



KELLY INOUYE-PEREZ

The Shelly Carlin UCLA
Head Softball Coach

19th Season as Head Coach
32nd Season, Overall
UCLA '93

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- UCLA Athletic Hall of Famer (Class of 2022)
- 2-time NCAA Champion head coach (2019, 2010)
- 3-time NCAA Champion assistant coach (2004, 2003, 1999)
- 3-time NCAA Champion player (1992, 1990, 1989)
- 2-time NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year as head coach (2019, 2010)
- 7-time NFCA Regional Coaching Staff of the Year as head coach
- 4-time Pac-10/12 Coach of the Year (2024, 2023, 2021, 2009)
- 5-time Pac-10/12 Regular Season Champion as head coach
- 10 Women's College World Series appearances as head coach

BIOGRAPHY

UCLA Athletic Hall of Famer Kelly Inouye-Perez begins her 19th season as The Shelly Carlin UCLA Head Softball Coach as the Bruins transition into the Big Ten Conference in 2025. She owns an overall record of 818-209-1 (.796) through 18 campaigns. 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 national 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. Including her 13 years as an assistant coach (1994-06) and five years as a player (1989-93), this marks Inouye-Perez's 37th consecutive season in Westwood.

Ten times, most recently in 2024, the Bruins have reached the Women's College World Series under Inouye-Perez, including a stretch of seven straight appearances from 2015 to 2022. UCLA has made the NCAA Tournament in all 17 possible seasons under Inouye-Perez and holds an 86-34 record (.717) in the postseason, including a 20-16 mark in the WCWS. Inouye-Perez claimed her fifth Pac-10/12 Conference regular season title and first Pac-12 Tournament championship in UCLA's final year as a member of the league in 2024. Her five Pac-10/12 regular season titles rank third-most in conference history behind Arizona's Mike Candrea (10) and Enquist (7). Inouye-Perez closed her time in the Pac-12 leading active head coaches with 276 conference victories and ranking second with 818 overall victories.

Entering 2025, Inouye-Perez ranks second among active NCAA softball head coaches and seventh all-time with a .796 winning percentage. In addition, UCLA has been ranked in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Poll for all 279 weeks with Inouye-Perez at the helm, including 20 weeks at No. 1.

Numerous Bruins have garnered national, regional and conference recognition over Inouye-Perez's 18 seasons as head coach. Rachel Garcia was a three-time winner of the Honda Sport Award (2021, 2019, 2018) and softball's first two-time winner of the Honda Cup (2021, 2019), which is given to the best female athlete across all collegiate sports. Garcia was also a two-time winner of the prestigious USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year award and earned NFCA National Player of the Year in 2018. Inouye-Perez has directed 26 NFCA All-Americans to 46 total citations, including 12 players to 22 First Team plaudits. The Bruins have earned at least one NFCA All-America honor in all 17 possible seasons with Inouye-Perez as head coach. Additionally, Inouye-Perez has coached 43 players to 94 total NFCA All-Region honors.

Four UCLA student-athletes have hauled in eight Pac-10/12 Player of the Year awards since Inouye-Perez took the reins of the program. Garcia became one of five



Inouye-Perez hitting ground balls prior to the start of a game in 2024.

players in conference history to win the Pac-10/12 Player of the Year trophy three times (2021, 2019, 2018). Two of Inouye-Perez's players – Maya Brady (2024, 2023) and Ally Carda (2015, 2014) – have repeated as Pac-12 Player of the Year. Since 2007, UCLA has totaled three Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year awards with Garcia winning the honor in 2019 and Megan Faraimo becoming the first Bruin to secure the award in back-to-back seasons in 2022 and 2023. UCLA has also won seven Pac-12 Freshman of the Year awards under Inouye-Perez, and has taken home the award in five of the last seven possible seasons (excludes 2020). Briana Perez became the first Bruin to win Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year in 2022. Forty-three players have collected a total of 92 All-Pac-10/12 Team selections in the Inouye-Perez era, and 34 of those athletes have received 66 First Team accolades (excl. honorable mention). Four of her players are four-time All-Conference First Team recipients: Garcia, Faraimo, Briana Perez and Stephany LaRosa.

Four players who have competed in the Inouye-Perez era of UCLA softball have gone on to represent Team USA in the Olympics. Carda, Garcia, Bubba Nickles and Delaney Spaulding 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. For the seventh time, Inouye-Perez's staff was awarded NFCA West Region Coaching Staff of the Year in 2024 after a return to the WCWS stage. UCLA has received the NFCA National CSOY honor twice under Inouye-Perez in 2010 and 2019. Inouye-Perez was an assistant coach on the 2000 and 2004 staffs under Enquist that won the NFCA West Region CSOY award. In 2024, Inouye-Perez was awarded Pac-12 Coach of the Year for the fourth time in her career, which is tied for second-most in the history of the flagship softball conference.

Inouye-Perez became the 20th member of the UCLA softball program to be enshrined in the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2022.

