



AVERY ANDERSON

Director of Track & Field and
Cross Country
4th Season at UCLA
UCLA '96

UCLA track and field alumnus Avery Anderson enters his fourth year as Director of Track & Field and Cross Country. As Director, Anderson oversees all aspects of the planning, development, and administration of the track and field and cross country programs at UCLA. He was named to the position on July 6, 2017 by UCLA Athletics.

Ahead of the 2020 Cross Country season, Anderson helped sign a star-studded freshman class of distance runners. Nine of the 10 incoming freshman are from the Southern California area, including three 2019 NXN Nike Cross Nationals qualifiers (Carlie Dorostkar, Savannah Scriven, and Michael Mireles). Dorostkar is also the 2019 CIF-Division I State Champion in Cross Country. Freshmen Jake Parker and Dylan Wilbur competed in the 1600m final at the 2019 CIF State Meet, where they competed against current Bruin Peter Herold, as UCLA now has a quarter of the participants in that race on its distance roster.

Anderson's third season as Director saw the 2020 outdoor campaign canceled due to COVID-19, but his men's and women's squads impressed in the indoor season. The Bruins set six indoor school records in 2020 – Christina Rice (5000m), Shae Anderson (400m – 2x), women's 4x400m relay, Alyssa Wilson (weight throw), Kenroy Higgins II (60m). Anderson guided three individuals and a pair of relay squads to NCAA Indoor qualification before the Championships were, ultimately, canceled.

The UCLA women achieved a No. 15 national ranking ahead of the NCAA Indoor Championships, the highest indoor ranking for the program since 2015. The women's squad tied for fifth at the MPSF Indoor Championships after finishing 13th in 2019.

The Bruins continued to improve in Anderson's second year at the helm. The 2019 indoor season saw the UCLA men's squad finish second overall, the team's highest finish since 2010. Robert Brandt doubled with victories in the 3000m (school record - 7:55.60) and 5000m while Sondre Guttormsen and Justin Stafford notched league titles in the pole vault and weight throw, respectively. Christina Rice (second place) and Ashlie Blake (third) led the Bruin women in the 5000m and shot put, respectively. Six Bruins went on to secure eight total All-America honors at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Anderson went on to lead the UCLA men's squad to a dominant 102-60 victory over USC in the annual crosstown dual meet. The Bruins' steady improvement continued through the Pac-12 Championships, as the men's team finished second with 140 points, the highest placement since the team finished second in 2005 and the most points since UCLA won the league title in 2004. Simon Litzell picked up his second-straight Pac-12 title in the javelin while Brandt (10,000m) and Guttormsen (pole vault) each added their first-career league crowns, respectively. The UCLA women finished in eighth place with 55 points. Alyssa Wilson (discus) and Elleyse Garrett (pole vault) each picked up league titles.

Anderson would earn Pac-12 Coach of the Year honors for UCLA's performances ahead of the NCAA Outdoor Championships. Wilson won Pac-12 Field Athlete of the Year, the first Conference individual honor for the Bruins under Anderson's direction. Anderson also earned USTFCCA West Region Coach of the Year honors.

The Bruin men went on to finish 18th at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, as Sean Lee (first team), Dotun Ogundejí (first team), and Brandt (second team) each earned All-America honors en route to 16 points total points. It was the team's highest point total since notching 18 in 2013. Wilson qualified in the shot put, discus, and hammer throw at NAAs, scoring 10 points on her own to give the Bruin women a T-25 finish. She also earned First Team All-America status in each of her three events, becoming the first athlete to garner three First-Team accolades in the same meet since the First and Second teams were initiated in 2013.

In his first year at the helm, Anderson helped UCLA muster USTFCCA All-America performances in several events during the outdoor season, including first team selections in Robert Brandt (10,000m), Kendall Gustafson (heptathlon), Jessie Maduka (triple jump) and Alyssa Wilson (shot put, hammer). The UCLA track & field program also saw two student-athletes (Simon Litzell, javelin; Marian Spannowsky, javelin) earn second team

honors, while Justin Stafford (hammer) and Alyssa Wilson (discus) took home honorable mention plaudits in their respective events.

