



KELLY INOUYE-PEREZ

The Shelly Carlin UCLA
Head Softball Coach

18th Season as Head Coach
31st Season, Overall
UCLA '93

Biography

UCLA Athletic Hall of Famer Kelly Inouye-Perez begins her 18th season as The Shelly Carlin UCLA Head Softball Coach in 2024. She owns an overall record of 775-197-1 (.797) through 17 campaigns. Including her 13 years as an assistant coach (1994-06) and five years as a player (1989-93), this marks Inouye-Perez's 36th consecutive season in Westwood. Inouye-Perez, who is the only person to have won an NCAA Softball Championship as both a player and coach, led the Bruins to their 12th and 13th titles as head coach in 2010 and 2019. Inouye-Perez officially took over from Sue Enquist as the third head coach in program history on Jan. 1, 2007.

Inouye-Perez, who has reached the postseason every year as head coach, is a link to five decades of Bruin softball success. Inouye-Perez has contributed to eight NCAA Championships, 11 Pac-10/12 Conference titles and won 1,662 total games in her previous 35 years. She won three NCAA titles as a player in 1989, 1990 and 1992 and three as an assistant coach under NFCA Hall of Famer Enquist in 1999, 2003 and 2004.

Entering 2024, she leads all active Pac-12 coaches with 775 overall victories and 275 conference victories. Inouye-Perez secured her Pac-12-leading fourth regular-season title in 2023 with a 21-3 record, taking the season series versus each opponent. She ranks second among active NCAA softball head coaches and seventh all-time with a .797 winning percentage.

Over Inouye-Perez's 17 seasons as head coach, numerous Bruin players have garnered national, regional and conference recognition. Rachel Garcia was a three-time winner of the Honda Award for Softball (2018, 2019, 2021) and the first two-time winner of the Honda Cup (2019, 2021), which is given to the best female athlete in any collegiate sport. Garcia also was a two-time winner of the USA Softball Player of the Year award. Inouye-Perez has directed 44 NFCA All-Americans (21 First Team) and 89 NFCA All-Region plaudits (59 First Team). Eighty-two of Inouye-Perez's players have been named to the All-Pac-12 First (61), Second (17) and Third Teams (4) and 26 earned Honorable Mention. UCLA has hauled in seven Pac-10/12 Player of the Year awards since Inouye-Perez took the reins of the program, beginning with Megan Langenfeld in 2010. Ally Carda was a two-time winner in 2014 and 2015 and Rachel Garcia received the award three times (2018, 2019 and 2021), tying her lifelong friend Lisa Fernandez's record. Maya Brady is the most recent Bruin to be named Pac-12 Player of the Year in 2023. Since 2007, UCLA has totaled three Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year awards. Megan Faraimo became the first Bruin to win the award in back-to-back seasons in 2022 and 2023. Five Bruins have won Pac-12 Freshman of the Year and Briana Perez became the first Bruin to win Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year in 2022.

Four players who have competed in the Inouye-Perez era of UCLA softball have gone on to represent Team USA in the Olympics. Rachel Garcia, Bubba Nickles, Delaney Spaulding and Ally Carda all donned the Red, White and Blue at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics and brought home the silver medal.

Inouye-Perez and her staff have been consistently recognized for their efforts on and off the field. The staff was awarded NFCA West Regional Coaching Staff of the Year six times and received the national honor three times in 2010, 2019 and 2021. Inouye-Perez was an assistant coach on the 2000 and 2004 staffs under Enquist that won the NFCA West Regional award. In 2023, Inouye-Perez matched her predecessor Enquist's mark of three Pac-12 Coach of the Year awards (2010, 2021 and 2023).



Personal

Inouye-Perez and her husband, Gerardo Perez, currently reside in Cerritos. Along with Kelly's exploits on the diamond, Gerardo competed as a catcher/DH for Cerritos College from 1988-90 and helped lead the Falcons to the 1989 Junior College National Championship. After a stellar career at Cerritos, he went on to compete at Loyola Marymount, earning First Team All-West Coast Conference honors his junior and senior seasons. He currently teaches health and coaches baseball at Gahr High School in Cerritos. The couple has two children, Michael (24), a former standout on the UCLA baseball team, and Kylie (18). Michael, or "Mikey", was drafted in Round 15 of the 2021 MLB Draft with the 459th pick by the Minnesota Twins organization and currently plays for its Single-A affiliate, the Fort Myers Mighty Mussels. Kylie enters her sophomore year on the University of San Diego women's soccer team in 2024.

Through the Years

Most recently in 2023, Inouye-Perez won her third Pac-10/12 Coach of the Year honor after leading the Bruins to their 17th total conference banner and 12th as a member of the Pac-12. UCLA posted a 52-7 record and a 21-3 mark in conference play, earning a No. 2 national seed in the NCAA Tournament to make it 16 straight postseason appearances for Inouye-Perez. UCLA ended the season with a 17-game conference winning streak which was the longest for the team since 2002. With their fifth consecutive conference sweep against Utah, the Bruins concluded their Pac-12 schedule with 21 wins for their most in a season since 1999. In total, UCLA defeated 20 ranked opponents in 2023. The Bruins nearly swept the Pac-12 major postseason awards. Maya Brady was named the Player of the Year, Megan Faraimo Pitcher of the Year and Jordan Woolery Freshman of the Year. Brady was one of the top players in the country, being named a USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Top 3 Finalist. Brady won the Pac-12 Regular Season Batting Crown with a .456 average and recorded UCLA's highest single-season batting average since Allexis Bennett in 2015 (.448) and slugging percentage since Megan Langenfeld in 2010 (.866). Brady finished first in the Pac-12 batting average (.448), slugging

percentage (.866), extra-base hits (33) and total bases (149) and was second in RBI (59) and home runs (18). Faraimo, who became the first player in UCLA history to win Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year in back-to-back seasons, ranked second in the NCAA with 29 wins and led the Pac-12 with 232 strikeouts. Both Brady and Faraimo earned NFCA First Team All-American honors while UCLA's star freshman duo of Megan Grant and Jordan Woolery earned Second Team and Third Team All-America acclaim, respectively. Grant and Woolery set a UCLA freshman duo record with 104 combined RBI. With the help of All-Pac-12 Second Team selections pitcher Brooke Yanez and catcher Sharlize Palacios, UCLA ranked second in the conference with a 1.64 earned run average and 416 strikeouts.

In 2022, Inouye-Perez led the Bruins to a seventh straight Women's College World Series appearance. The Bruins posted a 51-10 record and 19-5 record in conference play, finishing runner-up behind Arizona State. UCLA opened its conference schedule to the tune of a 10-0 record for the best start in program history. UCLA's pitching staff was once again the story of the team, leading the conference in every statistical category (1.73 ERA, 292 strikeouts and 21 shutouts). Megan Faraimo and Holly Azevedo dazzled with a combined 45-8 record to become the Bruins' first pitching duo to each record 20-plus wins in a season in 20 years. Faraimo went on to secure Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year honors while Azevedo was named to the All-Pac-12 First Team. The Bruins tossed five no-hitters, ranking second nationally, for the program's most since 2002. Three of those no-no's were perfect games, all coming within eight days of each other in March. Faraimo, Delanie Wisz and Briana Perez each earned NFCA All-American nods. Wisz performed her best in her final year in Westwood, boating the Bruins' top batting average (.405), RBI total (63), home run total (16) and slugging percentage (.767). Perez became the first Bruin to win the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year award and was named to her fourth All-Pac-12 Defensive Team. Joining Azevedo, Faraimo, Perez and Wisz with All-Pac-12 accolades were Maya Brady, Savannah Pola and Kinsley Washington, who were all named to the Third Team.

