



7 ELINA AARNISALO

5-10 / Freshman

Guard

Helsinki, Finland

Mäkelänrinne Upper Secondary

UCLA added an international student-athlete to its roster in the recruiting class of 2024; Elina Aarnisalo of Finland signed with the Bruins after verbally committing to UCLA in May 2023. "I was out recruiting this summer and a very successful head coach said to me, 'Elina is going to be a difference-maker in your program,'" relayed coach Close. "She is a great facilitator, she is aggressive, she's a great shooter and passer, she gets to the free throw line, she is just an impact-level player. We're really lucky to have her."

The 5-foot-10 guard has played in the Finland Korisliiga with HBA-Marksy, averaging 19.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.7 steals per game. She is currently rostered on the Kangoeroes Basket Mechelen in the BNXT League, Belgium's top division for women's basketball. The Finnish guard averaged 12.5 points, 4.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 1.3 steals on 46.7% shooting with the Kangoeroes during the 2023-24 Eurocup. Aarnisalo lit it up from outside, shooting 62.5% from distance (5-8 3FG) in four games played.

Aarnisalo led her team in scoring with 17.9 points in the 2022 FIBA U18 Women's European Championships. She added 4.9 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.0 steals per game to her stat line.





0 JANIAH BARKER

6-4 / Junior
Forward
Marietta, Ga.
Montverde Academy | Texas A&M

Prior to UCLA...

2023-24 (at Texas A&M)

The Marietta, Georgia, native was the youngest player and only sophomore to make the SEC Preseason First Team ahead of the 2023-24 campaign. Barker made 27 starts in 30 appearances during her second collegiate season. Her 365 points scored and grabbed 227 boards as a sophomore, both marking the second-most in those statistical categories for A&M. She recorded eight double-doubles during her most recent campaign with the Aggies, averaging 12.2 points and 7.6 boards in 30 games played as a sophomore. Barker was named to the Winter SEC Academic Honor Roll, and she was on the 2023 Katrina McClain Award Watchlist.

2022-23 (at Texas A&M)

Named SEC Freshman of the Week twice and was tabbed as the USBWA National Freshman of the Week after an impressive performance against Georgia on Jan. 22 ... Was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team ... Saw the court 19 times and started in seven ... Led the Aggies with a team-high 12.7 points per game and was the lone freshman in the SEC to pace her team in scoring... Was second best on the team in rebounds per game (5.9) ... Registered two double-doubles as she put up 19 points and a career-high 12 rebounds against Rice (Nov. 27), being the first freshman to get a double-double for the program since 2015, and collecting 22 points and 10 rebounds

against Ole Miss in the SEC Tournament Quarterfinal (March 3) ... Put up a career-high 24 points against Georgia on Jan. 22, shooting 10-of-11 (90.9%) from the field in just 20 minutes of action after missing the previous 10 games due to injury.

High School

Tabbed as the No. 3 recruit in the country by espnW HoopGurlz ... Highest rated recruit to sign with Texas A&M ... Was a WBCA, McDonald's and Jordan Brand All-American ... Averaged 14.5 points and 6.5 rebounds in the McDonald's and Jordan Brand All-American Games, leading both teams to victory ... Led Montverde Academy (Tampa, Florida) to its first-ever GEICO High School National Championship in 2022 ... Scored eight points and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds in the national championship game ... Averaged 17.6 points and 8.9 rebounds during her senior campaign, while shooting 50% from the field and 35% from deep ... On the international stage, she won gold medals with the U16 National Team and the 2021 3x3 U18 World Cup squad ... Participated in the 2018 U17 World Cup Team Trials.



BARKER, Janiah

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds												Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG			
2022-23	AM	19-7	432/22.7	88-193	.456	11-27	.407	54-93	.581	37	75	112	5.9	52-0	10	48	19	20	241	12.7			
2023-24	AM	30-27	795/26.5	148-309	.479	23-67	.343	46-73	.630	74	153	227	7.6	77-5	41	80	20	38	365	12.2			
TOTAL FOR UCLA		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0			
TOTAL		49-34	1227/25.0	236-502	.470	34-94	.362	100-166	.602	111	228	339	6.9	129-5	51	128	39	58	606	12.4			



51 LAUREN BETTS

6-7 / Junior
Center
Centennial, Colo.
Grandview HS | Stanford

2023-24

Set new single-game career highs in eight statistical categories in her debut season with the Bruins... Recorded a career-high 18 rebounds against then-No. 20 Florida State in UCLA's 17-point win over the Seminoles on Dec. 10... Repeated her 18-rebound mark against No. 2-seed USC in the Pac-12 semifinal on March 8... Closed the season with three-consecutive double-doubles on her way to 12 on the year... Recorded 14 points and 17 rebounds with four blocks against No. 3-seed LSU in the NCAA tournament... Swatted a career-high six shots against then-No. 6 USC on Dec. 30... Scored her career-high 24 points after knocking down a late jumper against then-No. 11 Oregon State in the heartbreaking loss on Feb. 16... Played 29 games, starting 27 of her appearances... Averaged 27.2 minutes per game... Led UCLA in points (14.9) and rebounds (9.3) per game... Shot a team-leading .643 from the floor, which ranked third in the NCAA for the season... Named to the 2024 Lisa Leslie Center of the Year Award Top 10 list... Also made the cut for the John R. Wooden Award presented by Principal Late Season Top 20 Watch List... Joined Charisma Osborne and Kiki Rice on the 2024 Jersey Mike's Naismith Trophy Women's Player of the Year Midseason Team... **Honors:** Five-time UCLA Student-Athlete of the Week presented by Ready... All-Pac-12 (Coaches)... Pac-12 All-Defensive (Coaches)... All-Pac-12 (Media)... Pac-12 All-Defensive (Media)... Pac-12 All-Tournament Team... Albany 2 All-Regional Tournament Team (NCAA)... USBWA All-America Honorable Mention... Associated Press All-America Honorable Mention.

Prior to UCLA...

