1995
San Diego State 7, UCLA 4
Slippery Rock 9, UCLA 7
UCLA 14, Harvard 1
UCLA 9, Maryland 2
UCLA 7, Michigan 6 (3OT)

1996 (1st)
UCLA 13, Maryland 1
UCLA 9, UC Santa Barbara 1
UCLA 8, Stanford 1
UCLA 12, San Diego State 6
UCLA 8, California 4

1997 (1st)
UCLA 9, UC San Diego 1
UCLA 10, Maryland 0
UCLA 10, San Diego State 3
UCLA 6, California 3

1998 (1st)
UCLA 15, Maryland 1
UCLA 11, UC Santa Barbara 5
UCLA 10, Hawai'i 3
UCLA 7, California 3

1999 (3rd)
UCLA 12, Maryland 2
UCLA 7, Hawai'i 1
USC 5, UCLA 4
UCLA 6, California 5 (SV-OT)

2000 (1st)
UCLA 15, Michigan 2
UCLA 15, UC Davis 2
UCLA 5, California 3
UCLA 11, USC 4

2001 (1st)
UCLA 11, Loyola Marymount 1
UCLA 5, Stanford 4

2002 (2nd)
UCLA 12, Loyola Marymount 2
Stanford 8, UCLA 4

2003 (1st)
UCLA 8, Loyola Marymount 2
UCLA 4, Stanford 3

2005 (1st)
UCLA 22, Wagner 2
UCLA 7, Hawai'i 6
UCLA 3, Stanford 2

2006 (1st)
UCLA 15, Hartwick 2
UCLA 8, Stanford 5
UCLA 9, USC 8

2007 (1st)
UCLA 22, Pomona-Pitzer 0
UCLA 7, USC 6
UCLA 5, Stanford 4

2008 (1st)
UCLA 19, Pomona-Pitzer 6
UCLA 11, UC Davis 4
UCLA 6, USC 3

2009 (1st)
UCLA 13, Michigan 6
UCLA 12, Stanford 11
UCLA 5, USC 4

2010 (5th)
Loyola Marymount 5, UCLA 4
UCLA 14, Marist 3
UCLA 9, Michigan 6

2011 (3rd)
UCLA 8, Indiana 5
California 7, UCLA 4
UCLA 6, USC 5

2012 (3rd)
UCLA 14, Iona 3
USC 12, UCLA 10
UCLA 10, UC Irvine 9

2013 (3rd)
UCLA 8, Princeton 6
Stanford 5, UCLA 3
UCLA 13, Hawai'i 8

2014 (2nd)
UCLA 12, UC San Diego 6
UCLA 5, USC 3
Stanford 9, UCLA 5

2015 (2nd)
UCLA 9, UC San Diego 2
UCLA 5, California 5
Stanford 7, UCLA 6

2016 (3rd)
UCLA 17, UC San Diego 4
Stanford 7, UCLA 4
UCLA 5, Michigan 4

2017 (2nd)
UCLA 17, Wagner 2
UCLA 14, California 11
Stanford 8, UCLA 7

2018 (3rd)
UCLA 8, Pacific 4
USC 10, UCLA 6

2019 (3rd)
UCLA 13, Michigan 7
Stanford 8, UCLA 7 (2OT)

2021 (2nd)
UCLA 12, Hawai'i 7
UCLA 9, Stanford 7
USC 18, UCLA 9

2022 (3rd)
UCLA 8, UC Irvine 7
Stanford 10, UCLA 7

2023 (3rd)
UCLA 14, UC Irvine 12
Stanford 14, UCLA 9

Tournament Totals

Tournament Total Appearances	27
NCAA Tournament Appearances	21
Total Won-Lost Record	65-17 (.793)
NCAA Won-Lost Record	42-14 (.750)
Shutouts in Tournament Games	2
Record in Championship Games	11-5 (.688)
Total National Championships	11
NCAA Championships	7
2nd-Place Finishes	4
3rd-Place Finishes	9
Total Goals Scored	764
Total Goals Allowed	416
NCAA Tournament Goals Scored	520
NCAA Tournament Goals Allowed	335



The Bruins captured the National Collegiate Championship in 1996.



