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BEARCATS COACHES



REED SUNAHARA

Head Coach 8th year • UCLA '89

Reed Sunahara, the winningest coach in program history, has guided University of Cincinnati volleyball to unprecedented heights during his first

seven seasons as head coach.

Sunahara has piloted the Bearcats to NCAA Tournament appearances during four of his seven seasons, after helping the program to an NCAA berth as an assistant in 1999. UC has claimed a trio of Conference USA regular season championships and set school records for consecutive wins, consecutive home wins, and consecutive games won under Sunahara's tutelage. Since his arrival in Clifton, UC has won at least 20 matches every season. Sunahara earned the distinction as the program's winningest coach in 2004 and he has ammassed 161 victories on the Bearcats' sideline.

Sunahara has also coached on the international circuit, taking USA squads through tours of Spain and Portugal (2001), the Czech Republic (2003 & 2004) and Argentina (2006).

The 2006 campaign was another winning and successful one as UC finished 22-7 to mark its 12th consecutive 20-win season. Under Sunahara's watch, sophomore Jessie Nevitt became the second UC player ever to earn all-America status two years in a row.

In 2005, Sunahara's Bearcats continued their winning tradition, capturing 20 wins for the 11th consecutive year and advancing to the BIG EAST Tournament semifinals in the program's first year in the league. UC finished the campaign with a 20-12 record against one of its most competitive schedules ever. Sunahara also guided the development of Nevitt, who was named the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and an honorable mention all-American.

The 2004 season saw UC advance to the conference tournament semifinals for the seventh time in 10 years. Sunahara also guided the Bearcats to their 10th straight 20-win season, finishing with a 22-11 mark. Julie DuPont was honored

as the C-USA Player of the Year for the second straight campaign and was again tabbed an all-American by the $\Delta V C \Delta$

During the 2003 season, Sunahara guided a team that lost two of the top players in school history—Trish Ladusaw and Bonita Wise—to a share of the C-USA regular-season championship and a fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance. The Bearcats finished with a 27-6 record, presenting him with his 100th coaching victory. DuPont blossomed under Sunahara's tutelage, becoming UC's first-ever volleyball all-American.

In 2002, Sunahara led the Bearcats to a 23-9 mark and an at-large NCAA Tournament berth.

Sunahara earned the C-USA Coach of the Year Award in 2001 after leading the Bearcats to their most successful season ever. The Bearcats finished the season 23-8, capturing the C-USA regular season championship and matching a school record with a 14-2 conference ledger.

A trip to the NCAA Tournament brought UC its first tournament win. Along the way the Bearcats set a school

record by winning 16 straight matches.

In 2000, his first year as UC's head coach, Sunahara led a team returning three starters to a second consecutive C-USA American Division title with a 14-2 league record, earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Sunahara joined the Cincinnati family in 1997 as the top assistant to then-head coach Laura Alford.

As an assistant, Sunahara was involved in all coaching aspects, from recruiting and scheduling to practice planning and scouting. He was instrumental in developing Cincinnati's middle blockers, including former all-time kills leader Becky Tenkman, four-time all-conference selection Bonita Wise, and two-time all-conference choice Stephanie Meinig. The Bearcats were 70-32 in his three seasons as an assistant.

Sunahara previously spent four seasons at Toledo, serving as head coach for the final two years. In 1993, the Rockets reached the Mid-American Conference Tournament for the first time. As head coach for the Rockets, he posted a 19-40 record, including a 12-19 mark in 1996.

The Reed Sunahara File

College: UCLA (BA in Sociology, 1989)

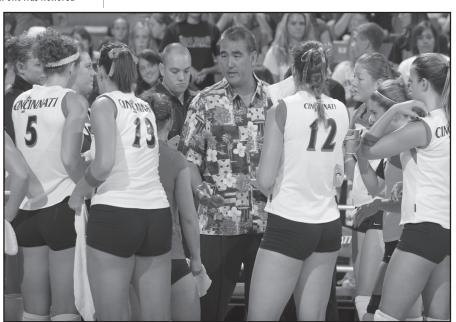
Year at Cincinnati: 8th as head coach, 11th overall **Career Record:** 180-103 overall, 161-63 at Cincinnati

Coaching experience: 19 seasons

Playing experience: UCLA (1982-86), two-time all-American, three NCAA titles; NIKE/Molten at the USVBA national championships (1987, 90); Cisneros Isla Verdes in the Commissional of (1989).

in the Canary Islands (1988).