Inouye-Perez is a link to five decades of Bruin softball success having contributed to eight total NCAA Championships, 12 Pac-10/12 regular season titles and winning 1,705 total games in her previous 36 years as a Bruin. She served as an assistant coach and played for her two predecessors, hall-of-fame-coaches Sharron Backus and Enquist.

Over Inouye-Perez's 13 seasons as an assistant coach (1994-06), 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

NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year.

Inouye-Perez's primary responsibility as an assistant coach was guiding the Bruins' pitchers and catchers, a list which includes many of the most honored and recognizable names in college 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 Nuvevan. Under Inouye-Perez's tutelage, Nuvevan became a three-time Pac-10 Player of the Year, four-time NFCA First Team All-American and the NCAA's all-time single-season and career home run leader.

At least one NFCA All-America 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. 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 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).

Prior to college, Inouye-Perez was one of the top players during her ASA days, winning four national championships with the Panthers (1984, 1985, 1989) 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 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.

Inouye-Perez and her husband, Gerardo Perez, reside in Cerritos. Along with Kelly's exploits on the diamond, Gerardo competed as a catcher and designated hitter 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 All-West Coast Conference First Team honors his junior and senior seasons. He currently teaches and coaches baseball at Gahr High School in Cerritos. The couple has two children, Mikey, a former standout on the UCLA baseball team, and Kylie, a soccer player at Long Beach State. Mikey was drafted in Round 15 of the 2021 MLB Draft with the 459th pick by the Minnesota Twins organization.

Coach I's Coaching Awards

- 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 staff has been honored as NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year twice (2010, 2019) and Regional Coaching Staff of the year seven times, most recently in 2024.
- Has been honored as Pac-10/12 Coach of the Year four times (2009, 2021, 2023, 2024).

Kelly Inouye-Perez's Most Notable Accomplishments

- Led UCLA to its 12th and 13th national titles as head coach in 2010 and 2019.
- Has guided UCLA to 10 Women's College World Series appearances, including a stretch of seven straight from 2015-22.
- An eight-time NCAA Champion across her 36 consecutive seasons in Westwood, winning three titles as a player from 1989-93, two titles as an assistant coach from 1994-06 and two titles as head coach from 2007-pres.
- The only person to win a NCAA Division I Softball Championship as both a player and coach.
- Has reached the postseason in all 17 possible years (2020 season canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic).
- Ranks second among active NCAA Division I head coaches and seventh all-time in winning percentage (.796).
- Has produced four Olympians as head coach. Rachel Garcia, Bubba Nickles, Delaney Spaulding and Ally Carda helped Team USA win the silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- Coached two-time Honda Cup and USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year winner and 2018 NFCA National Player of the Year Rachel Garcia.
- Has directed 26 student-athletes to 46 NFCA All-America awards (22 First Team citations).
- Four of her student-athletes have been named Pac-12 Player of the Year eight times and two have won Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year three times. UCLA has won the Pac-12 Freshman of the Year award in five of the last seven seasons.



UCLA's COACHES AND STAFF

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

UCLA	Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
2007	37-18	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)
2024	43-12	17-4	1st	6-2 (t-5th, WCWS)
18 SEASONS	818-209-1 (.796)	276-108-1 (.717)	--	86-34 (.717), 17 NCAA App.



UCLA after winning the 2024 Pac-12 Tournament title.

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.



Kinsley Washington meets with Coach I in the 2019 WCWS.

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.



Inouye-Perez speaks to the media prior to the start of the 2024 WCWS.