2022-23 (at Stanford)

Appeared in 33 games off the bench... Averaged 5.9 points, 3.5 rebounds and nearly one block in 9.7 minutes per game... Shot a team-high 60.2 percent from the field, the fifth-best single-season shooting percentage in school history... Ranked fourth on the team in rebounding and fifth in scoring... Scored a season-high 18 points against CSUN (11/9)... First double-double came against Grambling State (11/26), scoring 11 points with 13 rebounds... Finished with 10 double-digit scoring performances, including five of her last nine games vs. Pac-12 opponents... Dished a season-best three assists at No. 21 Colorado (2/23)... Blocked a season-high four shots at No. 17 Arizona (2/9)... Totaled three steals at Portland (11/13)... Averaged over eight points per game in her last 11 appearances of the season... Pac-12 regular-season champion... **HONORS:** Pac-12 All-Freshman Team Honorable Mention (Coaches)... Pac-12 Freshman of the Week (Feb. 13, 2023)... **USA Basketball:** Has won two gold medals playing for the United States (2021 FIBA U19 World Cup in Hungary, 2019 FIBA Americas U16 Championship in Chile) and a silver medal (2023 FIBA Americup W)... Named to the All-Star Five at the 2019 FIBA Americas U16 Championship after averaging a double-double... Youngest player on the 2021 FIBA U19 World Cup team, nearly averaging a double-double.

HIGH SCHOOL

A 2022 graduate of Grandview High School in Aurora, Colo., she was a five-star talent... Rated as the No. 1 player in the country according to both ESPN HoopGurlz and Prospects Nation... McDonald's All-American (2022)... Jordan Brand Classic All-American (2022)... WBCA High School Player of the Year (2022)... Two-time Colorado Gatorade Player of the Year (2021-22)... One of four players in state history to win the award multiple times... CHSAA Colorado Player of the Year (2022)... Four-time all-conference and all-state (2018-22)... Won Colorado state championship as a senior in 2021-22,

averaging 17.2 points, 11.0 rebounds, 3.6 blocks and 3.5 assists per game... As a junior in 2020-21, averaged 17.5 points, 11.0 rebounds, 2.6 blocks and 1.9 assists per game, shooting 80 percent from the field... Team advanced to semifinals of the state championship... Advanced to the state championship game as both a freshman and sophomore... Played club basketball for Colorado Premier (2019-21)... Also played volleyball as a freshman and enjoyed competitive swimming as a child.

PERSONAL

Born in Vitoria, Spain and lived in Barcelona, Seville, Málaga and San Sebastian before moving to Colorado at the age of eight... Daughter of Michelle and Andy Betts... Mother, Michelle, played volleyball at Long Beach State, winning the 1993 national championship... Father, Andy, played basketball at Long Beach State... Picked in the second round of the 1998 NBA Draft by the Charlotte Hornets... Featured experience playing for both England and Great Britain national teams... Played professional basketball in Europe for 14 years in Spain, Italy, Greece and Ukraine... Oldest of four children, with younger sister Sienna and younger brothers Dylan and Ashton... Volunteered locally with Project C.U.R.E., preparing medical supplies to be sent to developing countries around the world... Donated her time at the Ronald McDonald House-Denver and as a youth basketball coach.



BETTS, Lauren

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	Stan	33-0	318/9.6	80-133	.602	0-0	.000	34-60	.567	44	73	117	3.5	11-0	16	16	29	5	194	5.9
2023-24	UCLA	29-27	788/27.2	184-286	.643	0-0	.000	64-105	.610	107	162	269	9.3	53-0	29	62	59	13	432	14.9
TOTAL FOR UCLA		29-27	788/27.2	184-286	.643	0-0	.000	64-105	.610	107	162	269	9.3	53-0	29	62	59	13	432	14.9
TOTAL		62-27	1105/17.8	264-419	.630	0-0	.000	98-165	.594	151	235	386	6.2	64-0	45	78	88	18	626	10.1



2 AVARY CAIN

6-1 / Freshman
Guard
Santa Maria, Calif.
Saint Joseph HS

Cain stays close to home; the Santa Maria, Calif., native travels fewer than 200 miles to join UCLA alongside the recruiting class of 2024.

“Avary wants to be great,” said Close. “She’s going to make an immediate impact with her length and athleticism as a defender, but she’s also a really good long-range shooter. We’ve made a commitment to being able to spread the court and have consistency from beyond the arc, and I think her potential – she’s just scratching the surface but Avary is already a high-level, impact player.”

The five-star guard has been stellar for Saint Joseph during her high school career; she arrived with a bang her freshman year, averaging 19.9 points, 5.2 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 3.9 steals per game during her first season. Cain put up 21.1 points, grabbed 7.0 rebounds, threw 2.8 assists and swiped 3.5 steals per game in her junior campaign.





22 KENDALL DUDLEY

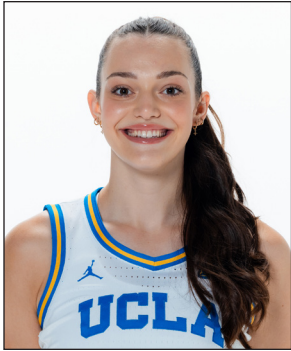
6-2 / Freshman
Forward
Manassas Park, Va.
Sidwell Friends

The 6-foot-2 wing out of Sidwell Friends School committed to UCLA Women's Basketball live on ESPN in April 2023, the first female high school player to commit live on ESPN.

An all-around utility player, Dudley plays hard and stuffs the stat sheet. "When people talk to me about Kendall Dudley, they say 'that kid is a winner, and she makes winning plays,'" said Close. "Every time you watch her play, she makes everyone around her better. Kendall is a great, versatile player – she can play multiple positions, she can guard multiple spots. She's a great slasher, a great defender, she gets to the free throw line, and she's a really good rebounder. Her offensive skillset is going to continue to go through the roof because she also has elite work ethic."

As a freshman, the five-star wing averaged 8.8 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.3 steals per game suiting up next to then-teammate Kiki Rice at Sidwell Friends. After Rice's departure, Dudley saw an increase in minutes and production – as a junior, Dudley averaged 9.6 points, 8.0 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 2.7 steals per game.