Anderson's indoor All-Americans included: Ashlie Blake (first team, shot put), Jessie Maduka (first team, triple jump), Nate Esparza (second team, shot put), Dotun Ogundejí (second team, shot put) and Alyssa Wilson (second team, shot put).

During the 2018 outdoor track & field season, UCLA notched 26 Pac-12 All-Academic honorees, and the Bruins saw 24 student-athletes qualify for the NCAA West Regional Championships.

At the Pac-12 Championships, the Bruins collected an individual title in the women's triple jump, as Jessie Maduka's mark of 13.59m (44-7) gave the Bruins their first victory in the event since 2004. UCLA also saw Simon Litzell win a Pac-12 title in the javelin, as he threw a collegiate-best 74.46m (244-3).

Anderson returned to his alma mater after spending nearly 20 years coaching at the NCAA Division I level. His coaching career began at CSUN, where he served as a volunteer assistant track & field coach from 1999-2001 while competing as a professional decathlete. He served in the same role at UCLA from 2001-2002 and at Kansas State from 2002-2004 before returning to CSUN for the next 13 years working in various coaching roles. Most recently, he served as the Director of Track and Field and Cross Country for CSUN from 2011-2017.

Anderson's tenure with the Matadors was marked by staggering levels of success. During his time with CSUN, Anderson led his student-athletes to 13 Big West/WAC Conference Team Titles, 91 individual conference championships, and 21 NCAA All-America honors. He also coached the only individual male NCAA Division I champions in CSUN history, in any sport, long jumpers Dashalle Andrews and Reindell Cole.

Additionally, Anderson presided over three Big West Outdoor Championships on the women's side (2011, 2015, and 2017). The women's victory in 2017 extended CSUN's record for most conference team titles on either the men's or women's side. Anderson was recognized for his coaching prowess when he received the 2015 and 2017 Big West Conference Women's Track and Field Coach of the Year awards.

In addition to his evident coaching expertise, Anderson returns to Westwood with the invaluable experience of being a two-sport student-athlete with the Bruins, as he competed in both football and track & field and understands the winning tradition of UCLA Athletics. He was a member of the NCAA runner-up 4x100m relay squad his senior season and helped UCLA take home four Pac-10 Championships. As a wide receiver from 1991-1995, Anderson competed in football for the Bruins at the highest level. His most notable season came when he helped lead UCLA to a 1993 Pac-10 title and later played in the 1994 Rose Bowl.





MARSHALL ACKLEY

Assistant Coach -
Jumps, Hurdles, Pole Vault
2nd Season
Oregon '11

Marshall Ackley enters his second season as Assistant Coach -- Jumps, Hurdles, after joining UCLA track & field's coaching staff in August of 2019. Ackley was a two-time NCAA All-American at the University of Oregon and comes to Westwood with nearly 10 years of coaching experience at the NCAA Division I level.

Ackley's first season with the Bruins was highlighted by strong performances from student-athletes in his event groups. Harrison Schrage led the way for the Bruin men in the long jump, clearing a season-best of 7.59m (24-11.00) at the MPSF Indoor Championships for third place overall. Matthew DeRoos went 7.41m (24-03.75) for fifth place at the league indoor meet. DeRoos also picked up three top-10 finishes in the triple jump this past indoor season. On the women's side, Ackley helped guide graduating senior Jazmin moss to a seventh-place finish in the triple jump at the MPSF Indoor Championships (11.81m, 38-09.00).

Prior to joining UCLA, Ackley served as assistant coach at UC-Davis before being promoted to Associate Head Track & Field Coach in 2016. He was the jumps/multis coach and assisted with sprints and hurdles. During his eight-year stretch in Davis, Ackley coached the Aggies to four Big West Outdoor Championships (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016). He produced 15 Big West individual champions, six NCAA Championship qualifiers (five outdoor, one indoor), 35 West preliminary qualifiers and the 2019 MPSF pentathlon champion, Erinn Beattie. The Aggies broke 17 school records under Ackley's direction.