In 2021, Inouye-Perez earned the second Pac-10/12 Conference Coach of the Year award of her career after guiding the Bruins to their sixth consecutive Women's College World Series and their 11th Pac-12 Championship in program history with a 47-7 record. The Bruins' pitching staff ranked first in the country with 23 shutouts and a 6.25 strikeout-to-walk ratio as well as third with a 1.43 ERA. Brady, Wisz, Perez and Rachel Garcia all ranked first in the top 10 in the conference in home runs. Garcia was named the NFCA Player of the Year as well as the back-to-back winner of both the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year award and the prestigious Honda Cup. Inouye-Perez's staff was honored as the 2021 NFCA Division I West Regional Coaching Staff of the Year. Aaliyah Jordan, Faraimo, Perez, Garcia and Brady were all named NFCA All-Americans, tied for the most of any school.

During the 2020 abbreviated season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bruins posted a 25-1 record, with the .962 winning percentage ranking first in the nation. The Bruins were voted the No. 1 team in the nation in the final NFCA, USA Softball and D1 Softball polls. As a team, UCLA was also first in strikeout-to-walk ratio (10.52), second in batting average (.368) and earned run average (1.20), fourth in runs per game (7.69), sixth in slugging percentage (.594) and tied for ninth in doubles (45). Faraimo led the nation with a 29.80 strikeout-to-walk ratio, ranked second with 149 strikeouts and was tied for second with 13 victories, earning Softball America Pitcher of the Year honors. In addition, Brady was named Softball America Freshman Player of the Year. (No All-American, All-Region or All-Pac-12 awards were given).

In 2019, Inouye-Perez guided the Bruins to their 13th National Championship and 12th NCAA title. The Bruins never trailed at the Women's College World Series, as Inouye-Perez won her 600th career game in the title-clinching victory over Oklahoma. During its 5-0 run in Oklahoma City, UCLA led the WCWS field in batting average (.310), earned run average (1.84), home runs (12), on base percentage (.392), runs scored (37) and slugging (.574). The Bruins also led the entire NCAA Tournament in average (.317), runs (79), slugging (.548) and homers (18).

Rachel Garcia was named the Most Outstanding Player of the WCWS and was joined on the All-Tournament Team by Aaliyah Jordan, Bubba Nickles and Kinsley Washington. Garcia was also selected as the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year (Honda Cup), USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year, NFCA National Pitcher of the Year, Softball America and ESPNW POY and Pac-12 Conference Player and Pitcher

of the Year. Six Bruins earned All-American status (Garcia - First Team NFCA and SA, Nickles - First Team SA and Second Team NFCA, Briana Perez - First Team SA, Kelli Godin - Second Team SA, Taylor Pack - Third Team SA, Megan Faraimo - Third Team SA, Pac-12 Freshman of the Year). Seven players were also honored on the All-Region and All-Pac-12 teams.

The Bruins went 56-6 and tied for first in the Pac-12 Conference (20-4), UCLA's first league title since 2009. The Bruins finished the season ranked second in ERA (1.43), third in average (.339) and strikeout-to-walk ratio (5.52), fourth in runs per game (7.03), seventh in on base (.416), eighth in slugging (.547), tied for eighth in shutouts (20), 11th in homers (78), 20th in fielding percentage (.974) and tied for 20th in doubles (90).

Inouye-Perez and her staff were named the 2019 NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year, the second time in a decade they earned the award (2010), and NFCA Regional Coaching Staff of the Year (fifth time).

In 2018, the Bruins again advanced to the WCWS, going 58-7 and placing second in the Pac-12 (20-4). The 58 victories, tied for the most in the nation in 2018, were the most for a Bruin team since 2001. UCLA won the first 25 games of the season, was the last undefeated team in the country and had 14 comeback wins. UCLA finished second in the nation in batting (.335), fifth in runs per game (6.32), sixth in slugging (.520), ninth in on base percentage (.404), 10th in homers (68), tied for 10th in doubles (88) and 12th in ERA (1.83).

Garcia was named the Honda Sport Award winner for softball, as well as NFCA, USA Softball and ESPNW National Player of the Year. Garcia was an NFCA First Team All-American, along with Jordan, while Kylee Perez was named Second Team All-American. Seven Bruins were named NFCA All-Region to tie a school record, and six were honored on the All-Pac-12 Teams, with Garcia earning POY honors and Jordan picking up Freshman of the Year and Batting Champion accolades. On Feb. 25, 2018, Inouye-Perez won the 500th game of her head coaching career with a victory over Missouri. In the classroom, the 2018 Graduation Success Rate was at 100 percent, the sixth-straight season UCLA softball accomplished that feat.

In 2017, the Bruins went 48-15 and tied for third in the Pac-12 (16-8). UCLA finished third in the nation in homers (78) and doubles (97) and seventh in slugging (.521). Garcia, the NFCA National Freshman of the Year, was also an NFCA Second Team All-American, with five Bruins earning NFCA All-West Region First Team accolades, as well as All-Pac-12 nods.

In 2016, the Bruins advanced to the WCWS after winning the final two games of the Eugene Super Regional to oust Oregon. UCLA went 40-16-1 and placed second in the Pac-12 (16-5-1). The Bruins led the nation in double plays turned with 45 and also ranked in the Top 31 in five other categories. Three Bruins earned NFCA All-American honors, with Mysha Sataraka and Delaney Spaulding receiving Second Team accolades and Alexis Bennett picking up Third Team plaudits. In addition, six players earned All-Region honors and five were named to the All-Pac-12 Teams. On Feb. 13, 2016, Inouye-Perez won her 400th career game against Wichita State. Inouye-Perez and her staff were named the NFCA West Region Coaching Staff of the Year for the third season in a row and fourth time during Inouye-Perez's head coaching tenure (2010).

In 2015, the Bruins went 51-12, finishing second in the Pac-12 (19-5). The Bruins, who led all NCAA Tournament teams in homers during the postseason with 17, were tops in the country in batting (.367), second in on base percentage (.467), tied for second in doubles (107), fourth in runs scored (7.92) and slugging (.608) and 11th in homers (89). The Bruins set single-season school records in average, slugging, on base, runs, RBI and walks. Four Bruins were named NFCA All-Americans, with Bennett and Ally Carda earning First Team honors and Spaulding and Stephany LaRosa being named Second Team. Seven Bruins were named NFCA West All-Region, while seven were honored on the All-Pac-12 teams, including Carda, the back-to-back Player of the Year.

In 2014, the Bruins recorded the nation's best winning percentage (.867) with a 52-8 record. Inouye-Perez picked up her 300th career coaching victory at Hawai'i on Feb. 8. The Bruins finished second in the Pac-12 (19-5) and tied for ninth nationally, reaching the Super Regional round of the NCAA Tournament. UCLA ranked fourth in the country in slugging and ninth in average and homers per game.

Carda and LaRosa each earned First Team All-American accolades, with Carda also being named a top 3 finalist for the USA Softball National Player of the Year Award and Pac-12 Player of the Year. Six Bruins were named All-Region and seven were honored on the All-Pac-12 Teams.

The Bruins posted a 40-20 record in 2013, tying for fifth in the Pac-12 with a 10-14 mark and reaching the Regional Championship game of the Louisville Regional. B.B. Bates was named Second Team NFCA All-American, four were honored on the All-Region squad and six earned All-Pac-12 accolades.

In 2012, UCLA went 36-20 and tied for fourth in the Pac-12 with a 12-12 record. Four Bruins earned All-American honors, tied for the most for any school in 2012, as LaRosa was named First Team, Andrea Harrison and Katie Schroeder Second Team and Samantha Camuso Third Team. Seven were named to the All-Pac-12 Team, including Freshman of the Year LaRosa, while six were All-Region winners.