32 ANGELA DUGALIĆ

6-4 / Graduate Student
Forward
Des Plaines, Ill.
Maine West HS | Oregon

2023-24

Averaged career highs in points (8.7), rebounds (6.5) and assists (2.1) per game, starting 29 of her 30 appearances with the Bruins... Set her new single-game career high when she scored 17 points against her former program, Oregon, on Jan. 5... Matched that total in UCLA's first game of the Pac-12 tournament on March 7... Flew to Brazil in the first week of February for the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament 2024... The senior averaged 7.0 points, 6.0 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game in three starts with the Serbian national team... Played 24.5 minutes per contest and shot .400 from beyond the arc (4-for-10 3FG) ... Announced her return to UCLA for a fifth year of eligibility on April 5.

2022-23

Missed the entire 2022-23 campaign due to injury.

2021-22

Made her season debut on Feb. 11 at Washington State after recovering from a preseason injury ... Played in the last 14 games of the season averaging 6.5 points per game ... Put up a season high of five field goals and was perfect from the three-point line against USC (Mar. 02) ... Claimed another season high at home against USC with 12 rebounds, eight defensive and four offensive ... Went 3-3 in free throws in the home matchup against Utah (Feb. 20) ... Shot for a season high 0.667 in the first round of the WNIT against UC Irvine (Mar. 18) ... Played a season high of 27 minutes against Oregon State in the WNIT matchup (Mar. 27) ... Improved her rebounds per game from 4.0 to 4.5 from the 2020-21 season to the 2021-22 season.

Prior to UCLA...

2020-21(at Oregon)

Appeared in all 24 games for the Ducks as a true freshman, making one start ... Averaged 3.4 points and 4.0 rebounds per game while shooting 42.4 percent (36-of-85) from the floor ... Two double-figure scoring performances and 10 games with five or more rebounds, including a trio of nine-rebound showings ... Four points in collegiate debut vs. Seattle U on Nov. 28 ... Nearly had the first double-double of her career with nine points and nine rebounds on Dec. 6 vs. Utah ... Grabbed nine rebounds vs. USC on Jan. 1 ... Once again came just one rebound shy of a double-double on Jan. 3 vs. No. 11 UCLA, going 6-of-10 from the floor for a season-high 13 points while pulling down nine boards ... Impressed in first career start on Jan. 24 vs. Washington, scoring 12 points on 5-of-7 shooting while grabbing eight rebounds (four offensive) ... Played 11 minutes in the Pac-12 Tournament quarterfinals vs. Oregon State (March 4) before seeing limited action in Oregon's three NCAA Tournament games.

High School

One of five five-star freshmen to join the Ducks ahead of the 2020-21 season, giving Oregon the nation's undisputed top-ranked recruiting class ... The nation's No. 22

ranked recruit in the class of 2020 according to the final espnW top-100 rankings, and a consensus top-50 recruit by Blue Star, Prospect Nation and ASGR ... A McDonalds all-American and Jordan Brand Classic selection as a senior, as well as the 2020 Illinois Gatorade State player of the year and 2020 Illinois Miss Basketball ... Led Maine West High School to a 30-4 record and the Super-Sectional round of the Class 4A state tournament, averaging a double-double with 20.6 points and 10.3 rebounds per game to go along with 2.7 assists, 2.7 steals and 1.7 blocks per game ... A first-team Illinois all-state selection in 2019 after leading Maine West to an undefeated 35-0 record and the 2019 Illinois 4-A State Championship ... Averaged 13.2 points, 8.7 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 2.7 steals as a junior ... Maintained a solid 3.4 GPA in the classroom while excelling on the basketball court.

Personal

An aspiring artist, she created and designed T-shirts and artwork for Maine West athletic teams ... Also volunteered locally with the Feed My Starving Children and Operation Christmas Child foundations.



DUGALIĆ, Angela

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	Oregon	24-1	295/12.3	36-85	.424	5-21	.238	5-6	.833	22	75	97	4.0	20-0	17	20	7	7	82	3.4
2021-22	UCLA	14-0	239/17.0	39-84	.464	4-12	.333	9-21	.429	19	44	63	4.5	38-3	10	25	8	13	91	6.5
2023-24	UCLA	30-29	713/23.8	100-282	.355	37-118	.314	24-33	.727	52	143	195	6.5	65-0	62	73	17	35	261	8.7
TOTAL FOR UCLA		44-29	952/21.6	139-366	.380	41-130	.315	33-54	.611	71	187	258	5.9	103-3	72	98	25	48	352	8.0
TOTAL		68-30	1247/18.3	175-451	.388	46-151	.305	38-60	.633	93	262	355	5.2	123-3	89	118	32	55	434	6.4



30 TIMEA
GARDINER

6-3 / Junior
Forward
Ogden, Utah
Fremont HS | Oregon State

Prior to UCLA...
2023-24 (at Oregon State)

Appearing in all 35 contests of her sophomore campaign at Oregon State, Gardiner scored 406 points and collected 244 rebounds while shooting 39.5 percent from three-point land. She made nine starts for the Beavs; she was named the Pac-12 Sixth Player of the Year, leading the Conference with 10.2 points per game off the bench prior to the postseason. She blocked a career-high four shots against Nebraska in the second round of the 2024 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

2022-23 (at Oregon State)

As a freshman, Gardiner made an appearance in 15 games, starting two, after returning from a medical issue. She earned Pac-12 All-Freshman Honorable Mention honors for her performance despite only playing half of the season, averaging 8.7 points and 3.5 rebounds per game. The Ogden, Utah native shot 47.7 percent from the floor and 36.2 percent from long distance. She received Pac-12 Freshman of the Week recognition after scoring 15 points on 7-of-10 shooting in a win over then-no. 23 Oregon (Jan. 20). Gardiner recorded seven double-figure scoring games in 15 contests, including three against top-25 foes.