The 2006 team defeated USC on a last-second shot for its second-straight title.

1996

In only the second year of existence, UCLA women's water polo captured the National Collegiate Championship, making Bruin water polo the first water polo program to win national titles in both men's and women's competition. Under the guidance of head coach Guy Baker, the Bruins lost only one game during the 1996 campaign, an 8-7 heartbreaker to California in the championship game of the Western Regional Qualification Tournament. But the Bruins turned the tables on the Golden Bears in the season's final match and handed Cal an 8-4 defeat for the national title. Goals were scored by Jennifer McFerrin (3), Catharine von Schwarz (2), Megan Oesting, Coralie Simmons, and Katie Tenenbaum. Goalkeeper Nicolle Payne stopped 15 of Cal's shots on goal.

1997

The Bruins brought home their second consecutive national championship and gave head coach Guy Baker four titles in a row (men's 1995, women's 1996, men's 1996, women's 1997). UCLA lost just one game during the year, a 4-3 heartbreaker at the hands of California in the third game of the season. The Bruins stormed through the rest of the spring, logging a 29-game win streak. UCLA captured its second title in a row with a 6-3 victory over California. The title did not come easily, as the Bruins held on to a shaky 3-2 lead heading into the final quarter of play. But UCLA outscored Cal, 3-1, in the final seven minutes, ensuring the national championship. Payne saved 11 attempts and earned her second consecutive Most Valuable Tournament Goalkeeper award. Goals were netted by Amanda Gall (2), Coralie Simmons (2), Serela Mansur, and Katie Tenenbaum.

1998

In their fourth year of varsity status, the Bruins took home a third consecutive national title under head coach Guy Baker. UCLA lost only one game the entire season to top-ranked Cal in the first place match of the Santa Barbara Tournament. But the defeat would not go unanswered, as the Bruins would defeat the Golden Bears 7-3 in the national championship match. While Cal was held scoreless for two quarters, the Bruins came on strong, notching at least one goal in every quarter. In Payne's last match as a Bruin, the goalkeeper recorded 13 saves and was named Tournament MVP. Goals were scored by Coralie Simmons (3), Robin Beauregard, Amanda Gall, Erin Golaboski, and Catharine von Schwarz.

2000

The 2000 season brought the Bruins back to championship status after a one-year hiatus in 1999. Sparked by the return of Catharine von Schwarz from the U.S. National Team, the Bruins finished 30-5 (8-1 MPSF) and won their fourth national championship in five years. The championship was the first under new head coach Adam Krikorian, who took over full-time after the 1998 season. In the title game of the 2000 Collegiate Nationals, UCLA downed defending champion USC, 11-4. The Bruins jumped out to a 3-1 first quarter lead and never looked back. Catharine von Schwarz netted a hat trick and became the first UCLA female student-athlete to win four team championships. Elaine Zivich added a goal and was named Tournament MVP. Goals were also scored by Kelly Heuchan (2), Serela Kay, Jenny Lamb, Jessica Lopez, Eleanor Murphy and Ashley Stachowski. Goalkeeper Jaime Hipp grabbed 10 saves to secure the victory for the Bruins.



The 1998 Bruins went 35-1 en route to the program's third-straight national title.

2001

The Bruins captured the inaugural NCAA women's water polo title in 2001. Seniors Coralie Simmons and Kristin Guerin led the Bruins to their fourth title in five years. Throughout the season, UCLA dominated opponents, posting an 18-4 overall record and going 9-1 in MPSF action. The Stanford Cardinal proved to be the toughest challenge for the Bruins, handing them each of the four losses, including an 8-5 loss in the MPSF Championship game. UCLA rebounded from the loss at the MPSF Championships to defeat Loyola Marymount 11-1 in the NCAA semifinal match. In the title game, UCLA defeated Stanford 5-4. The win came off of a Coralie Simmons goal with 1:28 remaining in the game. Goals were scored by Simmons (2), Robin Beauregard, Kelly Heuchan, and Ashley Stachowski. Jaime Hipp recorded six saves. For her efforts, Simmons received MVP honors and was joined on the All-Tournament team by Beauregard, Heuchan, Hipp, Kristin Guerin, Jenny Lamb, and Elaine Zivich.