UCLA's COACHES AND STAFF

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

Opponents	W-L	Opponents	W-L
Alabama	4-1	New Mexico	3-1
Arizona	46-14	North Carolina	1-0
Arizona State	32-22	North Carolina State	2-0
Arkansas	0-1	North Dakota State	3-0
Auburn	2-3	Northwestern	11-2
Baylor	4-4	Notre Dame	6-2
Boise State	3-0	Ohio	2-0
Boston University	4-0	Ohio State	3-1
BYU	6-1	Oklahoma	7-8
California	32-12-1	Oklahoma State	3-2
Cal Poly	17-0	Ole Miss	4-0
Cal State Bakersfield	13-0	Oregon	38-19
Cal State Fullerton	24-3	Oregon State	43-8
Canisius	1-0	Pacific	2-0
Charleston Southern	4-0	Pennsylvania	1-0
Colorado State	6-0	Pittsburgh	3-0
Connecticut	1-0	Portland State	4-0
CSUN	15-1	Princeton	1-0
Dartmouth	1-0	Providence	2-0
Delaware	2-0	Purdue	1-1
DePaul	1-0	Robert Morris	3-0
Duke	2-0	Rutgers	2-0
Eastern Michigan	2-0	Sacramento State	2-0
Eastern Kentucky	2-0	Saint Mary's	4-0
Florida	9-7	Saint Peter's	1-0
Florida Atlantic	1-0	San Diego	10-0
Florida International	1-0	San Diego State	14-0
Florida State	5-8	San Jose State	5-0
Fordham	2-0	Santa Clara	2-0
Fresno State	15-1	Seattle University	1-0
Georgetown	1-0	Simon Fraser	1-0
Georgia	10-2	SIU Edwardsville	1-0
Georgia State	1-0	South Alabama	1-0
Grand Canyon	4-1	South Carolina	2-0
Hampton	1-0	South Dakota	3-0
Hawai'i	7-1	South Dakota State	1-0
Hofstra	1-1	Southern Utah	4-0
Howard	1-0	Stanford	41-13
Idaho State	1-0	St. John's	1-0
Illinois	3-1	Syracuse	5-0
Illinois Purdue Fort Wayne	1-0	Tennessee	4-2
Illinois State	0-1	Texas	4-7
Indiana	2-0	Texas A&M	6-4
Iowa	2-0	Texas State	1-0
Iowa State	2-0	Texas Tech	1-0
Jacksonville	2-0	UAB	2-2
James Madison	3-0	UC Davis	8-0
Kansas	1-0	UCF	8-0
Kentucky	8-3	UC Riverside	3-1
Lehigh	1-0	UC San Diego	3-0
Liberty	5-1	UC Santa Barbara	18-2
Long Beach State	19-2	UNLV	9-0
Longwood	2-0	USF	1-0
Louisiana-Lafayette	3-0	Utah	34-7
Louisiana-Monroe	1-0	Utah State	4-0
Louisville	1-0	Utah Valley	1-0
Loyola Chicago	4-0	UT Arlington	1-0
Loyola Marymount	16-1	UTEP	1-0
LSU	3-2	Virginia Tech	5-2
Maryland	6-0	Washington	34-20
Massachusetts	2-0	Weber State	6-0
McNeese State	1-0	Western Kentucky	1-0
Michigan	5-7	Wichita State	2-0
Michigan State	3-0	Wisconsin	3-0
Middle Tennessee	1-0	Wright State	3-0
Minnesota	4-0		
Mississippi State	1-0		
Missouri	12-4		
Mount St. Mary's	1-0		
Nebraska	6-0		
Nevada	6-0		



LISA FERNANDEZ

The Mark Kalmansohn UCLA Associate Head Softball Coach

27th Season
UCLA '95

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- UCLA Athletic Hall of Famer (Class of 2003)
- National Softball Hall of Famer (Class of 2013)
- U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Famer
- 5-time NCAA Champion assistant coach (2019, 2010, 2004, 2003, 1999)
- 2-time NCAA Champion player (1992, 1990)
- 3-time NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year (2019, 2010, 2004)
- 8-time NFCA Regional Coaching Staff of the Year
- 3-time Olympic Gold Medalist (2004, 2000, 1996)
- Honda-Broderick Cup winner (1993)
- 3-time Honda Sport Award winner (1993, 1992, 1991)
- Pac-12 Softball Player of the Century (2016)
- Pac-12 Softball Pitcher of the Century (2016)
- 4-time NFCA First Team All-American (1993, 1992, 1991, 1990)
- 3-time Pac-12 Player of the Year (1993, 1992, 1991)
- UCLA Retired Jersey No. 16 (1995)

BIOGRAPHY

One of the most recognizable names in the sport of softball, Lisa Fernandez begins her 27th season on the UCLA coaching staff and third season as the Mark Kalmansohn UCLA Associate Head Softball Coach in 2025. This marks Fernandez's second stint as a full-time member on the UCLA staff, serving as an assistant coach from 1997-99 and 2007-22 and associate head coach from 2023-pres. She also operated as a volunteer assistant from 2000-04.

The last two seasons, Fernandez's primary responsibilities have been with the Bruins' hitters and infielders as well as managing the team's recruiting efforts.

In Fernandez's 26 seasons on staff, the Bruins have posted a 1,212-259-2 record (.822), claimed five NCAA Championships (1999, '03, '04, '10 and '19), made 12 Women's College World Series appearances, won seven Pac-10/12 Conference regular season titles and one Pac-12 Tournament championship. Fernandez has been a member of the NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year three times (2004, '10 and '19) and NFCA Regional CSOY eight times (2000, '10, '14, '15, '16, '19, '21 and '24).

Arguably the most decorated athlete in the sport, Fernandez announced she is taking on a new endeavor as one of four general managers in the inaugural year of the Athletes Unlimited Softball League, starting June 2025.

Prior to 2024, Fernandez's primary coaching responsibility was in the Bruins' bullpen where she coached 10 UCLA hurlers to 21 NFCA All-America awards. UCLA finished top 10 nationally and top two in the Pac-12 in earned run average in each of her final five seasons as pitching coach from 2019-23. Under her tutelage, Rachel Garcia won two Honda Cups, three Honda Sport Awards, two USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year awards, one NFCA National Player of the Year award, one NFCA National Pitcher of the Year award, two Pac-12 Player of the Year awards, one Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year award and was a four-time NFCA All-American (three first team). In addition, Megan Faraimo won three NFCA All-America 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.

In 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



Fernandez before first pitch at the 2024 Women's College World Series.

at the WCWS. She 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 36.0 of UCLA's 38.0 innings in Oklahoma City.