High School

Gardiner racked up accolades in high school before arriving in Corvallis. She was a McDonald's All-American and Jordan Brand Classic All-American. Gardiner was named to the Naismith All-America Second Team in 2022, and she was listed as Honorable Mention in 2019, 2020 and 2021. She was a Naismith Player of the Year Semi-Finalist. Gardiner was All-Utah First Team three times, All-Region MVP twice, and named Utah All-Tournament Team twice.



GARDINER, Timea

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SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2022-23	OSU	15-2	303/20.2	51-107	.477	17-47	.362	11-15	.733	15	38	53	3.5	12-0	13	23	4	6	130	8.7	
2023-24	OSU	35-9	933/26.7	142-319	.445	68-172	.395	54-61	.885	27	217	244	7.0	50-0	48	56	16	6	406	11.6	
TOTAL FOR UCLA		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
TOTAL		50-11	1236/24.7	193-426	.453	85-219	.388	65-76	.855	42	255	297	5.9	62-0	61	79	20	12	536	10.7	



11 GABRIELA JAQUEZ

6-0 / Junior
Guard
Camarillo, Calif.
Camarillo HS

2023-24

A vital part of UCLA's depth, Jaquez provided 10.0 points, 5.6 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game off the bench... Appeared in 34 games, making six starts... Played 25.2 minutes per game... Captured her first-career 30-point game when she had 30 points and 12 rebounds against Bellarmine on Nov. 12... Her first of three double-doubles this season (10 points, 11 rebounds vs. Arkansas – Dec. 3; 21 points, 15 rebounds vs. Arizona – Feb. 9)... Set new single-game career highs in points, rebounds, assists, 3-pointers and free throws made.

2022-23

Made two starts during her freshman campaign... Appeared in all 37 games for the Bruins, averaging 17.4 minutes per contest... Led the team in scoring twice (13 points at Washington State, Jan. 22; 14 points vs. Oregon State, Feb. 10) on her way to 6.3 points per game... Finished the season with 234 points and 128 rebounds... Shot a team-leading 45.5% from the field (min. 1 attempt/game)... Led the Bruins on the boards three times during her freshman campaign (9 vs. Cal State Fullerton, Dec. 10; 6 at Oregon, Dec. 30; 5 vs. Washington State, March 5)... Provided a key spark and energy off the bench... Had a season-high 5 steals in the effort at Utah on Jan. 29, finishing the campaign with 32 steals.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played high school ball for Adolfo Camarillo... Averaged 24.2 ppg, 13.2 rpg, 3.5 steals and 2.1 assists over her career... Put up an impressive 34.2 points per game, 15.7 rebounds, 4.7 steals and 2.6 assists during her senior year... Named the Ventura County Sports Hall of Fame female athlete of the year for the 2021-22 school year... Earned

All-CIF Division 1 honors her senior year... Named MVP of the 2021-22 Coastal Canyon League and First Team All-Coastal Canyon League... Named to the 2022 McDonald's All-American Girls' Team... Shared co-MVP honors of the McDonald's All-American game with teammate Kiki Rice... Played in the 2022 Jordan Brand Classic with Rice and Londynn Jones... Ranked the 19th-best player in espnW's HoopGurlz rankings, earning five stars in the class of 2022... Part of UCLA's No. 1-ranked recruiting class... Played club for Troop West and Cal Stars... Won the Nike Girls EYBL National Championship in 2021 with Cal Stars... Named MVP of EYBL Nike Nationals after averaging 21.3 ppg, 9.9 rpg and 1 spg in a 6-0 run in the championship tournament.

PERSONAL

Born in Irvine, Calif., to Angela and Jaime Jaquez... Both parents played basketball at Concordia University... Older brother, Jaime, plays basketball for UCLA... Has a younger brother, Marcos... Chose to become a Bruin because "I wanted to attend UCLA since I was a kid. I really wanted to go to a school where I could get the best education. I knew I wanted to be close to home so that my family could come watch my games too"... Lists Kobe Bryant as a famous athlete she most admires... Describes her greatest athletic achievement as playing in the Nike Nationals championship game, saying, "it was so fun when our team rushed the court and cheered when we won"... Wants to play in the WNBA after her college career is complete... Always has to take a nap before games... Off the court, she enjoys heading to the beach and hanging out with her friends... Undeclared major.



JAQUEZ, Gabriela

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	UCLA	37-2	645/17.4	90-198	.455	18-53	.340	36-57	.632	47	81	128	3.5	67-3	21	33	2	32	234	6.3
2023-24	UCLA	34-6	858/25.2	129-270	.478	21-81	.259	62-87	.713	68	123	191	5.6	75-0	55	47	3	22	341	10.0
TOTAL		71-8	1503/21.2	219-468	.468	39-134	.291	98-144	.681	115	204	319	4.5	142-3	76	80	5	54	575	8.1



3 LONDYNN JONES

5-4 / Junior
Guard
Riverside, Calif.
Centennial

2023-24

Set UCLA's single-season record for 3-pointers made (87), eclipsing Kari Korver who set the previous record of 77 in the 2016-17 campaign... Made the most 3-pointers in the Pac-12 Conference during her sophomore season... Started 29 of her 34 appearances, averaging 11.8 points, 1.9 assists, 1.7 rebounds and 1 steal per game... Shot a team-leading 36.6 percent from beyond the arc (87-238 3FG)... Set a new single-game career high after posting 23 points in the win over Utah on Feb. 22 (8-12 FG, 7-10 3FG)... Scored in double figures 22 times in her sophomore season.

2022-23

Appeared in all 37 games with the Bruins, shooting a team-leading .897 from the free throw line (70-for-78 FT) during her first collegiate campaign... Had an explosive scoring run during Pac-12 play, scoring 250 of her 317 points in conference games and the postseason... Averaged 8.6 points per game, scoring in double digits on 16 occasions... Recorded 20+ points three times (22 vs. USC, Jan. 8; 20 vs. Arizona, Feb. 3; 20 vs. Arizona State, Feb. 5)... Third on the team in three-pointers made (47 3PM)... **Honors:** Pac-12 Freshman of the Week (Feb. 20)... Pac-12 All-Freshman (Coaches), Pac-12 All-Freshman (Media)... **UCLA Statistical Ranks:** Freshman Season Totals: 47 three-pointers made (3rd all-time).