Personal: Children Rex (11), R.J. (7), and Mia (2).



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Prior to Toledo, Sunahara served as assistant

As a player, Sunahara helped lead UCLA to three straight national championships, including two undefeated seasons (29-0 in 1982 and 38-0 in 1984). He led the Bruins with a .399 hitting percentage in 1984 and was considered the nation's best outside hitter.

A two-time all-American, Sunahara played with Olympians Karch Kiraly, Ricci Luyties (the current head coach at Southern Miss), Doug Partie, and Dave Saunders during his career. In 1988, he went to Spain to play professionally in the Canary Islands for Cisneros Isla Verdes. He played for champion NIKE/Molten at the United States Volleyball Association national championships in 1987 and 1990.

Sunahara has held his own camp, The Reed Sunahara Volleyball Camp, for 11 years.

Bearcats Committed To Academics

Success in the classroom is one of Reed Sunahara's top priorities, which has shown throughout his career. Among the highlights during Sunahara's tenure are:

- Prior to the 2006 and 2007 seasons, the Bearcats earned the Team Academic Award from the AVCA for holding a team GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Julie DuPont named a CoSIDA Academic All-American three times, including a first-team choice in 2004.
- Trish Ladusaw named CoSIDA Academic All-District in 2002.
- In UC's first two years as league members, the volleyball program has placed a total of 18 student-athletes on the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team.
- Student-athletes earned a total of six Conference USA Academic Medals and 33 slots on the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Sunahara's Milestone Wins at UC

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- 50 September 14, 2002 at Wright State Cincinnati 3, Austin Peay 0
- 100 September 4, 2004 at Fifth Third Arena Cincinnati 3, Kent State 0
- 102* September 10, 2004 at Loyola Marymount Cincinnati 3, Washington State 1
- 150 October 12, 2005 at Morehead State Cincinnati 3, Morehead State 0
- *Sunahara became UC's winningest coach

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Sunahara's Year-By-Year Coaching Record								
Year	School	Position	Record	Conf.	Postseason			
1987	UCLA	Men's G.A. Coach	30-3	18-0	NCAA Champion			
1989	UCLA	Men's G.A. Coach	29-5	17-3	NCAA Champion			
1990	UCLA	Men's Asst. Coach	26-5	15-3				
1991	UCLA	Men's Asst. Coach	16-9	12-4				
1992	UCLA	Men's Asst. Coach	15-12	11-7				
1993	UCLA	Men's Asst. Coach	24-3	16-3	NCAA Champion			
1993	Toledo	Women's Asst. Coach	16-12	9-9				
1994	Toledo	Women's Asst. Coach	8-19	4-13				
1995	Toledo	Women's Head Coach	7-21	4-13				
1996	Toledo	Women's Head Coach	12-19	5-12				
1997	Cincinnati	Women's Asst. Coach	21-13	12-4				
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1999	Cincinnati	Women's Asst. Coach	28-7	13-3	C-USA Div. Champs, NCAA Tournament			
2000	Cincinnati	Women's Head Coach	24-10	14-2	C-USA Div. Champs, NCAA Tournament			
2001	Cincinnati	Women's Head Coach	23-8	14-2	C-USA Champions, NCAA Tournament			
2002	Cincinnati	Women's Head Coach	23-9	11-2	NCAA Tournament			
2003	Cincinnati	Women's Head Coach	27-6	12-1	C-USA Champions, NCAA Tournament			
2004	Cincinnati	Women's Head Coach	22-11	10-3				
2005	Cincinnati	Women's Head Coach	20-12	9-5				
2006	Cincinnati	Women's Head Coach	22-7	10-4				



BEARCATS COACHES



ERIN VIRTUE

Assistant Coach
1st year • Illinois '05

Lrin Virtue, a former University of Illinois standout with ties to the USA National program, joins the UC coaching staff starting with the 2007 season. Virtue will serve as the top aide to eighth-year head

coach Reed Sunahara.

Virtue broke into the coaching ranks on the collegiate level last year, spending a season as an assistant at Loyola University Chicago. While with the Ramblers, Virtue worked with the team's setters, while handling recruiting and training organization.