In November 2013, Fernandez was inducted into the National Softball National Hall of Fame, joining Sharron Backus, Gina Vecchione, Sheila Cornell-Douty, 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. The only pitcher to appear in all three Olympic finals, Fernandez served as a threat on both sides of the plate. Overall, she achieved a 7-2 record throughout her Olympic career, allowing only 20 hits, seven walks and six runs (four earned) while striking out 93 over 74.2 innings. In addition to her pitching accolades, Fernandez maintained a .333 batting average overall in Atlanta, Sydney and Athens with three home runs, 15 RBI and 13 runs scored. A rare pitcher/hitter, Fernandez has the distinction of holding four individual Olympic records: most strikeouts in a game (25), fewest runs allowed, highest batting average (.545) in Olympic play and most doubles (3). These accolades helped land her in the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame as both an individual and with the 2004 U.S. Olympic Softball Team.

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 ERA 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 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.

UCLA's COACHES AND STAFF

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 Canada Cup. She also helped the California Commotion win the ASA Women's Major Fast Pitch championship for the fourth consecutive time.

One of the sport's greatest college players, Fernandez was a two-time NCAA Champion and the first four-time NFCA First Team All-American in school history while starring for UCLA from 1990-93. A three-time winner of the Honda Sport 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. She led UCLA to national championships in 1990 and 1992 and a pair of runner-up finishes in 1991 and 1993. She earned NFCA All-Region and All-Pac-10 First Team each season and was named the Pac-10 Player of the Year her final three years. Her jersey was retired by UCLA in 1995. Fernandez was also honored as the Pac-12 Softball Player of the Century and Pitcher of the Century by the league in 2016.

With a minuscule 0.22 ERA, 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 WCWS, along with two perfect games. She ranks second in UCLA history in ERA, seventh in strikeouts and eighth in wins.

Fernandez was just as powerful at the plate, batting .382 (287-for-752) 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 completed her bachelor's degree in psychology from UCLA in 1995. She returned to the program in 2007 to join her longtime best friend and Bruin batterymate Kelly Inouye-Perez embarking on her first year as head coach.

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

FERNANDEZ'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1997-99 – Assistant Coach, UCLA
- 2000-04 – Volunteer Assistant Coach, UCLA
- 2007-22 – Assistant Coach, UCLA
- 2023-Pres. – Associate Head Coach, UCLA



Maya Brady and Fernandez at first base in the 2024 season.



LISA FERNANDEZ'S UCLA CAREER PITCHING STATS

YR	AVG	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	PO	A	E	FLD
'90	.310	67	213	27	66	7	2	1	22	76	119	1	.995
'91	.341	63	205	25	70	9	1	2	32	49	123	5	.961
'92	.401	56	177	47	71	10	4	1	29	30	117	6	.961
'93	.510	54	157	43	80	12	2	11	45	40	137	1	.989
TOT	.382	240	752	142	287	38	9	15	128	195	496	13	.982

LISA FERNANDEZ'S UCLA CAREER PITCHING STATS

YR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
'90	0.25	11-1	15	12	12	8	0	83.0	33	6	3	10	51
'91	0.25	20-3	26	24	23	16	1	165.2	68	9	6	22	165
'92	0.14	29-0	30	27	27	22	0	196.1	77	7	4	25	220
'93	0.25	33-3	36	33	33	28	0	249.2	80	10	9	46	348
TOT	0.22	93-7	107	96	95	74	1	694.2	258	32	22	103	784



Fernandez was named the Pac-12 Softball Player of the Century.



ROB
SCHWEYER

Assistant Coach
2nd Season

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- NFCA West Region Coaching Staff of the Year (2024)
- Pac-12 Regular Season Champion (2024)
- Pac-12 Tournament Champion (2024)
- One Women's College World Series appearance (2024)

BIOGRAPHY

Rob Schweyer, one of the brightest and most innovative minds in training softball pitchers, enters his second year as an assistant coach at UCLA in 2025.

Schweyer helped UCLA turn a 3-4 start into a 43-12 finish and return to the WCWS his first year with the program in 2024. The Bruins claimed the Pac-12 Conference regular season and tournament titles behind a 14-game winning streak stretching from late April through May. The performance earned Schweyer, who coached the Bruins' young pitching duo of freshman Kaitlyn Terry and sophomore Taylor Tinsley, his first NFCA West Region Coaching Staff of the Year accolade. Terry and Tinsley broke out as rising stars in the circle as they steered UCLA in its run to the WCWS. In UCLA's eight NCAA Tournament games, Terry and Tinsley pitched two shutouts, allowed just one run in four different contests and totaled a 1.71 ERA over 49.0 innings. On the season, the two All-Pac-12 First Team selections pitched 329.1 of 355.0 total innings and recorded a combined 2.16 ERA with 327 strikeouts.