The first NCAA women's water polo title went to UCLA in 2001.

2003

The Bruins continued their championship tradition by taking the 2003 NCAA Championship. All-Americans Robin Beauregard and Jamie Hipp provided veteran leadership as head coach Adam Krikorian won his third national championship. UCLA posted an overall record of 23-4, including an 8-2 MPSF mark. Ranked No. 1 nationally entering the MPSF Tournament, the Bruins picked up a No. 3 seed due to losses to Stanford and USC. The Bruins easily dispatched Hawaii before narrowly defeating USC, 7-6, in sudden-victory overtime. In the MPSF title match, UCLA fell to Stanford. The Bruins earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they defeated Loyola Marymount in the semifinals. UCLA advanced to the championship game against Stanford for the third consecutive time. The Bruins fell behind 2-0 at halftime, but stormed back with four straight goals to win the match, 4-3, and capture the title. Goals were scored by Jessica Lopez, Kelly Rulon, Lauren Heineck, and Robin Beauregard, and Jaime Hipp finished with six saves. Senior Robin Beauregard was named Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Touranment.

2005

UCLA's 2005 squad enjoyed what was considered by many at the time to be the greatest season in collegiate women's water polo history. Led by Cutino Award winner Natalie Golda, the Bruins posted a perfect 33-0 mark to win the NCAA Championship. UCLA's 33-0 record marked the best NCAA finish and longest single-season winning streak. The team outscored its opponents 394-134, and 121 -31 in the first quarter. Few teams held their ground against UCLA in the first quarter, much less the entire game. This championship team started three Olympians – Natalie Golda, Kelly Rulon, and Thalia Munro. The Bruins entered the NCAA Tournament as the No. 1 seed at the University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium. After defeating Wagner in their first match, the Bruins downed Hawai'i, 7-6, in the semifinals. Kristina Kunkel scored the winning goal with 1:43 left in the fourth quarter. UCLA concluded its remarkable season by winning the 2005 NCAA Championship, defeating third-seeded Stanford, 3-2. UCLA led the entire way against the Cardinal, as Brittany Rowe led the Bruins with two goals in that game.

2006

The 2006 Bruins returned nearly every player aside from Natalie Golda, the 2005 Cutino Award winner who helped lead UCLA to a 33-0 record in 2005. The Bruins had the talent, experience, and determination necessary to win their second consecutive NCAA title, their fourth in the last six seasons. While not nearly as dominant as the 2005 version, the 2006 women's water polo team outscored its opponents by a 369-134 margin. UCLA allowed just 4.1 goals per game, the best average in the nation. The Bruins finished their 2006 campaign with a 29-4 overall record and an 11-1 MPSF mark. UCLA earned the No. 3 seed entering the NCAA Tournament at UC Davis. In game one, UCLA dispatched No. 6 seed Hartwick College, 15-2. Then next day, goalkeeper Emily Feher made nine saves in the cage and Kelly Rulon added three goals to lead UCLA past Stanford, 8-5, in both teams' fourth meeting of the spring. UCLA concluded its stellar season in the most exciting fashion. Sophomore Courtney Mathewson's last-second five-meter shot found the back of the cage, handing UCLA a 9-8 victory over USC and their second NCAA title in as many seasons.