In 2011, UCLA recorded a 36-19 mark and tied for sixth in the Pac-10 (9-12). Six Bruins were honored on the All-Conference Teams, while Harrison was named First Team All-Region and All-American. Inouye-Perez earned her 200th career victory on March 11 against Sacramento State.

Inouye-Perez led the UCLA softball program to its 12th national title and 11th NCAA Championship in 2010. The Bruins (50-11) went a perfect 10-0 in the postseason, including 5-0 at the Women's College World Series. UCLA set numerous WCWS records, including the most home runs in one tournament with 14. Megan Langenfeld was named the Most Outstanding Player of the WCWS, while Camuso and Harrison each earned All-Tournament honors. Following the season, Inouye-Perez and her staff were honored as the NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year. UCLA set a single-season school record for home runs with 108. Langenfeld and GiOnna DiSalvatore were each named to the NFCA All-American First Team. The Bruins also had three players named to the All-Region Team and eight honored by the Pac-10.

In 2009, she led the Bruins to a Pacific-10 Conference Championship, as UCLA went 45-11 overall and 16-5 in league play. She was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year and earned her 100th career victory on Feb. 22 against Maryland. In 2008, the Bruins went 51-9 and advanced to the WCWS, finishing second in the Pac-10 with a 17-4 record. In her first season at the helm of UCLA in 2007, Inouye-Perez posted a 37-18 overall record and a 12-9 Pac-10 mark (T-3rd).

Over Inouye-Perez's 13 seasons (1994-06) as an assistant coach, UCLA was 617-150-1 (.804) and appeared in the NCAA title game seven times, winning the NCAA Championship in the 1999, 2003 and 2004 seasons. The Bruins also won three Pac-10 titles during that span (1999, 2002, 2006) and in 2004 were named the National Coaching Staff of the Year by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA).

Inouye-Perez's primary responsibility as an assistant coach was guiding the Bruin pitchers and catchers, a list which includes many of the most honored and recognizable names in collegiate softball. Behind the dish, where Inouye-Perez also starred as a three-time All-Pac-10 honoree during her playing days at UCLA, she helped mold and influence arguably the best catcher in the history of USA Softball in Stacey Nuveman. Under Inouye-Perez's tutelage, Nuveman became a three-time Pac-10 Player of the Year, four-time, First Team All-American and the NCAA's all-time single-season and career home run leader.

At least one All-American award was earned by a UCLA pitcher in 12 of her 13 assistant coaching campaigns. That list includes Pac-10 Pitchers of the Year Courtney Dale (1999) and Keira Goerl (2003), DeeDee Weiman, four-time Olympian Tanya Harding and two-time Olympian Amanda Freed.

As a player, Inouye-Perez was an exceptionally strong fielder behind the dish for the Bruins. She made her mark immediately as a collegiate player, earning All-Pac-10 First Team as a true freshman and Second Team as a sophomore, leading the Bruins to the 1989 and 1990 NCAA Championships before receiving a medical redshirt in 1991 due to shoulder surgery.

She came back strong in 1992, picking up All-Pac-10 Second Team honors as the Bruins once again won the national championship and finished with a 54-2 record, the fewest losses in a season in program history. Inouye-Perez also was named to

the 1992 All-Women's College World Series Team, going 5-for-12 (.417) with four RBI during WCWS play. She wrapped up her career as a fifth-year senior in 1993 with an NCAA runner-up finish. Impressively, Inouye-Perez did not commit a single fielding error during her final two seasons.

Among the UCLA pitchers during her five seasons as a player were Lisa Longaker and Lisa Fernandez, both of whom were named to the NCAA's 25th Anniversary All-WCWS Team. During her UCLA career, Inouye-Perez played in 22 Women's College World Series games, a mark that is tied for third-best in UCLA history behind only Lisa Fernandez and Kristy Howard (23). Inouye-Perez graduated from UCLA in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and earned her master's degree in physical education from Azusa Pacific University in 2004.

Prior to college, Inouye-Perez was one of the top players during her ASA days, winning four national championships with the Panthers (1984, '85 and '89) and the Raiders (1986). She also competed on an international level in Japan in 1985 and in Peru in 1987 (Pan American Qualifier) and followed her collegiate career with time playing on the NPF Pro Tour.



Inouye-Perez captured her second title as head coach at the 2019 Women's College World Series.

Kelly Inouye-Perez's Year-by-Year Head Coaching Record

UCLA	Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
2007	47-18	12-9	t-3rd	1-2 (t-17th, Regionals)
2008	51-9	17-4	2nd	6-2 (t-5th, WCWS)
2009	45-11	16-5	1st	4-2 (t-9th, Super Regionals)
2010	50-11	14-7	2nd	10-0 (National Champions)
2011	36-19	9-12	t-6th	3-2 (t-17th, Regionals)
2012	36-20	12-12	t-4th	0-2 (t-17th, Regionals)
2013	40-20	10-14	t-5th	3-2 (t-17th, Regionals)
2014	52-8	19-5	2nd	4-2 (t-9th, Super Regionals)
2015	51-12	19-5	2nd	6-2 (t-5th, WCWS)
2016	40-16-1	16-5-1	2nd	5-3 (t-7th, WCWS)
2017	48-15	16-8	t-3rd	6-2 (t-5th, WCWS)
2018	58-7	20-4	2nd	8-3 (t-3rd, WCWS)
2019	56-6	20-4	1st	10-1 (National Champions)
2020	25-1	canceled	--	--
2021	47-7	19-2	1st	6-3 (t-3rd, WCWS)
2022	51-10	19-5	2nd	8-2 (t-3rd, WCWS)
2023	52-7	21-3	1st	0-2 (t-17th, Regionals)
17 SEASONS	775-197-1 (.797)	259-104-1 (.712)	-	80-32 (.714), 16 NCAA App.

Kelly Inouye-Perez, Years Prior to Becoming Head Coach

UCLA	Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason	
1994	Assistant Coach	43-14	16-6	2nd	6-3 (t-3rd, WCWS)
1995	Assistant Coach	43-6	23-4	2nd	--
1996	Assistant Coach	47-11	20-7	3rd	6-3 (t-3rd, WCWS)
1997	Assistant Coach	49-14	21-7	2nd	8-2 (2nd, WCWS)
1998	Assistant Coach	18-27	8-18	7th	--
1999	Assistant Coach	63-6	22-6	1st	8-0 (National Champions)
2000	Assistant Coach	46-12-1	14-7	3rd	7-1 (2nd, WCWS)
2001	Assistant Coach	62-6	16-5	2nd	7-1 (2nd, WCWS)
2002	Assistant Coach	55-9	18-3	1st	5-3 (t-5th, WCWS)
2003	Assistant Coach	54-7	17-4	2nd	9-1 (National Champions)
2004	Assistant Coach	47-9	12-8	4th	8-0 (National Champions)
2005	Assistant Coach	40-20	11-10	5th	10-4 (2nd, WCWS)
2006	Assistant Coach	50-9	15-5	1st	8-2 (t-5th, WCWS)
13 SEASONS	617-150-1 (.804)	213-90 (.702)	-	90-19 (.826), 11 NCAA App.	

Kelly Inouye-Perez, Years as a Player

UCLA	Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason	
1989	Catcher	48-4	18-2	1st	7-0 (National Champions)
1990	Catcher	62-7	16-2	1st	7-1 (National Champions)
1991	Catcher (redshirted)	56-7	16-4	1st	6-2 (2nd, WCWS)
1992	Catcher	54-2	14-2	2nd	7-0 (National Champions)
1993	Catcher	50-5	25-1	1st	6-2 (2nd, WCWS)
5 SEASONS	270-25 (.915)	72-11 (.868)	-	33-5 (.868), 5 NCAA App.	