HIGH SCHOOL

Graduated from Centennial High School... Earned four varsity letters... Scored 2,713 points in her high school career... Won the 2019 Wooden Award Girls' High School Player of the Year for CIFSS Division III after leading Santiago to a state title... Named the team MVP all four years... Received 2022 WBCA High School Coaches' All-America honorable mention... Placed second overall in the He Gets Us 3-Point Championship at the American Family Insurance 2022 High School Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships... Ranked the 22nd-best player in her class by ESPNW's HoopGurlz rankings, part of UCLA's No. 1-ranked recruiting class... Played in the 2022 Jordan Brand Classic with Bruin teammates Gabriela Jaquez and Kiki Rice... Played club ball for Cal Sparks... Led the Sparks Gold U17 team in scoring and three-point shooting percentage all four years on the team...

USA BASKETBALL

Member of the 2022 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team... Averaged 7.2 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2 steals and a team-high 3.8 assists in 26.5 minutes per game... Helped Team USA go 6-0 at the 2022 FIBA Americas Championship, putting up 15 points, five rebounds and five steals in the finals to secure her second gold medal... Part of the 2019 U16 USA Basketball Women's National Team... Averaged 11.5 points and 3.2 rebounds en route to a 6-0 record and a gold medal.

PERSONAL

Born in Loma Linda, Calif., daughter of Tony and Alesia Jones... Has two older sisters, Paris and Dalis, who both played Division I college basketball... Lists Kyrie Irving, Isaiah Thomas, Kobe Bryant and Allen Iverson as the professional athletes she most looks up to... Describes her greatest athletic achievement to date as winning two gold

medals with Team USA... Chose UCLA because it "has always been my dream school. The amazing coaching staff and my strong relationship with Cori Close played a major role in my commitment to this program" ... Favorite hobbies include spending time with family, going to the beach, and watching movies ... Can apply eyelashes at a professional level... After graduation, she wants to play professional basketball and own a business... Business major.



JONES, Londynn

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	UCLA	37-0	736/19.9	100-276	.362	47-133	.353	70-78	.897	15	35	50	1.4	73-0	32	37	3	23	317	8.6
2023-24	UCLA	34-29	934/27.5	132-359	.368	87-238	.366	51-63	.810	17	42	59	1.7	65-1	66	67	6	35	402	11.8
TOTAL		71-29	1669/23.5	232-635	.365	134-371	.361	121-141	.858	32	77	109	1.5	138-1	98	104	9	58	719	10.1



5 CHARLISSE LEGER-WALKER

5-10 / Graduate Student
Guard
Waikato, New Zealand
St. Peter's School Cambridge |
Washington State

Prior to UCLA...

2023-24 (at Washington State)

All-Pac-12 (Coaches & Media) ... Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar of the Year Second Runner-Up ... Anne Meyers Drysdale Award Midseason Top-10 Finalist ... Seattle Sports Star Awards Woman of the Year Finalist ... Jersey Mike's Naismith National Player of the Year Award Midseason Top-30 Finalist ... John Wooden Award Top-50 Watch List ... Cancun Challenge Tournament MVP ... Preseason All-Pac-12 ... Started in 21 games for the Cougars before a season-ending knee injury at UCLA (Jan. 28) ... recorded two triple-doubles, her first in her collegiate career ... first was 11 points, 15 rebounds, 5.1 assists and 1.7 steals in 33.3 minutes per game ... shot 40.6 percent from the field ... scored a season-high 26 points against Gonzaga (Nov. 9) ... her 15 rebounds and 13 assists against Maryland (11/23) were both career-highs ... surpassed the 1,500 career points scored and 3,500 career minutes played in her final season with the Cougs ... in the program's all-time career record books, finished third in career points (1,743), fourth in points per game (16.6), fifth in made field goals (607), second in made threes (199), fifth in made free throws (330), fourth in assists (389), T-10th in double-doubles (11), ninth in games started (105) and third in minutes played (3,794).

2022-23 (at Washington State)

Associated Press All-American – Honorable Mention ... WBCA All-American – Honorable Mention ... CSC Academic All-American – Second Team ... 2023 Pac-12 Tournament Most Outstanding Player ... All-Pac-12 (Coaches & Media) ... All-Pac-12 Defensive Team - Honorable Mention ... Anne Meyers Drysdale Award Midseason Top-10 Finalist ... Jersey Mike's Naismith National Player of the Year Award Midseason Top-30 Finalist ... Pac-12 Player of the Week - Nov. 14 ... Started in all 30 games she appeared in as a junior ... Became the third WSU player to score 40 points in a game, as she had a career-high 40-point performance at Washington (Dec. 11) ... Leger-Walker's 40-point performance at Washington ties her with Jeanne Eggart for the second-most points scored in a game in Washington State history, just one-point shy of Jenni Ruff's program record of 41 points ... Led the team in scoring for the third-straight season at 17.7 points per game ... Leger-Walker's 17.7 points per game ranked third-best in the Pac-12 Conference and was the 40th best scoring average in NCAA Division I ... Her 4.1 assists per game led the team and were the second-best assist per game average in the Pac-12 ... Shot a career-best 40.3 percent from the field during her junior season ... Leger-Walker's 68 3-point field goals made the team and ranked fifth in the Pac-12 ... Leger-Walker's 68 3-point field goals made ranks fourth on WSU's single-season 3-point field goals made list ... Shot a career-best 34.9 percent on 3-point shots ... Scored her 1,000th career point at Washington State against Prairie View A&M (Nov. 13) ... Tied Jeanne Eggart for the fastest to 1,000 career points at Washington State, accomplishing the feat in 57 games ... Moved into the top-10 on WSU's all-time scoring list this season, as Leger-Walker currently sits in ninth place on the all-time scoring list with 1,465 career points ... Scored 530 points this season to become the ninth WSU player in program history to score 500 or more points in a season ... Her 530 points scored in 2022-23 are the ninth-most points scored in a single season by a WSU player ... Leger-Walker's 27 games with double-digit points are the fourth-most double-digit scoring games collected by a junior in program history ... Had five games where she hit five or more 3-point field goals ... Hit a career-best seven 3-point field goals in her 40-point performance at Washington (Dec. 11), which is tied for the second-most 3-point field goals made in a game in program history ... Leger-Walker began the season on a 16-game double-digit scoring streak, which is the fourth-longest scoring streak posted by a junior in program history ... Scored 20 or more points in 11 games this season, which is the fifth-most 20-point games collected by a junior in WSU history ... Scored 35 points at San Francisco (Nov. 11) ... Leger-Walker is one of three players to have a 35-point and a 40-point scoring performance during the 2022-23 season ... Collected two double-doubles on the year, posting her first one with a 17-point, 10-rebound effort at No. 25/25 Colorado then had a 17-point, 10-rebound performance in the double-overtime loss at Southern California (Feb. 25) in the regular season finale ... Named the Most Outstanding Player at the 2023 Pac-12 Tournament after scoring a Pac-12 Tournament record 76 points in four games to help Washington State win the program's first-ever Pac-12 Women's Basketball Championship ... Scored a game-high 23 points in the Pac-12 Championship game win over UCLA (March 5) en route to becoming the first WSU player in program history to be named Pac-12 Tournament Most Outstanding Player ... Named to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll.