2007

UCLA's 2007 squad will be most remembered as the team that won UCLA's 100th NCAA team championship. The women's water polo team initiated the "race" to 100 when the Bruins captured the 2006 NCAA title. Equally impressive, the Bruins' 2007 title marked the program's third consecutive NCAA championship. Led by seniors Molly Cahill, Emily Feher, Kacy Kunkel and Kelly Rulon, the 2007 team had little trouble taking care of business. UCLA suffered two regular-season losses to Stanford, but defeated the Cardinal when it mattered most. The Bruins downed Long Beach State on the first day of the MPSF Tournament before edging USC, 10-9, in the semifinals. UCLA punched its ticket to the NCAA Tournament with a 9-3 rout of Stanford. After a 22-0 victory over Pomona-Pitzer in round one, the Bruins defeated USC, 7-6, to set up a pivotal rematch with Stanford in the NCAA Championship. UCLA built a 4-1 lead after three quarters and held off a furious Stanford rally to win, 5-4. Along the way in 2007, senior Kelly Rulon broke the UCLA career scoring record, totaling 237 goals.

2008

For the second time in four years, the UCLA women's water polo team posted a perfect 33-0 record en route to capturing the NCAA championship. Duplicating the Bruins' perfect record from 2005, UCLA secured the 2008 NCAA title with a 6-3 victory over crosstown rival USC. Seniors Kamaile Crowell, Gabrielle Domanic, Jillian Krauss, Courtney Mathewson and Brittany Rowe became the first female student-athletes in school history to capture four NCAA titles in four seasons. Kraus and Mathewson earned Co-MPSF Player of the Year honors by season's end, and Mathewson was the recipient of the Peter J. Cutino Award, the sport's most prestigious honor bestowed upon the top male and female player. In his 10th season at the helm, head coach Adam Krikorian earned ACWPC Coach of the Year accolades for the fourth consecutive season, and Mathewson captured ACWPC Player of the Year honors. Aside from the leadership of UCLA's five seniors, the Bruins received substantial contributions from juniors Brittany Fullen, Anne Belden, Katie Rulon and Tanya Gandy. Fullen finished her junior campaign having started as the goalkeeper in all 33 matches and totaled a school single-season record 237 saves.



The 2008 NCAA champions posted the second undefeated season in program history, going 33-0.

2009

UCLA won its fifth consecutive NCAA title in 2009, downing rival USC 5-4 in the title match, but did not score any goals in the second half. Playing lockdown defense against a USC squad that had beaten them twice, the Bruins prevailed behind the stellar play of senior goalkeeper Brittany Fullen (12 saves). One day earlier, the Bruins won an equally thrilling contest, using a last-second goal from sophomore Megan Burmeister to edge Stanford,12-11. UCLA entered the 2009 campaign riding a 41-game win streak before losing six games during the year. In his final season as head coach, Adam Krikorian made sure the Bruins peaked at the right time. Senior Tanya Gandy was named the NCAA Division I Player of the Year after shattering UCLA's single-season scoring record with 79 goals. Fellow seniors Anne Belden, Katie Rulon and Fullen were named All-NCAA Tournament Team selections in addition to earning Second-Team All-America honors.



UCLA women's water polo posted its fifth-straight NCAA title in 2009.

USA Women's Water Polo, guided by head coach Adam Krikorian ('97), won its third-straight gold medal for the first time in history, beating Spain in the final, 14-5. UCLA senior Maddie Musselman and 2017 graduate Rachel Fattal captured their second career gold medals, while Alys Williams ('17) earned her first. Musselman, the tournament MVP, tied with Maggie Steffens for the team lead in scoring with 18 goals in the tournament, which ranked tied for second among all scorers.

The defending gold medalists, Team USA romped to a 12-5 win over Italy in the 2016 Rio Games for its fifth consecutive Olympic medal in women's water polo.

Krikorian assumed head coaching responsibilities of the U.S. Women's Water Polo National Team in the summer of 2009 after winning his fifth consecutive NCAA Championship at the helm of the UCLA women's program. In his 17 years with the Bruins' water polo programs as both a player and a coach, Krikorian won an unprecedented 15 national titles - 11 as a head coach, three as an assistant coach and one as a student-athlete.