Coach I's Coaching Awards

- Was honored as the 2019 NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year, having led the Bruins' to a 56-6 record and the 2019 NCAA Championship.
- Was inducted into the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 2022 class, becoming the 20th member of the UCLA softball program to receive the honor.
- Her and her staff have been honored as NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year three times (2010, 2019, 2021) and Regional Coaching Staff of the year six times.
- Has been honored as Pac-12 Coach of the Year three times (2010, 2021, 2023).

Kelly Inouye-Perez's Most Notable Accomplishments

- An eight-time NCAA Champion across her 35 consecutive seasons in Westwood, either as a player (1989-93, three NCAA titles), assistant coach (1994-06, three NCAA titles) or head coach (2007-pres., two NCAA titles).
- The only person to win a NCAA Softball Championship as both a player and coach.
- Reached the postseason in all 16 years (2020 season canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic) and reached the Women's College World Series seven straight seasons from 2015-2022.
- Ranks second amongst active NCAA Division I head coaches and seventh all-time in winning percentage (.797).
- Produced four Olympians as head coach (Rachel Garcia, Bubba Nickles, Delaney Spaulding and Ally Carda).
- Coached two-time Honda Broderick Cup and three-time USA Softball Player of the Year Winner Rachel Garcia.
- Has directed her athletes to 44 NFCA All-American awards, including 21 First Team members.
- Four of her athletes have been named Pac-12 Player of the Year seven times and two have won Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year three times.

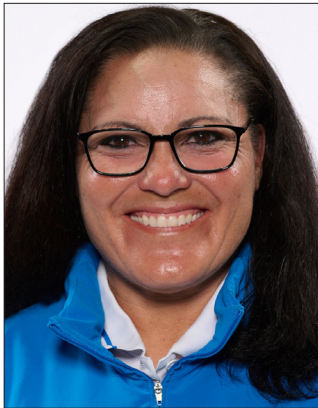


Coach I meets with Kinsley Washington during UCLA's 2019 title run.

UCLA's COACHES AND STAFF

Kelly Inouye-Perez's Head Coaching Record vs. Opponents

Opponents	W-L	Opponents	W-L	Opponents	W-L
Alabama	3-1	James Madison	3-0	Rutgers	1-0
Arizona	43-13	Kansas	1-0	Sacramento State	2-0
Arizona State	28-22	Kentucky	8-3	Saint Mary's	4-0
Arkansas	0-1	Lehigh	1-0	Saint Peter's	1-0
Auburn	2-3	Liberty	5-1	San Diego	9-0
Baylor	4-3	Long Beach State	18-2	San Diego State	14-0
Boise State	3-0	Longwood	2-0	San Jose State	4-0
Boston University	4-0	Louisiana-Lafayette	3-0	Santa Clara	2-0
BYU	6-1	Louisiana-Monroe	1-0	Seattle University	1-0
California	31-12-1	Louisville	1-0	Simon Fraser	1-0
Cal Poly	17-0	Loyola Chicago	3-0	SIU Edwardsville	1-0
Cal State Bakersfield	13-0	Loyola Marymount	13-1	South Alabama	1-0
Cal State Fullerton	23-3	LSU	3-2	South Dakota	3-0
Canisius	1-0	Maryland	5-0	South Dakota State	1-0
Central Florida	1-0	Massachusetts	2-0	South Carolina	2-0
Charleston Southern	4-0	McNeese State	1-0	Southern Utah	4-0
Colorado State	6-0	Michigan	4-7	Stanford	38-12
Connecticut	1-0	Michigan State	3-0	St. John's	1-0
CSUN	14-1	Middle Tennessee	1-0	Syracuse	5-0
Dartmouth	1-0	Minnesota	4-0	Tennessee	3-2
Delaware	2-0	Mississippi State	1-0	Texas	4-5
Duke	2-0	Missouri	12-4	Texas A&M	6-4
Eastern Michigan	2-0	Mount St. Mary's	109	Texas State	1-0
Eastern Kentucky	2-0	Nebraska	5-0	Texas Tech	1-0
Florida	8-6	Nevada	6-0	UAB	2-2
Florida Atlantic	1-0	New Mexico	3-1	UC Davis	8-0
Florida International	1-0	North Carolina	1-0	UCF	7-0
Florida State	4-8	North Carolina State	2-0	UC Riverside	3-1
Fresno State	15-1	North Dakota State	3-0	UC San Diego	3-0
Fordham	2-0	Northwestern	10-2	UC Santa Barbara	18-2
Georgetown	1-0	Notre Dame	6-2	UNLV	9-0
Georgia	8-1	Ohio	2-0	USF	1-0
Georgia State	1-0	Ohio State	3-1	Utah	30-7
Grand Canyon	2-1	Oklahoma	7-7	Utah State	4-0
Hampton	1-0	Oklahoma State	3-1	Utah Valley	1-0
Hawai'i	7-1	Ole Miss	4-0	UT Arlington	1-0
Hofstra	2-0	Oregon	36-19	UTEP	1-0
Howard	1-0	Oregon State	40-7	Virginia Tech	4-2
Idaho State	1-0	Pacific	2-0	Washington	33-18
Illinois	2-1	Pennsylvania	1-0	Weber State	5-0
Illinois Purdue Fort Wayne	1-0	Pittsburgh	3-0	Western Kentucky	1-0
Illinois State	0-1	Portland State	4-0	Wichita State	2-0
Indiana	2-0	Princeton	1-0	Wisconsin	3-0
Iowa	2-0	Providence	2-0	Wright State	3-0
Iowa State	2-0	Purdue	1-1		
Jacksonville	2-0	Robert Morris	3-0		



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The Mark Kalmansohn UCLA
Associate Head Softball Coach

25th Season
UCLA '95

One of the most recognizable names in the sport of softball, Lisa Fernandez begins her 26th season on the Bruin coaching staff in 2024. Fernandez was promoted to the Mark Kalmansohn UCLA Associate Head Softball Coach on August 10, 2022. Fernandez works closely with the Bruins' hitters and infielders as well as manages the program's recruiting efforts.

This is Fernandez's second stint as a full-time assistant coach for UCLA (1997-99, 2007-present), also serving as a volunteer assistant from 2000-04. In 25 previous seasons with Fernandez on staff, the Bruins have posted a 1,169-247-2 (.825) record and have claimed five NCAA Championships in 1999, 2003, 2004, 2010 and 2019. UCLA has also won six regular-season Pac-10/12 Conference titles with Fernandez as an assistant: 1999, 2002, 2009, 2019, 2021 and 2023. The program has been honored as the NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year three times in 2004, 2010 and 2019 and NFCA Regional CSOY seven times in 2000, '10, '14, '15, '16, '19 and '21. Arguably the greatest pitcher in softball history, Fernandez has coached nine Bruin hurlers to 21 NFCA All-American awards.

Fernandez's primary coaching responsibility from 2019-23 was in the Bruins' bullpen. UCLA has finished top 10 nationally and top two in the Pac-12 in earned run average in all five seasons since taking over the role at the end of 2018. Under her tutelage, Rachel Garcia won two Honda Broderick Cups, three Honda Sport Awards, one NFCA National Player of the Year, one NFCA Pitcher of the Year, two Pac-12 Player of the Years, one Pac-12 Pitcher of the year and two of her three NFCA First Team All-American honors. Megan Faraimo won three NFCA All-American awards (two First Team) and was honored as the program's first back-to-back Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year in 2022 and 2023 with the help of Fernandez.