Virtue's connection with the USA National team comes as both a player and

THE ERIN VIRTUE FILE

College: Illinois (BS in Kiniesology, 2005)

Year at Cincinnati: 1st

Coaching experience: One season: Loyola (III.) (2006), assistant coach; USA

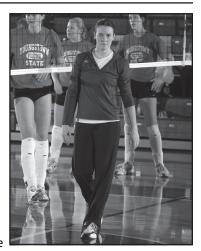
A2 Camp (2006), assistant coach.

Playing experience: Illinois (2001-05), USA National A2 Program (Summer

2004); Trained with USA National Team (2005-06).

a coach. During the summer of 2004, she participated with the USA National A2 program and was a coach for the junior team two years later. During 2005-06, Virtue trained with the USA National Team.

On the collegiate level, Virtue enjoyed her best season as a senior at Illinois, helping the Fighting Illini to a Top 10 national ranking and a spot in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen. For her play, she was named to the Big Ten All-Conference First Team and was an honorable mention all-American. Throughout her career, she



was awarded numerous awards for spirit, academic excellence and sportsmanship

Virtue also competed in international tours, serving as a team captain with Bring It Promotions teams from 2002-05.



MYANNA HELLSTEN

Assistant Coach
1st year • Cincinnati '07

yanna Hellsten may be new to the Bearcats' sideline, but she is no stranger to the UC program. The former four-year starter joins the Cincinnati staff as an assistant for the 2007 season.

After four outstanding seasons playing for Reed Sunahara, Hellsten will join her former coach on the sidelines beginning this fall. As a staff member, Hellsten will plan all of the team's travel, assist with recruiting and work with the players on the court, particularly the middle blockers.

While the assignment to the UC staff is Hellsten's first full-time coaching position, she has gained experience on the club and youth levels in recent years. Following her junior year of competition as a player at UC, Hellsten assisted Sunahara with his coaching duties for the Team Z club team in Cincinnati. She led her own Team Z squad in the spring of 2007. In addition, Hellsten has worked many

of UC's youth camps and coached a third and fourth grade team for two years.

During her playing career,
Hellsten excelled both on and off the
court. As a middle blocker, Hellsten
was the Conference USA Freshman of
the Year in 2003 and a two-time allconference selection. She concluded
her career as the only UC player ever
to accumulate 1,000 career kills and
500 career blocks. As a Bearcat, she
was one of the program's top middle
blockers ever, playing alongside
former standout Rachel Torblaa and
then current star Jessie Nevitt.



Away from volleyball, Hellsten was a two-time BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team honoree and was the recipient of the Helen Norman Smith Award, honoring the top graduating senior at UC in 2007. She earned her undergraduate degree in

THE MYANNA HELLSTEN FILE

College: Cincinnati (BIS in Human Ecology, 2007)

Year at Cincinnati: 1st

Coaching experience: First season **Playing experience:** Cincinnati (2003-06).

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DR. NANCY ZIMPHER



Since October 1, 2003, Nancy L. Zimpher has served as the University of Cincinnati's 25th President and its first woman president. At UC, Dr. Zimpher has launched a comprehensive academic planning process that involved a wide spectrum of the university's stakeholders and resulted in the university's strategic vision, *UC*|21: Defining the New Urban Research University.

From 1998 to 2003, Dr. Zimpher was the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and held a faculty position in its School of Education. Prior to her appointment in Wisconsin, she served as the Executive Dean of the Professional Colleges and Dean of the College of Education at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. During her career, Dr. Zimpher has worked in various administrative positions and engaged in research and development efforts concerned with improving the preparation of teachers, especially teachers for urban contexts.

Dr. Zimpher is the co-author and co-editor of books on university leadership as well as books on teacher education and urban education. She also has authored and co-authored many monographs, book chapters, and academic journal articles related to academic leadership, school/university partnerships and teacher education, and in many instances her co-author has been her husband, Dr. Kenneth R. Howey, a research professor in education at UC. She often is sought after as a key participant at both national and international conferences, making

numerous presentations for groups such as the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), Association of Teacher Educators (ATE), American Educational Research Association (AERA), American Association for Higher Education (AAHE), National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) and the American Council on Education (ACE).