Team USA has long been a power in women's water polo, but the Americans had never translated their success at other major competitions to the Olympics, claiming bronze in 2004 and silver in 2000 and 2008. Like in Beijing, the U.S. women were ranked No. 1 and were gold medal favorites. But this time, they would not be denied what had long eluded them.

Maggie Steffens scored five goals on the day capping a binge of seven-straight goals for the U.S. that turned a 2-1 deficit with 6:44 left in the second period into an 8-2 lead with 7:20 remaining in the fourth quarter. Spain scored the final three goals of the match, but the Americans had built an insurmountable lead.

The U.S. was 8-for-17 on shots (compared to Spain's 5-for-28 performance) and dominated the game despite losing out on time of possession, 16:58 to 15:02. U.S. goalkeeper, Betsey Armstrong, finished with eight saves, including a huge stop on a penalty shot in the fourth period.

Mathewson recorded one shot in seven minutes of action against Spain. Rulon played 15 minutes, winning one sprint for Team USA.

Mathewson, a former Cutino Award winner (2008), won four national titles at UCLA (2005-08) and made her first Olympic appearance in the 2012 London Olympics.

Rulon, the 2007 Cutino Award winner, also won four national championships at UCLA (2003, 2005-07) and was part of the bronze-medal winning team in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Under the tutelage of former UCLA men's and women's head water polo coach Guy Baker, the U.S. women's water polo team earned a silver medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Aided by former UCLA standouts Natalie Golda and Jaime Hipp, the U.S. team earned its third medal since the sport's Olympic inception in 2000.

In the gold medal match against Hungary, Team USA rallied from an early 4-0 deficit to tie the match, 5-5, before halftime. Golda scored one goal in the match, helping reduce the Americans' deficit to 5-3. The U.S. team advanced to the gold medal match after sinking Australia, 9-8, to assure itself of finishing the Olympics with a medal.

The 2008 Games in Beijing marked the second Olympic appearance for Golda and the first for Hipp. Baker served as the U.S. women's team's head coach in the first three Olympiads of the 21st Century.

In 2004, seven players and Baker represented the UCLA women's water polo program at the Olympics in Athens, Greece. Six former and current Bruins helped lead Team USA to the bronze medal, and one former Bruin (Kelly Heuchan) competed for Australia, which finished fourth.

Then-current Bruins Natalie Golda, Thalia Munro, Amber Stachowski, Kelly Rulon and Gabrielle Domanic (alternate) competed alongside Payne and Beauregard. Baker helped lead the U.S. team to its second medal in as many Olympics.

In the 2004 bronze medal contest, the U.S. team defeated host Australia by a 6-5 margin. UCLA's athletes scored three of Team USA's six goals in that contest – Beauregard, Golda and Stachowski each netted one goal.

The new millennium brought women's water polo to the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. In a wild gold medal contest between Australia and Team USA, Australia scored a controversial last-second goal to win, 4-3, and send the U.S. team home with the silver medal. Bruins Coralie Simmons, Nicolle Payne, Beauregard, and Coach Baker helped lead Team USA on its quest for a gold medal. While competing at UCLA, both Simmons and Beauregard spent the year away from campus. Simmons led Team USA with nine goals in the Olympics, and Beauregard added six.

In 2012, Krikorian guided Team USA to its first-ever gold medal. Four-time NCAA champions Kelly Rulon and Courtney Mathewson were key players for the U.S. in London. Rulon's medal was the second in her career, as she has previously won bronze in 2004.



Adam Krikorian in Rio in 2016.

Of the eight players to find the back of the net against Italy in the 2016 gold medal match, three were Bruins. Redshirt senior Rachel Fattal led the charge with two goals while former Bruin and two-time gold medalist Courtney Mathewson netted one in the opening minutes of play. In the fourth quarter, incoming freshman Maddie Musselman rocketed a penalty shot past the Italian keeper to give Team USA an 11-4 lead.