UCLA's 2023 pitching staff was headlined by Faraimo and left-handed transfer pitcher Brooke Yanez who led the Bruins to a 52-7 record with a team earned run average of 1.69, good for second in the Pac-12 and eighth in the country. Faraimo pieced together her second 20-win campaign in as many seasons with a record of 29-3 and 1.42 ERA. She led the Pac-12 with 232 strikeouts in 172.0 innings pitched. Faraimo finished her career in Westwood ranked third in program history in both wins (101) and strikeouts (1,000). Faraimo pitched two no-hitters in her final season, including her first versus a ranked opponent in then-No. 3 Florida, to bring her career total to seven no-hitters. Both Yanez and Faraimo were named NFCA West All-Region and All-Pac-12.

In 2022, UCLA's pitching staff was once again the story of the team, leading the conference in every statistical category (1.73 ERA, 292 strikeouts and 21 shutouts). Faraimo and Holly Azevedo dazzled with a combined 45-8 record to become the Bruins' first pitching duo to each record 20-plus wins in a season in 20 years. Faraimo went on to secure Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year honors while Azevedo was named to the All-Pac-12 First Team. The Bruins' tossed five no-hitters, ranking second nationally, for the program's most since 2002. Three of those no-no's were perfect games, all coming within eight days of each other in March.

In June 2019, Garcia put on a performance for the ages in the circle to bring home the Bruins' 12th NCAA title. Garcia started and was the winning pitcher in all five games at the Women's College World Series. Garcia tossed a complete game in four of those contests, including a 10-inning shutout with 16 strikeouts versus Washington which she walked off with a three-run homer to give herself the win. In total, Garcia threw 36 of the Bruins' 38 innings in Oklahoma City.



Fernandez meets with Aaliyah Jordan and Maya Brady pregame in Arizona in 2023.

In November 2013, Fernandez was inducted into the ASA/USA Softball National Hall of Fame, joining Sharron Backus, Gina Vecchione, Sheila Cornell, Dot Richardson and Sue Enquist. A decade prior, she was inducted into the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

Fernandez is a three-time Olympic Gold Medalist, having helped Team USA to victories in the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games. In 1996, Fernandez shined in the United States' 3-1 gold-medal victory over China, recording the final three outs to earn a save. She went 1-1 with a 0.33 ERA in softball's inaugural appearance in the Olympics in Atlanta.

In the 2000 Sydney Games, Fernandez pitched the U.S. to victory in both the semifinal win over Australia and the gold-medal game against Japan. She established an Olympic single-game strikeout record with 25 in a round-robin game against Australia and posted a 0.47 earned run average and 52 strikeouts. In 2004, Fernandez was Team USA's top hitter and pitcher, posting a .545 batting average (12-for-22), which set a new record for an Olympic tournament. For the third-consecutive Games, she was also in the circle for the final out of the gold-medal contest, a 5-1 victory over Australia. Fernandez was selected as an alternate to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

In 1999, Fernandez was named the ASA/USA Softball Female Athlete of the Year. As a pitcher and third baseman, she helped the USA Softball Women's National Team to gold medals at both the Pan American Games and the Canada Cup. She also helped the California Commotion win the ASA Women's Major Fast Pitch championship for the fourth consecutive time.

Fernandez played at UCLA from 1990-93 and completed her psychology degree in 1995. A three-time winner of the sport's Honda Award, Fernandez became the first softball player to win the prestigious Honda-Broderick Cup in 1993, given to the most outstanding collegiate female athlete in all sports. A four-time, First Team All-American, Fernandez led the Bruins to two national championships (1990 and 1992) and two runner-up finishes (1991 and 1993). She was also All-Region and All-Pac-10 First Team each season and Pac-10 Player of the Year her final three years.

With a minuscule 0.22 earned run average, Fernandez went 93-7 with 784 strikeouts. Her ERA ranks second in NCAA history and her 74 shutouts are tops at UCLA and tied for ninth in the NCAA annals. In her junior and senior seasons, Fernandez had the lowest ERA in the nation (0.14 in 1992, 0.25 in 1993), sporting a perfect 29-0 mark in '92. She tossed 11 career no-hitters, including a pair in the 1993 Women's College World Series, along with two perfect games. She ranks second in UCLA history in ERA, seventh in wins and eighth strikeouts.

Fernandez was just as powerful at the plate, batting .382 with 15 home runs and 128 runs batted in. She hit .401 in her junior season, but eclipsed that mark by more than 100 points in her senior campaign, batting an NCAA-best .510 with 11 homers and 45 RBI. Fernandez ranks in the UCLA Top 10 in numerous offensive categories, including sixth in hits.

Fernandez and Mike Lujan, who were married in August 2002, have two sons, Antonio (18) and Cruz (11), and reside in Long Beach.



KIRK
WALKER

Associate Head Coach

23rd Season

UCLA '88

Kirk Walker begins his 23rd season on the UCLA coaching staff in 2024 and his 12th year since returning to Westwood on Aug. 7, 2012. Walker was elevated to Associate Head Coach on August 10, 2022.

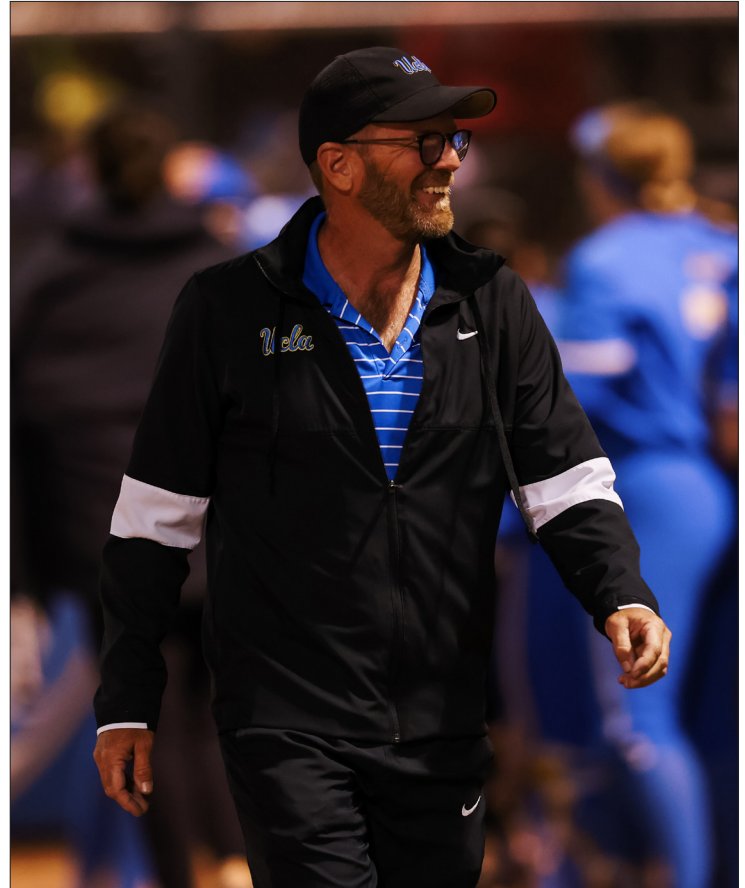
Walker, who was the head softball coach at Oregon State from 1995-12, previously was a member of the Bruin staff from 1984-94. In 22 years on the Bruins' staff, Walker has a coaching record of 785-144-1 (.844). UCLA was honored as the NFCA Regional Coaching Staff of the Year in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019 and 2021. Walker, the Bruins' third base coach, has helped UCLA to seven NCAA Championships and 17 Women's College World Series appearances across his two coaching stints.

During the summer of 2017, Walker was an assistant coach on the USA Softball Junior Women's National Team, featuring Bruins Holly Azevedo and Bubba Nickles, which won gold at the WBSC Junior Women's World Championship.