Currently, she serves as chair of the NASULGC Board of Directors and of a national network of presidents of Urban Serving Universities (USU). She also serves on the boards of ACE and the National Commission on Writing for America's Families, Schools, and Colleges and as the BIG EAST Conference representative to the Division I Board of Directors of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). A past president of a national education reform network, The Holmes Partnership, she has previously served on the Executive Board of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, as key investigator in the eight-year Research About Teacher Education (RATE) Study, on the American Council on Education's Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness Commission as chair of NASULGC's Commission on International Programs and as Project Director for a U.S. Department of Education Teacher Quality Grant.

Dr. Zimpher participates on numerous state, regional, civic and community commissions and boards. Presently, she co-chairs the Ohio Board of Regents' Articulation & Transfer Advisory Council, serves on the board of the Governor's Ohio Partnership for Continued Learning and is a co-founder of a new coalition of higher education constituencies in Ohio called the Higher Education Leadership Coalition. She also serves on the Cincinnati Business Committee and co-chairs its Education Task Force; serves on the boards of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce, Cincinnati Center City Development Corp. (3CDC), the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the United Way of Greater Cincinnati; and chairs the Uptown Consortium, a five-way partnership in neighborhood development adjacent to UC and the consortium partners.

She is the recipient of numerous awards including the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's Chief Executive Leadership Award (2003); Ohio State University's

Alumni Association Professional Achievement Award; the Association of Teacher Educators' Distinguished Research Award; the AACTE's Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education; and Virginia Commonwealth University's Distinguished Woman Scholar Award. In 1998, she was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, and she has been recognized with the YWCA's Women of Achievement award in Columbus, Milwaukee and Cincinnati.

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MIKE THOMAS



Mike Thomas, a 21-year veteran of college administration, was named as the University of Cincinnati's new athletics director on October 20, 2005. Since taking the reigns of the 18-team, 559 studentathlete department, Thomas has championed studentathlete development and fiscal responsibility, while also authoring a detailed plan for competitive success in the BIG EAST Conference and on the national level.

In May of 2006, Thomas introduced his vision for Bearcat Athletics, aptly titled CATAPULT. Thomas's five-year vision for UC's 18-sport intercollegiate program was launched on the six-month anniversary of his hiring as AD. The plan focuses on three main initiatives: winning BIG EAST team championships, high-level academic achievement, and a comprehensive integration with the Greater Cincinnati Community. This action initiative will track UC's 18 teams towards BIG EAST Championships in every sport within the next five years, encourages continued leadership by UC student-athletes in academics, and stresses community engagement. CATAPULT--an acronym for championships, academics, and together--sets the goal that in the next five years UC will win a BIG EAST championship in every sport; UC's student-athletes will lead the general student body in graduation rate and grade point average; and UC's student-athletes and coaches will engage the Cincinnati community in service.

During the 2006 Fall Quarter, the first under the CATAPULT plan, UC's sports teams made major improvements in academics, achieving an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.938. Additionally, 11 of the 17 squads posted team GPAs higher than the general UC student body GPA of 2.965.

A total of 247 student-athletes from UC's 18 sports were named to either the Bearcat or the Topcat Honor Roll. To qualify for the Bearcat Honor Roll, a student-athlete must have earned a grade point average

Thomas at a Glance

Wife: Jenifer

Children: Vince, Joey, Mick, and Meredith Education: 1983 Colorado State, B.S. 1986 Western Illinois. M.S.

EXPERIENCE:

1985-86	Marketing and Promotions Associate	lowa
1986-93	Assistant Director of Athletics	Denver
1993-2000	Assistant Director of Athletics	Virginia
2000-05	Director of Athletics	Akron
2005-07	Director of Athletics	Cincinnati

between 3.0 and 3.49 for the quarter, while Topcat honorees must maintain between a 3.5 and a 4.0 GPA.

The Bearcats are stepping up their levels of performance in BIG EAST competition, as four of the six UC fall sports teams improved their finish in the final conference standings over that of Fall 2005. The Bearcat teams collectively posted an improvement of three places. UC's men's soccer team became the first Bearcat squad to claim a BIG EAST title, winning the Red Division of the league's regular season race.