Terry was awarded Pac-12 Freshman of the Year after leading the staff with a 21-3 record and 182.0 innings pitched and ranking second in the Pac-12 with six shutouts. Tinsley led the Bruins' arms with a 1.90 ERA and 166 strikeouts. The top pitching performance of the season came in a pivotal series at then-No. 5 Stanford on April 19-21. Together, Tinsley and Terry limited the Cardinal to just four runs over three games and ousted USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year NiJaree Canady twice to grab hold of first place in the Pac-12 standings. Tinsley held Stanford to 0-for-17 with RISP and pitched 15.2 scoreless innings, earning her NFCA National Pitcher of the Week honors.

Schweyer has been an elite competitor in men's professional fastpitch 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 career ISC 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.

Schweyer has traveled all over the globe in his softball expertise. He competed for the Canada men's fastpitch national team from 2000-04. From 2006-08, 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 2011-14, 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, Brooke Yanez and Taylor Tinsley.



Schweyer enters his second season as UCLA's pitching coach in 2025.

Schweyer, 49 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 1999-08 which overlapped with his professional softball career.

Schweyer is married to his wife, Janina, and has two sons, Blake and Brody.

SCHWEYER'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2006-08 – Pitching and Strength and Conditioning Coach, Chinese National Team
- 2011-14 – Trainer, USA Preps Softball Academy
- 2014-Pres. – Trainer, RS Sports Training
- 2024-Pres. – Assistant Coach, UCLA



MADILYN NICKLES- CAMARENA

Assistant Coach

1st Season
UCLA '21

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (AS A PLAYER)

UCLA

- NCAA Champion (2019)
- NFCA Second Team All-American (2019)
- 3-time All-Pac-12 honoree (First Team - 2019, 2018; Second Team - 2017)
- 2-time NFCA All-West Region First Team honoree (2019, 2018)
- 2-time All-Women's College World Series Team honoree (2019, 2018)
- Pac-12 All-Freshman Team (2017)
- 2-time Pac-12 Player of the Week (last April 22, 2019)

Team USA

- Olympic Silver Medalist (2020)
- World Games Gold Medalist (2022)
- 2-time WBSC Junior Women's World Championships Gold Medalist (2017, 2015)

Professional

- AUX Champion (2024)
- Japan Diamond League Champion (2023)

BIOGRAPHY

Madilyn "Bubba" Nickles-Camarena, one of the most decorated hitters in UCLA softball history, begins her collegiate coaching career as an assistant on the Bruins' staff in 2025.

Nickles-Camarena, who is transitioning from her role as a graduate assistant coach in 2024, has succeeded on the sport's biggest stages. In 2021, Nickles-Camarena was a silver medalist at the Tokyo Olympic Games for Team USA, playing in two games and making one start in right field before returning to UCLA for the spring college season. Two years prior, she helped the Bruins to a record 12th NCAA Championship in 2019 as the team leader in hits (82), home runs (18), runs batted in (72) and slugging percentage (.714). Nickles-Camarena earned NFCA Second Team All-America honors in 2019 and finished her UCLA playing career as a three-time All-Pac-12 recipient.



Nickles served as a graduate assistant coach in 2024.

The past three summers, Nickles-Camarena has played professionally in the Athletes Unlimited League where she was crowned the 2024 Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball AUX Champion on the final day of the AUX. In three seasons of Athletes Unlimited Championship play, Nickles-Camarena recorded a career .289 batting average (50-for-173), 10 home runs and 44 RBI in 54 games (excludes AUX play).

Internationally, Nickles-Camarena competed with the Toyota Motor Company for two seasons, in 2022 and 2023, and won a Japan Diamond League Championship her final year. She ranked among league leaders with a .390 batting average during the 2022 campaign, hitting eight home runs and recording 22 RBI.

Nickles-Camarena was a four-year letterwinner at UCLA, starting 215 of 217 games played from 2017-2021. She finished her career with a .357 batting average (235-for-659), 52 home runs, 42 doubles, 181 RBI and 154 runs scored. Nickles-Camarena's 2019 season stands as one of the best ever by a Bruin. Her 66 runs scored and 72 RBI rank fourth in UCLA single-season history while her 21-game hitting streak stretch from March through May ranks as the fourth longest.

Nickles-Camarena set and tied several program NCAA Tournament records in her time as a Bruin. In UCLA's 2019 title run, she set the record for most doubles in a postseason (5) and tied the record for most runs scored (13). She tied the record for most hits the previous postseason with 16.

Nickles-Camarena graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in sociology in 2021 and earned her master's degree in 2024.

Prior to UCLA, Nickles-Camarena was a four-year starter at Merced High School where she was named the Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year as a senior. A two-way player, she finished her prep career with a 67-12 record, 1.05 ERA, 31 shutouts, 11 no-hitters, 809 strikeouts and 524.2 innings in the circle and a .487 batting average, 25 homers, 134 RBI and 56 doubles at the plate.

Nickles-Camarena married her husband, Evan, in March 2024. She has gone by the nickname "Bubba" since she was 12 years old.

NICKLES-CAMARENA'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

2024 – Graduate Assistant Coach, UCLA

2025 – Assistant Coach, UCLA



Nickles competed for the Bruins from 2017-21 and helped UCLA win the 2019 NCAA title.