Walker returned to UCLA after spending nearly two decades at Oregon State. The all-time winningest coach in program history and the fifth-winningest in Oregon State history regardless of sport, Walker posted a 594-490-3 record (.548 winning percentage) and eight seasons with at least 40 wins. The Beavers made the postseason 10 times with Walker at the helm, including the 2012 campaign, which saw Oregon State post a 36-23 mark and set team records for runs batted in (269) and runs scored (301). Under Walker's tutelage, the Beavers earned 79 All-Pac-10/12 honors, 28 All-Region accolades and 10 All-American awards.

In 2006, Walker led the Beavers to their first appearance at the Women's College World Series, as Oregon State posted a school-record, 28-game winning streak and reached No. 5 in the national rankings with a 43-16 overall mark. In 2005, he was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year for the second time in his career (1999) after guiding Oregon State to a 43-16 record and its first Pac-10 Championship, which was also the first regular-season Pac-10 title for any Beavers women's sports program. The most wins in a season for Oregon State came in 1999, when the Beavers had 47 victories and went to the postseason for the first time in program history. Along with his Pac-10 Coach of the Year award, Walker's staff was named the Speedline Pacific Region Co-Coaching Staff of the Year.

Walker has also earned coaching acclaim away from the collegiate level. He was named one of 12 coaches to form the USA Softball National Team Coaches Pool through the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. Walker served as an assistant for the USA Elite Team for three summers (2002-04), and also assisted the USA Red National Team during the summer of 2001.



He was the head coach of the four-time USA Women's Major National Champion California Commotion from 1996-99, and will be head coach of the Commotion again as they start back up in the National Pro Fastpitch league in the summer of 2020.

In addition, Walker was named the Most Valuable Pitcher in the summer of 2015 after winning his first National Championship as a player at the NAFA Men's Masters 40 and over National Championships in Carson City, Nevada. He claimed his second National Title in the summer of 2019 and was named to the All-World Team for the sixth time.

Walker spent 11 years at UCLA from 1984-94. The Bruins won National Championships six times with Walker on the staff ('84, '85, '88, '89, '90 and '92).

He earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from UCLA in 1988. The Woodland Hills, Calif. native has an adopted daughter, Ava, with his ex-partner. A visible and vocal advocate for diversity and inclusion in sports across the country, he is one of the founders of the Equality Coaching Alliance and the LGBT Sports Coalition. Walker also serves as a founding board member for the non-profit Sports Equality Foundation along with being the chair of the UCLA Athlete Allies committee for UCLA Athletics. He was named as one of the top 100 most powerful and influential LGBTQ people in sports by Outsports.



**ROB
SCHWEYER**

Assistant Coach
1st Season

Rob Schweyer was named assistant coach by the Shelly Carlin UCLA Head Softball Coach Kelly Inouye-Perez on Nov. 6, 2023. Schweyer will oversee the Bruins' pitching staff in 2024.

Schweyer has been an elite competitor in men's professional fast pitch the last 24 years, earning International Softball Congress (ISC) All World First Team acclaim three times in 2000, 2001 and 2010 and Second Team his rookie year in 1999 as a member of the Waterloo Twins. He won two ISC World Tournament Championships with the Broken Bow Travelers in 2001 and another with The Farm Tavern in 2007. Schweyer has 30 and counting ISC career wins and is still playing for the Fargo Kegel Black Knights. On Aug. 15, 2023, it was announced Schweyer will be inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame.

"Rob will have an immediate impact on our pitching staff with his knowledge of the biomechanics of pitching as well as his mastery of spin to create movement through the zone," Inouye-Perez said. "He will work with the pitchers and throw fierce batting practice to our Bruins. It's exciting to get Rob into the college game as I believe he will add a competitive edge to our elite student-athletes. We welcome Rob, his wife Janina and his two sons, Blake and Brody."

Schweyer has traveled all over the globe in his softball expertise. He competed for the Canada men's fastpitch national team from 2000-2004. From 2006-2008, Schweyer was the pitching and strength and conditioning coach for the Chinese Olympic softball team which placed fifth in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

He has worked the last 14 years as a personal instructor. From 2011-2014, Schweyer was a trainer for USA Preps Softball Academy in Camarillo, Calif. Since then, he has worked for his own athletic training organization based in Hermosa Beach, RS Sports Training, where he helped develop UCLA softball pitchers Megan Faraimo (2019-2023), Brooke Yanez (2023) and Taylor Tinsley (2023-Pres.).

Schweyer, 48 years old, was born in Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, and attended University of Western Ontario before leaving to play professional hockey in the East Coast Hockey League (EHL) from 1999-2008 which overlapped with his professional softball career.



**WILL
OLDHAM**

Volunteer Director of Player
Development & Data Analytics
2nd Season

Will Oldham was announced as the volunteer director of player development and data analytics by The Shelly Carlin UCLA Head Softball Coach Kelly Inouye-Perez on Nov. 6, 2023. Oldham transitions from his previous role as volunteer assistant coach in 2023.

Alongside associate head coach Lisa Fernandez, Oldham manages the scouting of all of UCLA's upcoming opponents.

In year one with the program in 2023, Oldham specialized in scouting and with the slappers position group to help the Bruins to a 52-7 record and the 2023 Pac-12 Conference regular season title. He previously played with associate head coach Kirk Walker on their men's fastpitch softball team as a pitcher and shortstop for three years.

Oldham continues to compete in the adult men's fastpitch community, which has taken him all over the country.

Oldham has seven years of high school softball coaching experience in the Palm Springs area as well as travel ball coaching for two years. He has also coached UCLA softball summer camps in previous seasons.

Oldham, 37 years old, was born in Indio, California.



UCLA'S SUPPORT STAFF



CLAIRE DONYANAVARD

Director of Operations
9th Season
UCI '11

Claire Donyanavard enters her ninth season working with the UCLA softball program in 2023. She begins her 10th total year for UCLA Athletics.

As the Director of Softball Operations, Donyanavard is responsible for all internal operations for the softball program and serves as a liaison between the coaches and department administrators. Donyanavard is involved in the day-to-day operations of the team, including finances, travel, meals ticketing, housing, financial aid, alumni meetings and parking.

During Donyanavard's tenure at UCLA, the Bruins have made nine appearances in the NCAA Tournament, including six trips to the Women's College World Series. She was a member of the staff when UCLA won the 2019 NCAA Championship.

Donyanavard spent three seasons with the UCLA gymnastics team from 2017-19 operating in the same role. Prior to UCLA, Donyanavard was the director of operations at Occidental College's softball program.

During Donyanavard's tenure at UCLA, the Bruins have made seven Women's College World Series appearances and won the NCAA title in 2019.

Native of Saugus, Calif., Donyanavard played four years of softball at University of Illinois-Chicago. She earned her bachelor's degree in creative writing with a minor in gender studies and sociology at UIC in 2011. She later earned her master's degree in business administration with an emphasis on sports management from Long Beach State.



KAITLYN GUSTAFSON

Staff Athletic Trainer
4th Season
SUNY Buffalo State '15

Gustafson enters her fourth year in the UCLA athletic training office and her fourth season as the athletic trainer for the UCLA softball team.

In her current role, Gustafson handles all day-to-day athletic training responsibilities and oversees multiple sports medicine interns. Gustafson also splits athletic training duties with UCLA's cross country program.

Her tasks include planning student-athletes' daily physical rehabilitation, monitoring return-to-play progression and performing physical treatments. Gustafson is also on-site for the majority of the Bruins' practices.

Gustafson's work has been vital to the softball program the past three seasons. In 2023, UCLA won its 17th conference banner and 12th in the Pac-12 Conference with a 52-7 record. In 2022, the Bruins made their seventh consecutive Women's College World Series appearance before being ousted in the semifinal round. In 2021, Gustafson and UCLA navigated the COVID-19 Pandemic to a 47-7 overall record, a Pac-12 title and WCWS berth.