2021-22 | Sophomore

WBCA All-American – Honorable Mention ... 2021-22 All-Pac-12 ... 2021-22 Anne Meyers Drysdale Award Top-10 Finalist ... Pac-12 Player of the Week - Dec. 12 ... 2021-22 Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List ... 2021-22 John. R. Wooden Award Player of the Year Preseason Watch List ... Finished second in the Pac-12 in total points scored with 483 ... Had 11 games with 20-or-more points, which led the Pac-12 ... Named Pac-12 Player of the Week on Dec. 13 after averaging 18.5 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 2.5 assists in a pair of come-from-behind wins at Gonzaga (51-49) on Dec. 8 and at home against Boise State (62-55) on Dec. 12 ... Her 16.1 points per game lead the team and was the fourth-highest scoring average in the Pac-12 ... Finished second in the Pac-12 in field goals made with 176 ... Scored a career-high 30 points in a win at Colorado on Feb. 4 ... Her 1,080 minutes played led the Pac-12, while her 36.00 minutes per game tied for first in the Pac-12 ... Pulled down a career-high 14 rebounds in the Bahamas in a win over Miami (Fla.) on Nov. 25 ... Recorded a double-double with 13 points and 14 rebounds against Miami (Fla.) on Nov. 25 ... Dished out three-or-more assists in 15 games ... Handed out a season-best seven assists on March. 3 in the quarterfinals of the Pac-12 Tournament vs. Utah ... Finished second on the team in 3-point field goals made with 52 ... Made a career-high six 3-point field goals at BYU on Dec. 18 ... Her 25 blocks were the second-most on the team ... Collected a career-best four blocks on Feb. 6 at Utah ... Led the team in free throw percentage at 76.0 percent ... Named to the 2022 Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll.

2020-21 | Freshman

2020-21 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year ... WBCA All-American – Honorable Mention ... USBWA All-American - Honorable Mention ... 2020-21 All-Pac-12 Team ... 2020-21 All-Pac-12 Freshman Team ... 7x Pac-12 Freshman of the Week ... Named the 17th best player on ESPN's Top-25 Players list for the 2021-22 season ... Became the 22nd player in Pac-12 history to be named to both the All-Pac-12 and All-Pac-12 Freshman teams ... Named Pac-12 Freshman of the Week a program-record seven times ... Named the USBWA Tamika Catchings National Freshman of the Week on Jan. 11 after scoring the game-tying and game-winning baskets against No. 7/10 Arizona on Jan. 10 ... Started in all 24 games as a true freshman ... Finished the regular season as the top points scorer in the Pac-12 with 434 points ... Led the team in scoring at 18.8 points per game and steals at 2.3 steals per game ... Finished second in the Pac-12 in free throws made (103) free throws attempted (131) and minutes played (908:49) ... Ranked third in the Pac-12 in steals (54), steals per game (2.25), 3-point field goal attempts (174) field goal attempts (414) and fifth in field goals made (46) and 3-point field goals made (57) ... Scored a career-high 29 points in three different games, the first coming on Dec. 13 against Idaho, then again on Jan. 15 at USC and once more on Feb. 14 at Arizona State ... Collected two double-doubles on the year ... Became the first WSU freshman to ever post a double-double via points and assists with 16 points and 10 assists at Colorado on Jan. 3 ... The 10 assists handed out against the Buffaloes ties Leger-Walker with four other players for the second-most assists by a Washington State freshman in a single game ... Set the program's single-game record for most field goals in a game with 29 field goal attempts in the double-overtime win at Oregon State on Jan. 24 ... Tied the program's single-game record for most 3-point field goal attempts with 14 shots from behind the arc in at Oregon on Jan. 22 ... Her 37.9 minutes per game is the highest minutes-per-game average by a player in a single season in WSU history ... Set the WSU freshman single-game record for most minutes played on Jan. 24 in double-overtime win at Oregon State, playing a career-high 47 minutes ... Set a WSU freshman record for most 20-point games with 12 ... Her 18.8 points per game a Washington State freshman record for highest scoring average ... Her 103 free throws are the most made by a freshman in program history ... Her 78.6 percent success rate from the charity stripe is the second-highest free throw percentage by a WSU freshman ... Set the Washington State freshman record for most free throws made in a game with 10, a mark she hit twice during the season. The first 10-free-throw performance came in her WSU debut at Washington on Dec. 11 then against on Feb. 5 in a win over No. 5/4 UCLA.