KIRK WALKER

Director of Softball Administration

1st Season as Director of Softball Administration
24th Season, Overall
UCLA '88

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 7-time NCAA Champion assistant coach (all at UCLA)
- 19 Women's College World Series appearances (18 at UCLA, 1 at Oregon State)
- 2-time Pac-10 Coach of the Year (2005 & 1999 at Oregon State)
- NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year (2019)
- 7-time NFCA Regional Coaching Staff of the Year (6 at UCLA, 1 at Oregon State)
- 12-time Conference Regular Season Champion (11 at UCLA, 1 at Oregon State)
- Pac-12 Tournament Champion (2024)

BIOGRAPHY

Kirk Walker, one of the most visible and vocal advocates for diversity and inclusion in sports, transitions into a new role in his 24th year at UCLA as the Director of Softball Administration in 2025. Walker was instrumental in building the foundation for the UCLA softball dynasty, winning a total of seven NCAA Championships and making 18 Women's College World Series appearances as an assistant coach from 1984-94 and 2013-22 and associate head coach from 2023-24.

The Bruins won NCAA titles in 1984, '85, '88, '89, '90, '92 and '19 with Walker on the coaching staff.

Walker finished his 23-year UCLA coaching career with an 828-156-1 record (.840), 11 conference regular season titles and one Pac-12 Tournament championship. Known for tossing Jolly Ranchers to home run hitters as the Bruins' third base coach, Walker was a member of the NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year in 2019 and the NFCA West Region CSOY six times in 2014, '15, '16, '19, '21 and '24. Across Walker's two stints, UCLA received 61 NFCA All-America awards, three Honda Cups, 10 Honda Sport Awards, two USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year awards, one NFCA National Player of the Year award, 14 Pac-10/12 Player of the Year awards, 127 all-conference selections (118 All-Pac-10/12) and 11 CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

Walker started his collegiate coaching career as an undergraduate assistant at UCLA in 1984 and was on staff for 11 seasons before leaving to be the head coach at Oregon State. In his first stint at UCLA, he worked closely with the Bruins' pitchers and played a large role in developing all-time greats Debbie Doom, Tracy Compton and Lisa Fernandez, among others.

Walker coached 18 seasons at Oregon State from 1995-12 and still stands as the all-time winningest coach in program history with a 594-490-3 record (.548). The Beavers experienced their greatest stretch of success with Walker at the helm, registering eight seasons of at least 40 wins and making the postseason 10 times.

Two of Oregon State's most prolific teams in 2005 and 2006 were coached by Walker and later inducted into the Oregon State University Athletics Hall of Fame. In 2006, Walker led the Beavers to their first WCWS appearance as Oregon State posted a school-record, 28-game winning streak and reached No. 5 in the national rankings with a 43-16 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. Under Walker's tutelage, the Beavers earned 33 All-Pac-10/12 Team honors, 10 NFCA All-America awards and 26 NFCA All-Region accolades. Oregon State also received 46 All-Pac-10/12 and two NFCA All-Region Honorable Mention awards during Walker's tenure.

Walker announced his return to Westwood on Aug. 7, 2012.

Walker has earned coaching acclaim away from the collegiate level. Most recently, Walker helped organized and coach the Finland Softball Women's National Team in 2022, which secured its first international play win against Turkey at the WBSC European Championships. During the summer of 2017, he was an assistant coach on the USA Softball Junior Women's National Team which won gold at the WBSC Junior Women's World Championship. Walker was named one of 12 coaches to form the USA Softball Women's National Team Coaches Pool through the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. He 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.

On the professional level, Walker was the head coach for the four-time ASA Women's Major National Fastpitch Champion California Commotion from 1996-99.

Walker has spent the entirety of his career pushing for the advancement and support of diversity, equity and inclusion in sports. He is one of the founders of the Equality Coaching Alliance and the LGBTQ+ Human Rights Sports Coalition and serves as a founding board member for the non-profit Sports Equality Foundation. Walker is also the coordinator of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's (NFCA) LGBTQ+ Convention Session. He was named as one of the top 100 most powerful and influential LGBTQ people in sports by Outsports in October 2024.

One of the sport's biggest entrepreneurial minds, Walker is a co-founder and owner for college softball's premier early-season tournament, the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic. Walker has organized the event for the last 20 years, bringing thousands of fans to the Palm Springs area to inspire future generations of female athletes.

Walker has fought for safety and rules clarity in a variety of roles with the NFCA, including four years as a member of the Executive Board. Walker also spent six years on the Regional Advisory Committee, three years on the NCAA Playing and Practice Rules Committee and has been a presenter at numerous NFCA conventions for the past 20 years. He co-authored the American Sport Education Program's (ASEP) *Coaching Softball Technical and Tactical Skills*, which helps teach basics and intangibles in softball.

Walker also boasts a successful men's fastpitch playing career. He was named the Most Valuable Pitcher in the summer of 2015 after winning his first national championship as a player at the North America Fastpitch Association (NAFA) Men's Masters 40-and-over National Championships in Carson City, Nev. He claimed his second national title in the summer of 2019 and was named to the All-World Team for a sixth time.