Prior to arriving in Westwood, Gustafson was an athletic trainer at the University of Maryland for two-and-a-half years from 2018-20.

Gustafson was previously a Master's of Athletic Training student at Daemen College, graduating in 2018. During her time at Daemen, she worked with athletes from the football and wrestling teams at the University of Buffalo, men's soccer and men's basketball at Daemen College, and Nichols High School. Most notably, Gustafson was a staff member at the 2018 NHL Combine in Buffalo, New York. Upon graduation she received the Sue Roque Award, which is given to a graduating student in the athletic training program who exemplifies excellent clinical skills.

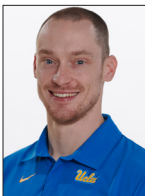
Gustafson also completed a program in the Dominican Republic in January of 2019 that helped educate former Major League Baseball players and coaches about injury prevention in

youth baseball athletes. Due to the success of the program, the training now occurs on an annual basis and continues to educate coaches in the Dominican Republic.

In 2015, Gustafson graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo earning a bachelor's degree in health and wellness with minors in exercise science and coaching. During her four years, she was also a student-athlete with the women's lacrosse team.

Gustafson has been a member of the National Athletic Trainer's Association (NATA) since 2016 and is currently CPR/AED certified.

Gustafson is a native of Endwell, New York.



ADAM GARNER

Staff Athletic Performance Coach
8th Season
Oklahoma '14

Adam Garner enters his ninth year in the UCLA athletic performance office and eighth season as the athletic performance coach for the UCLA softball team.

Garner oversees all aspects of the softball team's strength and conditioning program. Garner's day-to-day assignments include planning workouts, sports science, nutrition and leading the Bruins in workout regimens in the Acosta Training Center as well as up at Easton Stadium.

In addition to specializing with the softball team, Garner is the Director of Athletic Performance over all of UCLA's olympic sports. Garner also specializes in the athletic performance of UCLA's women's volleyball (2020-pres.) and women's golf (2017-pres.) programs. He had the same role with the Bruins' rowing (2017-19) and men's golf (2017-22) programs.

Garner has played a vital role in UCLA's success over the last eight years, highlighted by the 2019 NCAA Championship. In 2023, Garner helped the Bruins capture their 17th conference crown and 12th as a member of the Pac-12 in 2023 with a 52-7 overall record. In 2022, UCLA compiled a 51-10 record and finished second place in the Pac-12, advancing to a seventh consecutive Women's College World Series.

He previously worked as an intern at Oklahoma, Notre Dame and Colorado College, where he was a graduate assistant.

He earned his bachelor's of exercise science degree from the University of Oklahoma and his masters of science in strength and conditioning from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Garner's hometown is St. Louis, Missouri.



DEREK MOOS

Equipment Manager
2nd Season
Eastern Michigan '15

Derek Moos enters his second year as the manager of the UCLA equipment office and his second season working directly with the UCLA softball team.

Moos manages the day-to-day equipment and apparel needs of the UCLA softball and women's soccer teams. This includes supplying uniforms and practice gear. As the Assistant Athletic Director of Equipment Operations, Moos manages the apparel needs of the entire UCLA Athletics department.

Moos spent five years working in equipment for Pittsburgh Athletics where he oversaw the department and managed the daily needs of the Panthers' football program. Prior to that, he was Eastern Michigan for five years, three of which he dedicated as a director of operations for the baseball program. Moos was also a clubhouse attendant for the Detroit Tigers baseball organization for five years.

He earned his bachelor's of business management degree from Eastern Michigan in 2015, and two years later, earned his master's of sport management degree.

Moos' hometown is Dearborn Heights, Michigan.



VINNY LAVALSITI

Athletic Communications
3rd Season
UCLA '20

Vinny Lavalsiti enters his fourth year in the UCLA athletic communications office in 2024 and third season as the contact for the UCLA softball team.

Lavalsiti oversees all aspects of media relations with the softball program, handling day-to-day interview and credential requests, editing various publications (including the information guide) and overseeing the team's website (www.uclabruins.com/sports/softball) and social media accounts. He also serves as the primary contact in the athletic communications office for the UCLA women's volleyball, women's golf and men's golf programs.

Prior to returning UCLA, Lavalsiti spent one year at the University of Texas at El Paso as a graduate assistant in 2021. There, he was the primary media contact for UTEP's volleyball, softball, rifle and women's basketball programs.

Lavalsiti graduated from UCLA in June 2020, earning a bachelor's degree in history. Lavalsiti spent his two years at UCLA as a writer for the Daily Bruin, covering UCLA's softball program. He earned his associate degree in journalism from Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif. in 2018. Lavalsiti, 25, is a native of Sutter Creek, California.



JACOB SANDMAN

Marketing
1st Season
UCLA '22

Jacob Sandman enters his first year in the UCLA marketing office and first season as the marketing director for the UCLA softball team.

Sandman serves as the primary contact for all softball-related marketing initiatives. He manages the developing and implementation of softball's marketing plans and promotional programs. Sandman oversees and directs presentation efforts, including in-game promotions, giveaways, game day atmosphere and video board and PA announcer operations. In addition to working with the softball program, Sandman is the marketing lead for UCLA's women's and men's volleyball programs.

Sandman graduated from UCLA in 2022 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He interned in the marketing office during his junior and senior years. Sandman, originally from Sacramento, California, attended Jesuit High School.

UCLA's ADMINISTRATORS



MARTIN JARMOND
Director of Athletics
4th Year at UCLA
UNC-Wilmington '01

Martin Jarmond, a nationally recognized leader in college athletics, has built an impressive track record of competitive excellence, innovative strategy and student athlete success. A two-time recipient of

Sports Business Journal's Forty Under 40 Award with 20 years in sports administration spanning three conferences, Jarmond has guided UCLA to new heights through his culture of an E.L.I.T.E. mindset—Energy, Leadership, Integrity, Toughness and Excellence.

Jarmond's results-driven strategies combined with a relentless work ethic to elevate UCLA Athletics has helped to create an exceptional experience for student-athletes and fans alike. Over Jarmond's first three years in Westwood, UCLA has won three NCAA championships in the sports of men's water polo (2020), women's soccer (2022) and men's volleyball (2023). In June of 2022, Jarmond worked closely with campus leadership while playing a critical role in UCLA Athletics applying and being accepted for future membership in the Big Ten Conference. One of the most important announcements in the history of UCLA Athletics, the Bruins will join the Big Ten Conference in 2024.

Jarmond was hired on May 19, 2020, as UCLA's Alice and Nahum Lainer Family Director of Athletics, becoming the ninth athletic director in school history. He made an immediate impact on the Bruins, jumpstarting the Voting Matters Initiative, the first of its kind in the country which assisted student-athletes in discovering the tools needed to exact meaningful change through civic duty. Jarmond engineered a partnership between UCLA and Nike/Jordan Brand, becoming only the fifth Jordan brand school in the nation and the first partnership with Nike in UCLA history. The six-year agreement between UCLA and Nike provides for 22 of the 25 UCLA varsity sports with Nike apparel, while football, men's basketball and women's basketball don Jordan Brand. Jarmond exhibits a strong commitment to mental health awareness and his emphasis on diversity and inclusion was recognized in a 2021 SBJ award for being a national leader in diversity and inclusive hiring. He was the Pac-12 Conference representative to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee for 2021-22.

Through Jarmond's instrumental leadership, UCLA Athletics has positioned itself at the forefront of a rapidly-changing collegiate athletics landscape. In the burgeoning area of Name, Image and Likeness (NIL), Jarmond and UCLA Athletics launched the "Westwood Ascent," which is a comprehensive NIL program that supports UCLA's student-athletes, helping them build their personal brands and maximize their NIL opportunities. In addition, the "Westwood Exchange" was established as a free business registry designed for companies, donors, fans and alumni that want to connect directly with UCLA's student-athletes interested in capitalizing on their NIL.