"Spreading the Bearcats' message is vital to our continued brand building efforts and our charge to reach out to our fans, alumni, and sports fans and share the excitement of being a Bearcat," says Thomas. "I am very proud of the strides that we are making in all areas of UC Athletics. Our achievement is coming as a result of working together as a team. Our student-athletes and staff are setting the bar high and then are reaching their goals, which are fun to be a part of."

During his tenure at UC, Thomas has overseen the hiring of four head coaches (men's basketball coach Mick Cronin, women's basketball coach J. Kelley Hall, football coach Brian Kelly, and women's lacrosse coach Lellie Swords), added the sport of women's lacrosse, and introduced a new financial management plan which will trend operations towards a balanced budget for the first time in over a decade.

In March 2007, UC Athletics was recognized in the 2006-07 Diversity in Athletics Award, presented by the Laboratory for Diversity in Sport at Texas A&M University. The award recognizes the NCAA Division I department of athletics that excel in various areas of diversity. UC was recognized for the graduation of African American male athletes. UC was one of just 10 programs nationwide to earn the Diversity in Athletics Award for the graduation of African American male athletes.

Prior to coming to UC, Thomas spent five years as the Director of Athletics at The University of Akron, seven years as associate athletics director at the University of Virginia, an institution known for achieving impressive success both academically and athletically, before bringing that model to Akron. Virginia finished in the top 25 in the Director's Cup in each year of Thomas' tenure there while at the same time was in the top 10 nationally in student-athlete graduation rates.

Under Thomas' direction, Akron rose from last place to second among Mid-American Conference schools in the Director's Cup annual rankings. Simultaneously Akron vaulted from last to second place in the MAC Academic Achievement Awards.

Support services and facilities for academic support for student-athletes were significantly increased, which resulted in a significant improvement in grade point averages and graduation rates of UA student-athletes.

Thomas coordinated over \$140 million in facility construction and renovation, including \$25 million in capital improvements to Akron's athletics facilities.

Recognized for his administrative acumen by his peers, Thomas presently serves on several national and conference committees, including the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee, and the Division I-A Athletics Directors Association Legislative Review Committee.

Most recently, Thomas was named to the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet, which is one of two committees that reports to the Division I Management Council. The cabinet has oversight authority of Division I National Championships; sports sciences issues; certification of postseason, all-star and exempted contests; personnel limitations; practice seasons; Olympic sport issues; and student-athlete awards and benefits.

Thomas has also previously served as a member of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee and the NCAA Division I Academics/ Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet.

In 2005 Thomas received the General Robert R. Neyland Outstanding Athletics Director Award, recognizing his achievements at the University of Akron.

Prior to his experience at Virginia, Thomas spent seven years at the University of Denver as assistant athletics director for internal operations, and one year at the University of Iowa in marketing and promotions.

Thomas, 47, received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Colorado State University in 1983, and his M.S. degree in Athletics Administration from Western Illinois University in 1986. He and his wife, Jenifer, have four children: Vincent, Joseph, Mick, and Meredith.



SENIOR ADMINISTRATION



Dr. Fritz Russ
Faculty Athletics Representative

President Nancy L. Zimpher appointed Dr. Fritz Russ, Senior Vice Provost and Professor of Marketing, as the faculty athletics representative for Bearcat Athletics, effective February 1, 2007. Dr. Russ will also be making a planned transition back to the full time faculty of the College of Business.

As the NCAA indicates, the university's faculty athletics representative (FAR) "works to support a campus environment where athletics is maintained as a vital component of the educational program and where student-athletes constitute an integral part of the student body." Academic integrity, institutional control of the athletics program, and promotion of student-athlete welfare are a FAR's major focus.

The position's duties include being a liaison between academics and athletics; serving on the Athletics Advisory Council; assisting in institutional certification processes; participating in compliance reviews; monitoring student-athletes' academic performance and their welfare; assessing and advising on NCAA and conference policies; and attending conference and NCAA meetings.

Russ, who joined the UC faculty in 1989, is the former Dean of the College of Business Administration and former Marketing Department head. Before coming to the University of Cincinnati, he was a chaired professor at the University of North Carolina, where he also served for four years on the university's faculty athletics committee. Russ earned a bachelor's degree from Eckerd College, and a masters and doctorate from Carnegie-Mellon University.



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