Before UCLA, Walker started his coaching career in the early 1980s as a travel ball coach for his sister, Karen Walker, who would later play for the Bruins. Walker 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.

WALKER'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

College

- 1984-94 – Assistant Coach, UCLA
- 1995-12 – Head Coach, Oregon State
- 2013-22 – Assistant Coach, UCLA
- 2023-24 – Associate Head Coach, UCLA
- 2025 – Director of Softball Administration, UCLA

International

- 2001 – Assistant Coach, USA Red National Team
- 2002-04 – Assistant Coach, USA Elite Team
- 2017 – Assistant Coach, USA Softball Junior Women's National Team
- 2022 – Assistant Coach, Finland Women's National Softball Team

Professional

- 1996-99 – Head Coach, California Commotion (ASA Women's Major Fastpitch League)



**WILL
OLDHAM**

Director of Player Development &
Data Analytics

3rd Season

Will Oldham enters his third season on staff and first as a full-time member in 2025, serving as the Director of Player Development and Data Analytics. Oldham previously operated as a volunteer in the same position in 2024 and a volunteer assistant coach in 2023.

Oldham specializes in scouting and working with the Bruins' hitters. In two years on staff, Oldham owns a record of 95-19 (.833), two Pac-12 Conference regular season titles, a Pac-12 Tournament championship and one Women's College World Series appearance.

Oldham helped UCLA turn a 3-4 start into a 43-12 finish and return to the WCWS in 2024. The performance earned Oldham his first NFCA West Region Coaching Staff of the Year recognition. The season was highlighted by a 14-game winning streak stretching from late April through May, resulting in the program's last Pac-12 regular season and Pac-12 Tournament championships and a 5-0 mark in NCAA Regional and Super Regional play. Oldham worked closely with NFCA All-Americans Maya Brady and Sharlize Palacios. Palacios hit five of her team-leading 20 home runs in the NCAA Tournament and earned Pac-12 Tournament MVP honors. Brady was named Pac-12 Player of the Year for a second straight season in 2024, leading UCLA with a .418 batting average and 68 RBI.

The Bruins posted a 52-7 record and clinched the Pac-12 regular season championship in Oldham's first year on staff in 2023. Three of UCLA's hitters – Brady, Megan Grant and Jordan Woolery – earned NFCA All-America status. Grant and Woolery, a pair of NFCA Freshman of the Year Top 10 finalists, combined for 104 RBI for the most by a freshman duo in UCLA history. Brady claimed her first Pac-12 Player of the Year trophy and was named a USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Top 3 Finalist after setting career benchmarks in batting average (.448), home runs (18) and slugging percentage (.866).

Prior to working at UCLA, Oldham played with Director of Softball Administration Kirk Walker on their men's fastpitch softball team as a pitcher and shortstop for three years. Oldham actively participates in a men's fastpitch league.

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

Oldham, 38 years old, was born in Indio, Calif.

OLDHAM'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 – Volunteer Assistant Coach, UCLA

2024 – Volunteer Director of Player Development & Data Analytics, UCLA

2025 – Director of Player Development & Data Analytics, UCLA



Walker served as an assistant and associate head coach at UCLA for 23 years.



Oldham made his first appearance at the Women's College World Series in 2024.

UCLA's COACHES AND STAFF



CLAIRE DONYANAVARD

**Director of Operations
10th Season
UIC '11**

Claire Donyanavard enters her 10th season working with the UCLA softball program in 2025. She begins her 11th total year for UCLA Athletics.

As the Director of 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 eight NCAA Tournament appearances, including seven 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.

A 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 in sports management from Long Beach State in 2016.



Janice Lee

**Staff Athletic Trainer
1st Season
Washington '14**

Lee enters her seventh year in the UCLA athletic training office and her first season as the athletic trainer for the UCLA softball team.

Lee handles all day-to-day athletic training responsibilities and oversees multiple sports medicine interns. She also splits athletic training duties with UCLA's men's and women's track and field programs.

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

Prior to UCLA, Lee spent two years at UC Davis where she provided comprehensive medical coverage for the Aggies' men's and women's cross country and track and field programs.

Lee earned her bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Washington in 2014. While in Seattle, Lee was an athletic training student intern as well as a communications intern, writing articles for gohuskies.com in addition to interviewing athletes and handling miscellaneous gameday duties.

Lee later earned her master's degree in athletic training from the University of Arkansas where she assisted the Razorbacks' softball, football and track and field teams.



Zuzanna Czyznielewska
**Staff Athletic Performance Coach
1st Season
Wyzsza Szkola Gospodarki '14**

Zuzanna Czyznielewska enters her first year in the UCLA athletic performance office and first season as the athletic performance coach for the UCLA softball team.

Zuzanna oversees all aspects of the softball team's strength and conditioning program. Her 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.

Zuzanna also manages the same responsibilities for UCLA's women's volleyball and women's golf programs.

