkable growth and sustained excellence both on and off the field of competition in 2015-16. Not only did UCLA place sixth in the annual Learfield Sports Directors' Cup, landing the department's fifth consecutive top 10 finish and 21st overall in the award's 23-year history, our men's water polo team captured UCLA's record 113th NCAA team championship, tops in the nation. Of even more significance, in June, 116 student-athletes earned their degree from our university and officially began the next chapter of their lives.

Throughout the course of 2015-16, student-athletes earned Director's Honor Roll accolades (3.0 GPA or higher) over 850 times. In addition, our Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Academic Progress Report (APR) numbers remained high across the board and among the best in the nation. UCLA's overall GSR of 86% ranked second in the Pac-12, with each of our teams maintaining multi-year APR rates over 960. Moreover, three teams achieved perfect scores of 1000 – women's golf for the seventh straight year, men's water polo and men's volleyball.

One the most exciting moments of 2015-16 took place at Spieker Aquatics Center in December. For the second consecutive year, our men's water polo team won the NCAA title in its home pool. But this time, the Bruins had an undefeated season (30-0), capped by a 10-7 win over rival USC in the national title match. Our 10th men's water polo championship was a testament to the tireless work of our student-athletes, as well as head coach Adam Wright and his staff.



In all, UCLA Athletics produced seven Top 5 national finishes in 2015-16, including Top 3 podium finishes from men's water polo, beach volleyball in the sport's inaugural NCAA championship, women's golf, women's volleyball and women's water polo. In addition, both the gymnastics and men's tennis teams each won Pac-12 Championships while our women's basketball team secured its first trip to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 since 1999 after successfully defending its home court with first and second-round wins in Pauley Pavilion.

While we always pride ourselves on team accomplishments, our department also produced some outstanding individual efforts. UCLA had three student-athletes named National Player of the Year in their respective sports – men's water polo goalkeeper Garrett Danner, men's tennis player Mackenzie McDonald and women's golfer Bronte Law. McDonald had a terrific campaign by sweeping the singles and doubles titles at the NCAA men's tennis championships,

earning the doubles crown with his partner Martin Redlicki. And completing her career at UCLA in style, gymnastics' Danusia Francis won an individual NCAA Championship on balance beam.

Off the field and away from the court, our department has seen terrific progress on both the Wasserman Football Center and the Mo Ostin Basketball Center. UCLA broke ground on both buildings in August 2015, and both state-of-the-art training facilities will be completed by the end of 2017. Also in the works are plans for a new home for our soccer programs at the North Athletic Field. Construction of Wallis Annenberg Stadium was made possible by a \$5 million lead gift from the Annenberg Foundation. And last but certainly not least, Easton Stadium received a new scoreboard and various other upgrades as a result of a generous two million dollar gift from Jim and Phyllis Easton.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the final piece of the Jackie Robinson Athletics and Recreation Complex, which was unveiled this past March. Standing tall just off Bruin Walk is an iconic "42" monument that we hope will remind people what real courage and sacrifice look like as well as what great heights we can reach when we fully commit ourselves to embracing adversity and affecting positive change.

With our past year's successes now in the books, we eagerly anticipate 2016-17 with an optimism indicative of this great university. The tradition and all-around excellence universally associated with UCLA endures, and your continued support is invaluable to our department. I look forward to seeing you at our venues in the coming year and thank you for supporting the hard work and efforts of our student-athletes and coaches.

Go Bruins!

Dan Guerrero