One of the team's leading scorers, Musselman tallied 12 goals throughout the Olympic Games, including a game-high four goals against China in pool play. Overall, Mathewson notched seven for Team USA while Fattal scored four. Rounding out the Bruins' scoring efforts, defender KK Clark put away two of her own. In the cage, Hill recorded six saves in three games. The U.S. finished the Rio Games with a goal differential of 41 after scoring 73 goals and allowing just 32 in six games played.

Since women's water polo was added to Olympic program in 2000, the United States has never missed the podium. It won silver in 2000 and 2008 and bronze in 2004 before capturing three-straight gold medals in London, Rio, and Tokyo.

Bruin Olympians

Name	Country (Yr.)
Guy Baker^	USA (2000#, 2004@, 2008#)
Robin Beauregard	USA (2000#, 2004@)
KK Clark	USA (2016*)
Rachel Fattal	USA (2016*, 2020*)
Natalie Golda	USA (2004@, 2008#)
Bronte Halligan	Australia (2020)
Kellly Heuchan	Australia (2004@)
Sami Hill	USA (2016*)
Jaime Hipp	USA (2008)
Adam Krikorian^	USA (2012*, 2016*, 2020*)
Courtney Mathewson	USA (2012*, 2016*)
Thalia Munro	USA (2004@)
Maddie Musselman	USA (2016*, 2020*)
Nicolle Payne	USA (2000#, 2004@)
Kelly Rulon	USA (2004@, 2012*)
Coralie Simmons	USA (2000#)
Amber Stachowski	USA (2004@)
Alys Williams	USA (2020*)

*^ Coach / * Gold medal / # Silver medal / @ Bronze medal*



The 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games gold medalists from Team USA in women's water polo included five Bruins (from left), Team USA Head Coach Adam Krikorian, Maddie Musselman (Olympic Games MVP), Rachel Fattal, Alys Williams, and staff member Christopher Lee.

The USA National Team program has a rich history of selecting UCLA players and coaches, who have helped Team USA to a number of gold medals all over the world.

Last summer, USA Women's Water Polo, guided by head coach Adam Krikorian ('97), won its third-straight gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (in 2021), beating Spain in the final, 14-5. UCLA senior Maddie Musselman and 2017 graduate Rachel Fattal captured their second career gold medals, while Alys Williams ('17) earned her first. Musselman, the tournament MVP, tied with Maggie Steffens for the team lead in scoring with 18 goals in the tournament, which ranked tied for second among all scorers.

Musselman also led Team USA to a 10-9 win over Italy on June 10 in the title game of the 2019 FINA World League Super Final. It was the Americans sixth straight title at the event, which qualified Team USA for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

Musselman scored the eventual game-winning goal with a lob shot over the Italian keeper, for her second goal of the contest. She was named the MVP of the World League Super Final after scoring at least two goals in all six games for a total of 14 in the tournament. Team USA also featured Bruins Adam Krikorian (head coach), Chris Lee (staff), Rachel Fattal (attacker), and Alys Williams (defender).

The USA Women's National Team won the 2018 FINA World Cup title for the third straight time, maintaining its hold on all major FINA championships, following an 8-5 win over Russia on Sept. 9, 2018. The World Cup gold joins titles in 1979, 2010 and 2014. Three Bruins were a part of the squad, which includes head coach Adam Krikorian (UCLA player from 1992-95) as well as attacker Rachel Fattal (UCLA player from 2013-15 and 2017) and defender Alys Williams (UCLA player from 2013-15 and 2017).

In the summer of 2017, the USA Water Polo Women's Senior National Team successfully defended its title at the FINA World Championships, defeating Spain in the gold-medal game, 13-6. The win capped an unbeaten run through the schedule for the Americans, who were led by tournament MVP Maddie Musselman. The UCLA sophomore-to-be scored a team-high 16 goals over six contests. Bruins Rachel Fattal (2013-15, 2017) and Alys Williams (2013-15, 2017) also factored in prominently for the Adam Krikorian-led Team USA.