Extensive work by Jarmond and his staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic ensured that all Bruin teams could compete safely during the 2020-21 academic year. UCLA's athletic teams won four conference titles that year and the men's water polo program won its 12th national championship in the spring of 2021. The men's basketball team embarked on a remarkable journey, advancing from the First Four to the 2021 NCAA Final Four, UCLA's first national semifinal appearance since 2008. These athletic achievements were balanced by record numbers of student-athletes earning spots on the conference all-academic squads, with 49 individuals earning a perfect 4.0 GPA for the Winter Quarter, and 131 student-athletes earning their UCLA degrees. For the first time ever, the Bruins produced multiple winners of the NCAA Elite 90 Award. Four student-athletes were recognized by CoSIDA as Academic All-Americans.

Jarmond came to UCLA from Boston College, where he served as the school's Director of Athletics for three years. During his time there, he orchestrated the Eagles' first-ever strategic plan, a comprehensive five-year goal to advance the program by fostering student-athlete formation, strengthening competitive excellence, increasing external engagement and enhancing facilities. The strategic plan was supported by BC's first-ever athletics-only capital campaign, at the time, the largest campaign of any Atlantic Coast Conference institution at \$150 million. Jarmond hired

high-impact coaches in football, women's basketball, softball, volleyball, swimming & diving, men's soccer, women's soccer and fencing. Jarmond served on the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and on the John McLendon Minority Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors.

Prior to joining Boston College in 2017 and becoming the youngest athletic director of any Power Five institution at age 37, Jarmond previously served as deputy director of athletics at Ohio State, moving up the ranks after arriving as an associate athletic director for development in 2009. During his time at Ohio State, he was the lead administrator for a variety of sports, including football and men's basketball, and directed external and internal relations and day-to-day operations. He also had responsibility for football scheduling, served on the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Committee, and was a member of the inaugural College Football Playoff National Championship Advisory Group and the Rose Bowl Advisory Committee. As Ohio State Athletics' chief advancement officer, Jarmond helped raise more than \$120 million between 2010-2012.

Jarmond was also an assistant athletic director for development for seven years at Michigan State, where he served on the athletic director's executive leadership team. He was a key member of the \$1.2 billion "Campaign for MSU" development team and a liaison between Michigan State's university development and alumni association leadership. Jarmond led the efforts to implement Scholarship Seating in football and courtside seating in men's basketball.

A native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Jarmond, 43, earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. A two-year captain of the men's basketball team, he led his team to the program's first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 2000 and earned Colonial Athletic Association All-Academic honors in 2001. He holds both a M.B.A. and a master's in sports administration from Ohio University. Jarmond is married to Dr. Jessica Jarmond, a dentist. They have three daughters: Scarlett, Savannah and Serena.



Dr. CHRISTINA RIVERA
Executive Senior Associate Athletic
Director, Internal Operations/SWA
17th Year at UCLA
UC Irvine '96

Dr. Christina Rivera serves as the Executive Senior Associate Athletic Director, Internal Operations/Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) at UCLA, having joined the staff in September 2007.

In her role, directly supervises Women's Gymnastics, Softball, administrative areas and leads department efforts, especially in the areas of internal operations, Title IX, women in sport, governance and legislation, department meetings, campus partnerships, and performance evaluation and program assessment. As a member of the Executive Team reporting directly to the Director of Athletics, she serves in a leadership role for coaches and staff, and works towards establishing department goals and policies that align with University values.

Additionally, Dr. Rivera collaborates with University officials to provide guidance and direction to coaches and staff in order to enhance the growth and development of student-athletes on and off the field. In the face of changing NCAA legislation, she also works to develop strategic and innovative programs that benefit the department and are executed in a consistent, efficient and professional manner throughout the support services areas. Her role also requires her to exercise broad discretionary authority to solve problems in assigned areas of responsibility, including working closely with the Chief Financial Officer to ensure the department is consistently providing a quality student-athlete experience and that the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion are embedded in all UCLA varsity programs.

Prior to her current role, Dr. Rivera was the Associate Athletic Director responsible for the academic and student support services provided to Bruin student-athletes. This included academic counseling, academic mentoring, peer learning, student services and student-athlete development programming. She also had direct oversight of the academic eligibility certification process and the requirements associated with the NCAA Academic Progress Rate and Graduation Success Rate.

Dr. Rivera joined the Bruins after spending four years as the Associate Director and Eligibility Coordinator for the Student-Athlete Academic Services Office at USC, where she also served as the Academic Counselor to the football, men's basketball, women's soccer and women's volleyball teams. Prior to her stint at USC, Dr. Rivera was an Athletic Academic Counselor for the Student-Athlete Support Services Office at Ohio State University. During her time in Columbus, she was also a lecturer for the School of Physical Activity and Educational Services, as well as for the Athletics Department.

Dr. Rivera has served on various campus, conference and national committees, including serving on the NCAA Student-Athlete Experience Committee and Board of Directors for the Collegiate Women Sports Awards, which honors the nation's top NCAA women student-athletes recognizing superior athletic skills, leadership, academic excellence and eagerness to participate in community service. She is also a graduate of the Sport Management Institute (SMI) and LEAD1 Institute. In July 2021, she was honored as one of the 12 inaugural members of the LEAD1 Diversity Fellowship Program, a year-long opportunity for people of color and female administrators evaluated by a panel of experts as the industry's most ready to assume an athletics director position. To add, she was a recipient of the Next Level Female Executive Scholarship to attend the 2021 Collegiate Athletic Leadership Symposium (CALs).

Dr. Rivera is a member of the National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals (N4A) and Women Leaders in College Sports. In June 2007, she received the N4A Professional Promise Award presented to a member who has dedicated their energy to the Association and its members. She has also presented at several conferences in regards to factors related to academic achievement and student-athlete retention, as well as the use of technology for reporting and increasing academic accountability in athletics.

Dr. Rivera earned her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education Administration at Ohio State University in August 2004 where her dissertation focused on the identification of key factors student-athletes perceived to be important to the college student-athlete retention process. She also earned her Master's degree in Educational Policy from the University of Pennsylvania and her Bachelor's degree in Social Ecology at UC Irvine, where she was a varsity soccer student-athlete.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Rivera currently resides in Westchester with her spouse and two sons.



Dr. GENE BLOCK
Chancellor
17th Year at UCLA
Stanford '97

A champion of high-quality, accessible public higher education, Gene Block has served as chancellor of UCLA - overseeing the university's three-part mission of education, research and service - since 2007. His institutional priorities include academic excellence, civic engagement, diversity and financial security. Under Chancellor Block's leadership, UCLA has greatly enhanced its position as a national leader in enrolling undergraduates who come from low-income backgrounds, have been traditionally underrepresented in higher education or are among the first in their families to go to college. Chancellor Block will step down as chancellor at the end of the academic year, serving a total of 17 years in the role.

During his tenure, UCLA has also greatly grown its profile and stature. Regularly the most applied-to university in the nation, UCLA has advanced in rankings in nearly every discipline, and has significantly deepened international partnerships and engagement with its 500,000 alumni worldwide as well as with other academic and civic institutions. Now with more than \$1.72 billion in annual research grants, UCLA's research and entrepreneurship ecosystem has thrived under Chancellor Block, and UCLA has been recognized as one of the top universities for startups. In 2019, UCLA completed one of the largest fundraising campaigns ever undertaken by a public university, raising \$5.49 billion.

Chancellor Block earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University and master's and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Oregon. Before becoming chancellor of UCLA, Block served as vice president and provost of the University of Virginia.