

UCLA's SCHOLAR-ATHLETE BANQUET

Each spring, approximately 200 student-athletes with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher are invited to the Scholar-Athlete Banquet. Made possible by a donation from Rose Gilbert, the event features distinguished guests and allows UCLA to honor its most academically accomplished student-athletes. In past years, the banquet has featured notable alumni speakers return to campus, inspiring the athletic department's student-athletes to succeed in the classroom and use their education for great endeavors.



Academic Excellence award winners: (left to right) Kamila Tan (beach volleyball), Alice White (rowing), Max Pierandozzi-Howes (baseball), Rachel Owen (swimming and diving), Sean Davis (track and field), Logan Warwick (rowing), Kyle McPhillips (women's tennis), Paige Cheung (rowing), Katie Kinnear (swimming and diving), Rachel Inouye (volleyball), Arlyn Upshaw (swimming and diving) and Kelly Brooks (cross country).



(left to right) Award recipients Patrick Woepse (men's water polo), Kari Korver (women's basketball), Sean Davis (track and field), Thomas Schwab (football) and Kamila Tan (beach volleyball).



(left to right) Women's volleyball and beach volleyball players Ivey Schmitt, Kristen Phillipp, Jordan Anderson, academic advisor Linda Lassiter, Kamila Tan, Anastasia Kunz and Taylor Schlener.



Football player Kenneth Walker III (left) alongside gymnast Sadiqua Bynum.



(left to right) Men's water polo players Corbett Kruse, Garrett Danner, James Robinson, Daniel McClintick and Patrick Woepse.



UCLA student-athletes during the graduation ceremony in Pauley Pavilion on June 9, 2016.

UCLA's STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADUATION

For the fifth consecutive year, UCLA's Athletic Department hosted a student-athlete graduation ceremony at the conclusion of the school year. UCLA had 116 student-athletes participate in the Class of 2016 graduation celebration. UCLA welcomed the graduates and their families to a special ceremony in Pauley Pavilion the evening of Thursday, June 9, 2016.

The list of 116 graduates included student-athletes who graduated in Fall 2015 and Winter 2016 and who were projected to graduate in Spring 2016, Summer 2016 and Fall 2016. Sean Davis of the men's cross country and track and field teams and Belden Long of the women's soccer team served as the student-athlete graduation speakers.

Academic award-winners were recognized during the ceremony. Receiving Pac-12 postgraduate scholarships were Rachel Inouye (women's volleyball and beach volleyball) and Pat Gallagher (baseball). Sean Davis (men's cross country and track and field) and Arlyn Upshaw (swimming and diving) were honored as Scholar-Athletes of the Year. Danusia Francis (gymnastics) and Daniel McClintick (men's water polo) were the 2016 Tom Hansen Pac-12 Medal Winners. This award is annually presented to the outstanding senior male and female student-athletes from each Pac-12 institution that exhibits the greatest combination of performance and achievement in scholarship, athletics and leadership.

2015-16 AWARD WINNERS

UCLA's Athletic Department had 303 student-athletes on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll in the fall 2015 quarter (3.0 or higher quarterly GPA), 310 in the winter 2016 quarter and 316 in the spring 2016 quarter. In the fall quarter, 101 student-athletes earned a 3.5 GPA or better, with seven securing a perfect 4.0. In the winter quarter, 101 student-athletes achieved a 3.5 GPA or better, with 15 earning a perfect 4.0. In the spring quarter, 150 student-athletes recorded a 3.5 GPA or higher, with 27 notching a perfect 4.0.

SUCCESS Award

Presented to one male and one female graduating senior who are self-sufficient student-athletes and took advantage of all the opportunities and resources available to them at UCLA.

Rachel Inouye..... Women's Volleyball/Beach Volleyball
Daniel McClintick..... Men's Water Polo

Maggie Gilbert Academic Achievement Award

Presented to senior student-athletes who improved and overcame obstacles through the course of the career at UCLA and still excelled in their sport.

Sadiqua Bynum..... Gymnastics
Kenneth Walker III..... Football

Athletic Director's Academic Achievement Award

The following seniors who received this award made the Director's Honor Roll every quarter they were at UCLA:

Kelly Brooks..... Track and Field
Paige Cheung..... Women's Rowing
Julie Consani..... Beach Volleyball
Sean Davis..... Cross Country/Track and Field
Rachel Inouye..... Women's Volleyball/Beach Volleyball
Katie Kinnear..... Swimming and Diving
Kyle McPhillips..... Women's Tennis
Rachel Owen..... Swimming and Diving
Keenan Pierandozzi-Howes..... Baseball
Jake Reeves..... Men's Volleyball
Kamila Tan..... Beach Volleyball
Arlyn Upshaw..... Swimming and Diving
Logan Warwick..... Rowing
Alice White..... Rowing

Bruin Leadership Award

Presented to student-athletes who demonstrate leadership on their team as well as within the UCLA community.

Danusia Francis..... Gymnastics
Kenny Orjioke..... Football
Trinity Wilson..... Women's Track and Field
Patrick Woepse..... Men's Water Polo

Rose Gilbert Courage and Character Award

Presented to one male and one female who not only excelled in their sport and in the classroom, but overcame adversity and hardship to do so.

Marcus Rios..... Football
Gage Brymer..... Men's Tennis

UCLA All-Academic Team

The All-Academic Team consists of 23 members and is comprised of the person with the highest cumulative GPA from each of UCLA's team sports. The overall GPA of UCLA's All-Academic Team in 2015-16 was 3.65.

Third-time selection:

Kari Korver..... Women's Basketball
Rachel Inouye..... Women's Volleyball/Beach Volleyball

Second-time selections:

Thomas Schwab..... Football
Yvonne Zheng..... Women's Golf
Torie Owens..... Women's Track and Field
Sean Davis..... Cross Country/Track and Field
Jennie Frager..... Women's Volleyball
Patrick Woepse..... Men's Water Polo

First-time selections:

Kelly Brooks..... Track and Field
Daniel Rosica..... Baseball
Jerrod Smith..... Men's Basketball
Brandon Mai..... Men's Golf
Mikaela Gerber..... Gymnastics
Jasmine English..... Rowing
Michael Amick..... Men's Soccer
Chloe Hemingway..... Women's Soccer
Izzy Ordorica..... Softball
Annika Lenz..... Swimming and Diving
Martin Redlicki..... Men's Tennis
Kyle McPhillips..... Women's Tennis
Scott Snow..... Track and Field
John Zappia..... Men's Volleyball

Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Sean Davis..... Cross Country/Track and Field
Arlyn Upshaw..... Swimming and Diving



From the track and field program, Daphenie Adeyemi receives her medal on the stage.



Men's tennis student-athlete Karue Sell is congratulated by head coach Billy Martin.



Women's soccer student-athlete Belden Long addresses her fellow graduates during the ceremony in Pauley Pavilion.



Members of the men's water polo team, including head coach Adam Wright (left), from left to right: Danny McClintick, Patrick Woepse, Anthony Daboub, Alec Zwaneveld and Garrett Danner.



Women's volleyball players in the front row (left to right) include Michaela Leonard, Taylor Formico, Karly Drolson and Rachel Inouye. In the back, Maddy Klineman (left) and Haley Lawless.