The FINA World Championships win marked yet another highlight in a busy summer for Team USA. Musselman and Williams were part of the roster that needed a shootout to overcome Greece and claim the Kunshan Cup in China by a score of 11-8 (June 3). Just over a week and six games later and with Fattal added to the mix, the Americans claimed their fourth straight gold at the FINA World League Super Final with a 12-6 win over Canada in Shanghai. For good measure, USA began July by taking the Vodafone Cup with a 10-8 win over host Hungary in Miskolc.

In the summer of 2016, the USA Women's Water Polo Senior National Team won its third consecutive gold medal at the FINA World League Super Final. The U.S. defeated Spain in the championship match, 13-9, in Beijing, China to capture its 10th overall WLSF title. UCLA alumna Courtney Mathewson (2005-08) was named Tournament MVP.

Three summers ago, the USA Senior National Team won gold at the FINA Intercontinental Tournament, the FINA World League Super Final, the Pan American Games, and the FINA World Championships. Rachel Fattal earned MVP honors at the latter event, scoring 18 goals en route to gold.

In the summer of 2014, the USA Senior National Team won three international events: the FINA World League Super Final, the Kinishi Cup and the FINA World Cup.

Bruins Sami Hill, Rachel Fattal, Alys Williams, KK Clark and Jillian Kraus scored a total of 17 goals in the tournament as the United States marched to the gold medal. Fattal led all Bruins with nine goals, including three against Italy in the championship match. Hill added seven saves in the final.

At the Kinishi Cup, Bruins scored 12 goals for the USA. Hill was a mainstay in the cage, making 14 saves against Italy and 11 vs. Hungary in group play, while Fattal scored five total goals to help lead the Americans to the championship. In addition to Hill and Fattal, UCLA was represented by Clark, Willaims, Kraus and Courtney Mathewson.

At the FINA World Cup, the USA won another gold medal on the backs of Hill, Fattal and Mathewson. Hill recorded 16 saves in the championship victory over Australia. Fattal (10 goals) and Mathewson (six goals) were major forces on offense for the Stars and Stripes. Clark, Williams and Kraus were also key players in the USA's drive to an undefeated tournament.

In the summer of 2013, the U.S. Women's Junior National Team won the gold medal at the FINA Junior World Championships in Greece by defeating Spain, 9-7. UCLA players participating were Fattal, Emily Donohoe, Kodi Hill and Williams. Fattal was named the MVP of the tournament after scoring 15 goals.



Maddie Musselman was named the Tokyo Olympic Games MVP.

Later that summer, the Senior National Team placed fifth at the FINA World Championships in Spain. Players representing UCLA were Fattal, Mathewson, Kraus, Kelly Rulon and Clark.

In December 2013, Fattal, Sami Hill, Williams, Kraus, Clark, Mathewson and Priscilla Orozco beat Canada in a best-of-three series to qualify for the 2014 World Cup.

In 2009 UCLA players Brooke Martin and Natasha Schulman played for the 2009 USA Junior National Team and Sami Hill redshirted the 2012 season to train with the U.S. Senior National Team.

In the summer of 2007, former UCLA attacker Tanya Gandy and Team USA finished fourth at the FINA Women's Junior World Championships in Porto, Portugal. Gandy scored 19 goals in seven games.

The Senior National Team won the Holiday Cup in December 2006. Former Bruins Natalie Golda and Jamie Hipp and then-current Bruin Emily Feher competed in the Senior National Team event. Golda scored in every one of six games for Team USA, while Hipp contributed 21 saves in the cage. Team USA had also won the 2006 FINA World Championships in Italy.

At the 2006 Pythia Cup in Greece, Gandy and Brittany Fullen, then a sophomore on the Bruins' roster, competed for the U.S. Junior National Team. Gandy registered eight goals and Fullen totaled 14 saves in the cage over three games, leading Team USA to the silver medal.

In December 2001, the U.S. Junior National Team captured the nation's first FINA Junior World Championship in a 10-9 overtime win. Amber Stachowski led the United States with four goals and Thalia Munro added one. UCLA players accounted for 48 percent of U.S. scoring with 38 of Team USA's 80 goals.