He oversaw all daily operations of the UC-Davis track & field and cross country programs while assisting with sprints, hurdles, technique, drills and conditioning. Ackley was also named the interim head cross country coach during the 2018 campaign.

In his competition days, Ackley was a standout competitor at Oregon, helping the Ducks to four outdoor conference championships between 2007 and 2010. He was a six-time scorer at the conference meet and earned NCAA All-America plaudits in the decathlon in 2009 and 2010, the same years that Oregon finished as the NCAA runner-up. As a sophomore, Ackley finished fifth in the decathlon at the conference championships before improving to second and third, respectively, in his final two seasons.

One of Ackley's most memorable moments came at the 2010 NCAA Outdoor Championships. In pursuit of a second All-America award, Ackley pulled his left hamstring during the pole vault. Despite posting a no-height finish in the vault, Ackley refused to withdrawal from the decathlon and continued to compete in the last two events -- the javelin throw and 1500m.

With his leg tightly bandaged, Ackley limped around the track with determination, receiving a standing ovation from an appreciative home crowd of nearly 12,000 at Hayward Field. The final event may've taken him a little over seven minutes, but it was Ackley's heart and courage that stole the show in his final collegiate meet of his career.

A native of Nyssa, Ore., Ackley graduated from Oregon in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in history. He remained with the track & field program as a volunteer assistant for multis coach Harry Marra and also coached and trained alongside Ashton Eaton, the former world decathlon record holder and the reigning world record holder in the indoor heptathlon.



CURTIS ALLEN

Assistant Coach - Sprints, Relays
4th Season
Fresno State '91

Curtis Allen begins his fourth season as an assistant coach at UCLA, coaching sprints and relays.

The 2020 indoor season saw impressive performances up and down the sprint roster. Shae Anderson led the way for the Bruin women in the 400m, twice setting the indoor record in the event this season and notching a personal best of 52.07 at the Don Kirby Elite Invite (Feb. 14). Allen also helped guide Anderson and the rest of the 4x400m relay squad -- Meleni Rodney, Makenzie Pierre-Webster, and Catherine Leger -- to a school-record time of 3:30.28 at the MPSF Championships. Anderson (400m) and the 4x4 squad qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships (eventually canceled).

Kenroy Higgins II had a breakout season in the 60m, clocking a school-record time of 6.59 at the MPSF Championships en route to NCAA Indoor qualification. Myles Webb and Harrison Schrage posted times of 6.69 (4th in UCLA indoor history) and 6.81 (T-4th), respectively, this past season. A trio of Bruin women -- Chinyere Okoro (7.42), Kenyla Miles (7.44), and Makenzie Pierre-Webster (7.45) -- all recorded Top-10 UCLA 60m times this past season.

Okoro also posted the No. 4 indoor 200m time in UCLA history this past season, going 23.83 at the New Mexico Collegiate Open. Fellow freshman Catherine Leger finished second at the Dr. Sander Invite with a time of 24.02. The No. 6 time in program indoor history. Pierre-Webster is currently No. 8 in program history at 24.14.

Allen also helped freshman Cameron Reynolds to a seventh-place finish at the league indoor championships in the 400m, as Reynolds' time of 47.74 was good for the No. 10 time in UCLA indoor history.

Allen's sprint squad started to truly take form in his second year with the Bruins. Allen helped guide Joe Herrera and Meleni Rodney to strong 400m finishes at the Pac-12 Championships. Herrera finished second overall in the men's competition with a time of 46.25 while Rodney notched fourth place in the women's race with a time of 52.06. Rodney's mark was good for the eighth-fastest time in school history.

Allen helped guide the men's 4x100m relay team to NCAA Outdoor Championship qualification. Leon Powell, Harrison Schrage, Kenroy Higgins II, and Seth Holloway each earned USTFCCCA All-America honors after combining to finish 22nd in the preliminary heats.

Rodney (400m) and Myles Webb (100m) each qualified to compete at the NCAA West Regional Championships, where they each placed in the preliminary heats. Allen also helped send the women's 4x100m squad (S. Acolatse, J. Gruenwald, T. Moses, S. Moore) to Regionals, as the team finished 16th in prelims.