New Zealand National Program

Leger-Walker is the youngest player to ever lace up for the New Zealand women's national basketball team, having joined the Tall Ferns at just 16 years old ... Played for New Zealand at the 2021 FIBA Women's Basketball Asia Cup, along side her sister and fellow Coug, Krystal ... Was the youngest player at the FIBA Women's Basketball Asia Cup ... Finished second on the Tall Ferns in points (11.0 ppg) and assists (3.0 asp) at the Asia Cup ... In 2018, she helped her homeland win bronze at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia ... More recently, she played for New Zealand at the 2019 Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Asia-Oceania Tournament in Auckland, New Zealand. The guard scored eight points and dished out seven assists in a win over the Philippines and helped the Tall Ferns post a 2-1 record in the tournament ... In June of 2019, Leger-Walker was named to the World All-Star 3 team after leading New Zealand to a silver-medal finish at the U18 3x3 World Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. It marked the first time any female team from New Zealand has won a medal at a FIBA-sanctioned World tournament.

High School

Leger-Walker led her high school, St. Peter's School Cambridge, to four New Zealand National High School Championships ... Earned team MVP honors four times ... In April of 2019, she guided St. Peter's to a fifth-place finish at the International School Sport Federation (ISF) World Championships in Greece, a tournament that features the best prep schools throughout the world ... Leger-Walker's play at the 2019 ISF World Championships earned her a spot on the World All-Star Five.

Personal

Charlisse is the daughter of Eliu and Leanne ... Mother was a member of the Tall Ferns and played in the 2000 and 2004 Olympics ... Has two sisters, Krystal who played for Washington State women's basketball team from 2019-21, and Tannika ... Played netball and touch rugby at St. Peter's Cambridge, and won a National Championship in netball during her senior season ... Born on September 15 ... Majored in Business at Washington State.

LEGER-WALKER, Charlisse

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	WSU	24-24	909/37.9	146-414	.353	57-174	.328	103-131	.786	42	85	127	5.3	58-0	75	64	17	54	452	18.8
2021-22	WSU	30-30	1081/36.0	176-467	.377	52-191	.272	79-104	.760	47	108	155	5.2	80-3	83	81	25	48	483	16.1
2022-23	WSU	30-30	1104/36.8	186-462	.403	68-195	.349	90-108	.833	46	120	166	5.5	69-1	124	95	18	40	530	17.7
2023-24	WSU	21-21	699/33.3	99-244	.406	22-93	.237	58-71	.817	29	108	137	6.5	38-1	107	67	7	36	278	13.2
TOTAL FOR UCLA		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		105-105	3794/36.1	607-1587	.382	199-653	.305	330-414	.797	164	421	585	5.6	245-5	389	307	67	178	1743	16.6



33 AMANDA MUSE

6-4 / Sophomore
Forward
Brentwood, Calif.
Heritage HS

2023-24

Played 19 games for the Bruins during her freshman campaign... Averaged 7.7 minutes on the floor in her appearances... Had 12 blocks on the season (0.6 BPG), including a career-high three rejections against Niagara on Nov. 25... Also shot 5-for-6 from the free throw line in that late-November game en route to a career-high nine points.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Heritage High School... Played varsity basketball and water polo all four years... Two-time All-BVAL First Team in water polo (2021, 2022)... Named a 2023 McDonald's All American... Earned BVAL Girls Basketball MVP (2022), two-time All-BVAL First in basketball (2020, 2021)... Scored over 1,000 points, grabbed over 750 rebounds, and recorded more than 250 blocks in her high school career... Played club ball for Cal Stars, winning the 2021 Boo Williams and Nike National Championships...

PERSONAL

Parents Amy and Douglas both played college basketball at UC Santa Barbara, and professionally overseas in Portugal... Has two siblings, older sister Abigail and younger brother Aidan... Abigail attends and plays college basketball at Boise State...

Chose UCLA "because of the incredible team culture and coaching staff, along with an elite level of education and basketball"... Lists Sabrina Ionescu and Michael Jordan as athletes she admires... Describes her greatest athletic thrill, saying, "Winning a Nike National Championship was so incredible and I loved playing a role on that team and in that game"... Also describes the McDonald's All American Game as "a blast" and says, "it was so much fun to perform at that high of a level with the best in the country"... Off the court, enjoys reading, walking, swimming, the beach, watching the sunset and spending time with friends... Something fans might not know is that she drives a stick-shift Jeep.



MUSE, Amanda

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	UCLA	19-0	145/7.7	10-22	.455	0-0	.000	10-14	.714	15	14	29	1.5	13-0	8	13	12	3	30	1.6
TOTAL		19-0	145/7.7	10-22	.455	0-0	.000	10-14	.714	15	14	29	1.5	13-0	8	13	12	3	30	1.6



1 KIKI RICE

5-11 / Sophomore
Guard
Bethesda, Md.
Sidwell Friends

2023-24

Recorded the first triple-double of her college career, the tenth in UCLA program history, when she had 14 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists vs. CSUN on Dec. 7... Set new single-game career highs in points (25), rebounds (11), steals (7)... Improved all her shooting percentages, finishing her sophomore campaign with a .449/.312/.876 split... Led the Bruins in assists (152), free throws made (106) and defensive rebounds (172)... Second on the team in steals (48), trailing only Charisma Osborne (55)... Appeared in all 34 games and made every start, recording the second-most minutes per game (31.2 minutes)... Debuted her player exclusive (PE) signature shoe, the Air Jordan 38 Low "Cherry Blossom," against Stanford on Feb. 4, becoming the first NIL student-athlete to create a basketball PE with Jordan Brand... Featured in the ESPN+ original series "Full Court Press," which also followed Iowa's Caitlin Clark and South Carolina's Kamilla Cardoso during the 2023-24 season... **Honors:** All-Pac-12 (Coaches)... All-Pac-12 (Media)... Associated Press All-America Honorable Mention.