In the 2003 FINA Junior World Championships, Feher, Lauren Heineck, Kristina Kunkel and Kelly Rulon all saw significant playing time for the United States. In 2004, the Junior National Team won the gold medal at the Pan-American Games.

UCLA players have been key members of the Senior National Team in previous years. Each player has contributed to Team USA's international success. At the 2003 FINA World Championships, Robin Beauregard scored the game-winning goal in the United States' 8-6 victory over Italy in the title game. The victory over Italy gave the U.S. women's water polo team its first-ever gold medal.

Following the FINA World Championships, Team USA headed to the Pan American Games in hopes of earning an Olympic berth. The Senior National team went on to compete in the 2004 Athens Olympics, placing third.



Team USA, featuring Bruins (from left) Maddie Musselman, Rachel Fattal, and Alys Williams, won its third straight gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (in 2021).

The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) was established in 1992-93 to serve the competitive needs of member institutions from the Big West, Pacific-10 (now the Pac-12) and Western Athletic Conferences, as well as other selected universities in the western United States; and to provide championship competition for Division I intercollegiate Olympic sports in a conference setting. The founding principles on which the MPSF was originally formed were to provide enhanced competition and championship opportunities for sports without conference affiliation; to contain the costs of competition; and to ensure the survival of endangered sports. The federation has also served as an incubator for emerging women's sports and as a safe harbor for sports impacted by conference realignments.

Since its inaugural season, the federation has seen its charter conference membership grow by the addition of the Mountain West and West Coast Conferences and their respective member institutions, as well as the addition of women's water polo, women's gymnastics, fencing, artistic swimming, and men's and women's swimming and diving. As a testament to its viability, the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation continues to successfully navigate the ever-changing sea of college sports by fostering contraction and expansion of its sports portfolio to meet the dynamic needs of its members. As the MPSF is in its 32nd season during the 2023-24 academic year and continues its legacy of championship competition, it affirms the vision of its founders and the relevance of its founding principles.

In 2023-24, the MPSF will sponsor competition in 11 Intercollegiate Olympic sports, while serving 71 teams from 39 universities across 13 states. MPSF teams compete primarily at the NCAA Division-I level in men's and women's water polo, indoor track and field, gymnastics, swimming and diving, fencing, and men's volleyball. MPSF teams are eligible to compete in the NCAA Championships with men's and women's water polo and men's volleyball conference champions earning automatic qualification. The MPSF's newest sports, fencing and artistic swimming, completed their first seasons in the conference in 2021-22.

The MPSF added four NCAA team championships during the 2022-23 athletic year, as the programs from California Men's Water Polo, UCLA Men's Volleyball, and Stanford Men's Gymnastics and Women's Water Polo brought the total to 107 NCAA titles for the conference since its 1992 inaugural season. In the spring of 2021, the MPSF became the first Non-Power Five Conference to reach the century mark in NCAA Titles. The federation turned in a high of five national championships during the 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2015-16 years, while it has won at least four in 15 of the last 19 years, and at least two in all but one of its 31 years. With California and Stanford winning water polo national championships last year, the MPSF stayed perfect with all 53 NCAA crowns in the sport since the inception of the conference (31 men, 22 women). In terms of conference titles, Oklahoma Men's Gymnastics owns a record of 19 overall MPSF Championships.

The MPSF has also been well represented in the last seven Olympic Games dating back to 1996, most recently in 2020 Tokyo, where a total of 141 current or former MPSF student-athletes and coaches participated and brought home a total of 35 medals.



Aubrie Monahan (holding trophy) and the Bruins took the top spot at the 2017 MPSF Women's Water Polo Championships.

MPSF WWP Tournament History

Year	Champion
1996	UCLA
1997	UCLA
1998	UCLA
1999	California
2000	Stanford
2001	Stanford
2002	UCLA
2003	Stanford
2004	USC
2005	UCLA
2006	Stanford
2007	UCLA
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