Prior to UCLA, Zuzanna spent one year as the strength and conditioning coach at Middle Tennessee State University, working primarily for the Raiders' women's volleyball, women's tennis and men's and women's cross country programs. In 2022, Zuzanna served as an intern for the University of Wisconsin-Madison athletic department's strength and conditioning office.

From 2020-22, Zuzanna served as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for the U17, U18, U19 and U20 Polish Junior National Volleyball Teams. She traveled across the globe with these teams, touching ground in Macedonia, Slovakia, Mexico, Belgium and the Netherlands.

A former professional and national team volleyball player, Zuzanna was a member of the Polish Women's National Team from 2009-12. As a professional, Zuzanna competed for seven years in the Polish Volleyball Professional League with three different clubs.

Zuzanna received her bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education/exercise science from Wyzsza Szkola Gospodarki University in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Zuzanna is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and USA Weightlifting Level 1 Sports Performance Coach.



DEREK MOOS

**Equipment Manager
3rd Season
Eastern Michigan '15**

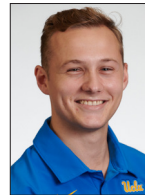
Derek Moos enters his third year as the manager of the UCLA equipment office and his third season working directly with the UCLA softball team in 2025.

Moos manages the day-to-day equipment and apparel needs of UCLA's softball and women's soccer teams. This includes supplying uniforms and practice gear. As the Associate Athletics 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 degree in business management from Eastern Michigan in 2015 and his master's degree in sport management in 2017.

Moos' hometown is Dearborn Heights, Mich.



VINNY LAVALASITI

**Athletic Communications
4th Season
UCLA '20**

Vinny Lavalasiti enters his fourth year in the UCLA athletic communications office in 2025 and fourth season as the contact for the UCLA softball team.

Lavalasiti 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 a contact in the athletic communications office for UCLA's football and women's golf programs.

Prior to returning to UCLA, Lavalasiti 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.

Lavalasiti graduated from UCLA in June 2020, earning a bachelor's degree in history. Lavalasiti spent his two years at UCLA as a writer for the Daily Bruin, covering UCLA's softball, women's basketball, cross country and track and field programs. He earned his associate's degree in journalism from Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif. in 2018. Lavalasiti, 26, is a native of Sutter Creek, Calif.



JACOB SANDMAN

**Marketing
2nd Season
UCLA '22**

Jacob Sandman enters his second year in the UCLA marketing office and second season as the marketing director for the UCLA softball team in 2025.

Sandman serves as the primary contact for all softball-related marketing initiatives. He manages the developing and implementation of softball's marketing plans 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, Calif., attended Jesuit High School.



MARTIN JARMOND

**Director of Athletics
5th 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 over 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 four years in Westwood, UCLA has won five NCAA championships in the sports of men's water polo (2020), women's soccer (2022), men's volleyball (2023, 2024) and women's water polo (2024). In the 2023-24 school year alone, UCLA had five teams competing on the final day for an NCAA Championship, with victories in men's volleyball and women's water polo in an eight-day span in May.

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. The Bruins begin their historic first season in the Big Ten Conference on August 2, 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 "Westwood Ascent," 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, Jarmond's first at UCLA. Bruin 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

**Deputy Athletics Director/Chief
Administrative Officer/SWA
18th Year at UCLA
UC Irvine '96**

Dr. Christina Munger-Rivera serves as the Deputy Athletics Director/Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) at UCLA, having joined the staff in September 2007.

In her role, Dr. Rivera 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).

She 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. JULIO FRENK

**Chancellor
1st Year at UCLA**

Julio Frenk became the seventh chancellor of UCLA on January 1, 2025. He also holds an academic appointment as distinguished professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management within the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. He is an accomplished university administrator and leading global health researcher who has held positions in government and academia, both in the U.S. and in Mexico.

Before becoming UCLA's chancellor, Frenk served as president of the University of Miami from 2015 to 2024, where he also held academic appointments as a tenured professor. Prior to joining the University of Miami, he served for almost seven years as dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and as the T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development.

Frenk served as the federal secretary of health of Mexico from 2000 to 2006. In this role, he spearheaded an ambitious overhaul of the nation's health system, introducing Seguro Popular—a groundbreaking program of comprehensive universal health coverage that extended healthcare access to over 55 million previously uninsured individuals. He was also the founding director-general of Mexico's National Institute of Public Health and has held senior roles at the World Health Organization and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Frenk earned his medical degree from the National University of Mexico, as well as a master of public health and a joint Ph.D. in medical care organization and in sociology from the University of Michigan. His scholarly production, which includes close to 200 articles in academic journals, as well as many books and book chapters, has been cited more than 37,000 times. In addition, he has written five novels for young people explaining the functions of the human body.

Frenk is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, the National Academy of Medicine of Mexico and El Colegio Nacional, the most prestigious learned society in Mexico. He has received numerous recognitions, including the Clinton Global Citizen Award, the Bouchet Medal for Outstanding Leadership from Yale University and the Welch-Rose Award for Distinguished Service from the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health. In 2024, he was named one of TIME magazine's top Latino leaders for his contributions to public health and higher education.