2022-23

Started 36 of her 37 appearances during her first year with the Bruins, averaging 11.6 points in 28.1 minutes per game... Scored 20+ in consecutive games against Oregon (21 pts, Dec. 30) and Oregon State (20 pts, Jan. 1)... Had 25 games in double-digit scoring... First freshman since Jordin Canada to have 400+ points, 100+ assists and 100+ made free throws in her inaugural season at UCLA... Scored 22 points with five assists and five boards to down No. 1-seed Stanford in the Pac-12 Tournament semifinal game (W, 69-65, Mar. 3). Shot 7-for-8 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter, scoring 11 total points in the final frame against The Cardinal... Led UCLA in free throws made (121 FTM) on 79.1% shooting from the line... Grabbed 4.5 rebounds and dished out 3.0 assists per game... Finished the season with 45 steals (1.2 spg) and a 1.8 assist/turnover ratio... **Pac-12 Statistical Ranks:** 12th in minutes played (1,034 min.), first among freshmen in the Conference... 14th in total points scored (430 PTS), highest for a Pac-12 freshman in 2022-23... Tenth in assists (111 AST), second among freshman... Tied for third-most free throws made in the Conference (121 FTM), matches Raegan Beers (Oregon State, 121 FTM) for most FTM by a first-year player... **UCLA Statistical Ranks:** Freshman Season Totals: 121 made free throws (2nd all-time), 111 assists (5th all-time), 37 games played (t-1st all-time)... **Honors:** First Bruin to earn Pac-12 Freshman of the Week since Charisma Osborne (Feb. 24, 2020) when she earned the honor on Dec. 5... Pac-12 All-Freshman (Coaches), Pac-12 All-Freshman (Media)... Pac-12 All-Tournament Team... Battle 4 Atlantis All-Tournament Team.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Sidwell Friends where she earned eight varsity letters, four each for basketball and soccer... Named the Gatorade Female Athlete of the Year and the Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year in 2021-22... Named the All-Metro Player of the Year for basketball in 2021-22... Led Sidwell Friends, ESPN's No. 1-ranked high school basketball team, to an undefeated season her senior year, capturing her second basketball state championship... Averaged 15.8 points, 7 rebounds, 5.1 assists and 2.7 steals her senior year... Was a McDonald's All-American in 2021-22 and started for the East... Shared co-MVP in the McDonald's All-American game with UCLA teammate Gabriela Jaquez... Named the 2022 Naismith High School Player of the Year... Named the 2021-22 MaxPreps National Female High School Athlete of the Year... Ranked No. 2 overall by espnW HoopGurlz (No. 1 among point guards)...

Named the Gatorade District of Columbia Player of the Year in basketball in 2019-20... Also named the 2018-19 and 2021-22 Gatorade District of Columbia Girls Soccer Player of the Year... Led the Quakers to two state titles in soccer, scoring 15 goals in her senior year... Played club ball for Fairfax Stars AAU...

USA BASKETBALL

Three-time gold medalist (2019, 2021 and 2022)... Led the 2022 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team to a perfect 6-0 record alongside UCLA teammate Londynn Jones... Named tournament MVP and earned All-Star Five recognition after averaging 14.3 points on 49% shooting, adding 4 rebounds and 4 assists to her totals... Poured in 18 points to help lift USA Basketball over Canada in the 2022 gold medal game... Played for the 2021 USA Basketball 3x3 U18 World Cup Team in Debrecen, Hungary and brought home the gold... Represented Team USA at the FIBA U16 Women's Americas Championship in 2019... Averaged 7.2 ppg, 4.7 rpg and 3.7 apg to help the team to a 6-0 record and secure her first gold medal in Puerto Aysen, Chile.

PERSONAL

Born in San Francisco, Calif., to Andrea and John Rice... Both parents were collegiate athletes at Yale, John played basketball and Andrea played tennis... Full name is Kira Rice but goes by "Kiki"... Grew up in Washington, D.C. with her older brother, Mateo... Admires Damian Lillard, Serena Williams and LeBron James... Chris Williams, her uncle, attended UCLA... Her cousin is former NBA all-star shooting guard Allan Houston... Describes her greatest athletic achievement to date as playing games on ESPN during her senior season... After her playing days are over, she wants to become an NBA general manager... Found her new home at UCLA "because of the opportunity at the school. Along with the great coaches, players, academics and location, I also saw UCLA as the place where I want to help bring a first National Championship"... Favorite hobbies include cooking, hanging out with friends, watching Marvel movies, going to the beach and shopping... Is scuba certified... Undeclared major.



RICE, Kiki

SEASON TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
			FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23 UCLA	37-36	1039/28.1	148-360	.411	13-60	.217	121-153	.791	54	111	165	4.5	85-3	111	61	20	45	430	11.6
2023-24 UCLA	34-34	1061/31.2	157-350	.449	29-93	.312	106-121	.876	23	172	195	5.7	76-3	152	85	16	48	449	13.2
TOTAL	71-70	2100/29.6	305-710	.430	42-153	.275	227-274	.828	77	283	360	5.1	161-6	263	146	36	93	879	12.4



6 ZANIA SOCKA-NGUEMEN

6-3 / Sophomore
Forward
Silver Spring, Md.
Sidwell Friends

Zania "Big Z" Socka ranked 26th in the 2024 HoopGurlz Recruiting Rankings, according to ESPNW.

"Zania Socka might understand the mission of our program better than anyone in the class," said Close. "The reason she was so committed to UCLA was because of our commitment to service in the community – she already has a foundation for women in West Africa, how impressive is that for someone at 17 years old?"

The five-star forward is an athletic wing, comfortable with the ball in her hands and who can finish on both sides of the basket. She is a multi-positional big that moves her feet and looks to protect the rim on the defensive end, impacting the game with her length and effort. Socka looks to reunite with Sidwell Friends alumni Dudley and Rice in a Bruin uniform.

"Big Z is an elite rebounder, great screener, amazing defender," said Close. "What makes her such a great fit for us is her commitment and work ethic to get better day by day, her true desire to use her platform to make an impact on others, and she's an elite teammate. Big Z is going to be one of those people who makes your team go from really good individuals to a great team."

The 6-foot-3 Socka played club basketball in the 2023 Nike Girls EYBL circuit with Dudley for Team Durant 17U, averaging 14 points and 6.4 rebounds per game in 16 games tracked by Synergy Sports. Socka and Dudley also won the 2023 state championship together at Sidwell Friends.

