

# WASHINGTON STATE WOMEN'S GOLF

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Pac-12 students are known for their athletic success, but they are also impressive, complete people with outside interests, diverse backgrounds, extracurricular activities, interesting families, busy schedules, and full lives. The release for this week's competition is focused on who Washington State students are in the classroom and community.



# ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Over the summer of 2014, senior Rachel Lewis studied abroad in Spain. While abroad, Lewis and a group of fellow college students explored the cities of Barcelona, Madrid, and Valencia. "It was an incredibly fulfilling and enriching experience," Lewis said.

As a kinesiology major/psychology minor, junior Cherokee Kim performed research on elementary school kids and the correlation between their physical activity and school performance.

As a sophomore, Jamie Midkiff is already setting her sights high -the mechanical engineering major aspires to work for Boeing, or for the Department of Defense following graduation.



# **≛Î** TOP PERFORMERS

Senior Rachel Lewis is a two-time Pac-12 All-Academic First Team honoree. The International Business major has a 3.82 GPA.

Fellow senior, Nani Yanagi earned Pac-12 All-Academic honors two years in a row as well, having been named to the second team in 2015 and honorable mention in 2014. An elementary education major, Yanagi has a 3.77 GPA.



# COMMUNITY CORNER

A native of Hilo, Hawaii, senior Nani Yanagi stays involved with her hometown by assisting with the Hawaii Junior Golf Association. Yanagi, who has completed practicums in various elementary schools, hopes to teach in Hawaii after she graduates in the spring.

Senior Rachel Lewis is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The group focuses on community outreach through the Reading Buddies program and events such as Butch's Bash. The yearly holiday event partners with a local charity to donate to those in need and is open to children of all ages.



### **HOBBY HUDDLE**

When she's not on the green, sophomore Bree Wanderscheid enjoys antique shopping.

Freshman Madison Odiorne rides horses in her spare time.

Not only do they share a common interest in golf, but sophomore Jamie Midkiff and junior Cherokee Kim both play the piano.



## **FAMILY TIES**

Junior Cherokee Kim's cousin Erynne Lee played golf at UCLA. Kim said Lee sparked her interest to play collegiate golf, while sophomore Bree Wanderscheid's older brother Zach played golf for the neighboring University of Idaho, and got her involved with the sport.

Senior Monica Huang said her parents have always been very supportive of her, even when she told them she was transferring to WSU from in-state rival Washington. As Huang forged her own path, senior Rachel Lewis continues a family tradition of being a Coug. Her father, an avid golfer, attended WSU and inspired Lewis to become a WSU student-athlete.



## **NUTRITIONAL CORNER**

The women of WSU golf would agree that breakfast is the most important meal of the day when preparing for a tournament.

Eggs, yogurt, bacon, and fruit are the go-to menu items for several teammates. Senior Monica Huang and Cherokee Kim opt for coffee in the mornings as well.



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#### 2015-16 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Tournament	Result
Sept. 14-15	Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire	14th (902, +26)
Sept. 21-22	WSU Cougar Cup	First (866, -3)
Oct. 9-11	Ron Moore Invitational	Third (870, +6)
Oct. 18-20	Stanford Intercollegiate	15th (902, +50)
Nov. 2-3	Pac-12 Preview	Eighth (903, +27)
Feb. 21-22	Westbrook Spring Invitational	15th (887, +23)
Feb. 29-March 1	Bruin/Wave Invitational	14th (942, +78)
March 14-15	Wildcat Invitational	14th (910, +46)
April 4-5	Cowgirl Classic	Third (885, +21)
April 8-10	PING/ASU Invitational	T-Eighth (894, +30)
April 18-20	Pac-12 Championships	All Day
May 7-9	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 22-27	NCAA Championships	TBA

#### **2015-16 ROSTER**

Name	Yr	Hometown	Best Finish
Alivia Brown	SO	Gig Harbor, Wash.	T-Fourth (Nov. 3)
Monica Huang	SR	Qualicum Beach, B.C.	T-14th (Sept. 22)
Cherokee Kim	JR	DuPont, Wash.	First (Sept. 22)
Rachel Lewis	SR	Gig Harbor, Wash.	T-25th (Sept. 22)
Jamie Midkiff	SO	Sammamish, Wash	T-69th (Sept. 22)
Madison Odiorne	FR	Bend, Ore.	T-Ninth (Sept. 22)
Bree Wanderscheid	SO	Goldendale, Wash.	Fifth (Sept. 22)
Nani Yanagi	SR	Hilo, Hawaii	T-Sixth (Sept. 22)

#### **Head Coach**

Kelli Kamimura, Seventh Season Alma Mater: Washington (2002)

### **Assistant Coach**

Emma Betland, Second Season Alma Mater: Washington State (2013)

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# **Cougars Head to Pac-12 Championships**

Pac-12 Women's Golf Championships
April 18-20 | 9 a.m. PT (Mon.) & 8:30 a.m. PT (Tues.-Wed.)
Ruby Hills Golf Course | Pleasanton, Calif.
Par 72 | 54 Holes

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**THIS WEEK**: The Washington State women's golf team will close out the regular season at the 2016 Pac-12 Championships, hosted by California, at Pleasanton, Calif., Monday through Wednesday, April 18-20.

**THE TOURNAMENT:** One round will be played each of the three days at the par-72 Ruby Hills Golf Course...teams will tee-off beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, with WSU and in-state rival Washington teeing off at 10:20 a.m....the second and third rounds will start at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

**THE FIELD:** All Pac-12 schools which sponsor golf will compete at the event, including No. 2 USC, No. 4 UCLA, No. 10 Arizona State, No. 11 Arizona, No. 12 Stanford, No. 13 Washington, No. 15 California, No. 20 Oregon, No. 40 Colorado, Oregon State, and Washington State.

**REPRESENTING WASHINGTON STATE**: Competing for the Cougars will be sophomore Alivia Brown, senior Monica Huang, junior Cherokee Kim, senior Nani Yanagi, and sophomore Bree Wanderscheid.

LAST TIME AT THE PAC-12 CHAMPIONSHIPS: WSU finished 11th (+49, 901) at the 2015 Pac-12 Championships, hosted by Colorado at the Boulder Country Club, an event which featured nine top-40 teams...Arizona, then-ranked No. 6, won the tournament at 1-over par (853)...Brown and then-senior Kristen Rue tied for 32nd at 10-over (223)...the duo finished four strokes ahead of Kim, who tied for 41st (+14, 227)...Wanderscheid finished 47th (+17, 230).

LAST TIME ON THE GREEN: WSU tied for eighth with No. 4 Northwestern and the 2015 NCAA runner-up, No. 54 Baylor at the PING/ASU Invitational, April 8-10, at the ASU Karsten Golf Course...in a field that contained nine top-35 teams, WSU (+30, 894) finished seven strokes ahead of No. 31 Colorado (+37, 901)...the top-three consisted of three ranked Pac-12 opponents, led by No. 3 UCLA (-12, 852)...Brown tied for 29th (+6, 221), 18 strokes back of tournament-champion Bronte Law of UCLA (-12, 204)...Huang tied for 31st (+9, 225), while Kim tied for 41st (+10, 226).

**COACHING STAFF:** The Cougars are led by seventh-year head coach Kelli Kamimura, who led the team to its lowest team scoring average in school history last season... assisting Kamimura is WSU alumna and second-year assistant coach Emma Betland, who golfed for the Cougars from 2010-2013.

**RESULTS:** Live scoring will be posted on golfstat.com...full recaps will be posted on wsucougars.com at the end of each round.