Allen served as the head track & field coach and assistant football coach at College of the Sequoias from 2002-17. He led COS track & field to unprecedented success, including a state championship in 2017 for the men's program and Top 5 finishes for both men's and women's teams from 2014-17. Allen coached 2016 Olympian and 2017 USATF 200m champion Deajah Stevens to California Junior College championships in both 200



JOHN FRAZIER

Assistant Coach - Throws
8th Season
UCLA '86

John Frazier enters his seventh season on staff at UCLA, serving as throws coach for the men and women.

The 2020 indoor season further underscored the strength of Frazier's throwing program. Alyssa Wilson had a dominant season for the Bruin women, winning 10 of her 14 throwing competitions. She set the school record in the weight throw at the Don Kirby Invite, going 17.43m (57-02.25). Frazier also helped guide Wilson to NCAA Indoor Qualification and USTFCCA All-America honors in the weight throw and shot put. On the men's side, sophomore Jacob Wilson finished fourth at the MPSF Championships in the shot put with a throw of 18.34m (60-02.00). Junior Nate Esparza launched a pair of 63+ foot throws in 2020, going 19.40m (63-07.75) at the UNM Team Open and 19.22m (63-00.75) at the UW Indoor Preview.

The 2019 season saw Frazier continue to display his coaching prowess through the success of his athletes. Frazier helped guide Alyssa Wilson to a pair of Indoor All-America honors (shot put, discus) while Dotun Ogundeji picked up All-America status with an 11th-place finish in the shot put at Indoor Nationals. The 2019 outdoor campaign saw Alyssa Wilson notch her first-career Pac-12 title in 2019, notching the win in the discus with a mark of 186-09. Simon Litzell picked up his second-straight league title in the javelin, going 244-03 for the victory. Senior Dotun Ogundeji finished fourth in the discus at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, earning First-Team All-America status.

Wilson was sensational at Outdoor Nationals, earning First-Team All-America honors in the shot put, discus, and hammer throw to become the first athlete to garner three first-team honors at the same national meet since the First and Second teams were initiated in 2013.

In 2018, UCLA saw four Bruins collect USTFCCA All-America honors during the outdoor season - Alyssa Wilson, first team (shot put, hammer), Simon Litzell, second team (javelin), Marian Spannowsky, second team (javelin) and Justin Stafford, honorable mention (hammer). Wilson also earned honorable mention honors in the discus.

Indoor, the Frazier helped produce four All-Americans - Ashlie Blake (first team, shot put), Nate Esparza (second team, shot put), Dotun Ogundeji (second team, shot put) and Alyssa Wilson (second team, shot put).

At the 2018 Pac-12 Championships, Litzell took home title in the javelin, as he threw a collegiate-best 74.46m (244-3).

Frazier helped coach the Bruin men to a third-place finish at the 2017 Pac-12 Championships. Two of his throwers - Dotun Ogundeji and Ashlie Blake - earned All-America honors.

In 2016, Frazier was named the USTFCCA West Region Men's Assistant Coach of the Year. The UCLA men placed third at the Pac-12 Championships and finished 18th at the NCAA Championships. The throws program continued to thrive under his watch. Nicholas Scarvelis, Braheme Days and Ogundeji qualified for both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor National Championships. Scarvelis won his third straight Pac-12 shot put title and then later went on to win the NCAA West Prelim title and also qualified in the discus. Days was third in the region in the shot put, while Ogundeji competed in the shot put and discus at the national meet.

In Frazier's second season in 2015, the men's team finished fourth at the Pac-12 championships and had four earn All-American honors and two more earn honorable mention accolades. During the indoor campaign the Bruins had two All-Americans and another named honorable mention. Individually the throws were one of the top units for UCLA in 2015. Scarvelis earned NCAA Championship berths in both the indoor and outdoor seasons and won the MPSF and Pac-12 titles in the shot put. Torie Owers tossed the eighth-best shot put mark in school history at 55-2.75 and was also a NCAA indoor and outdoor qualifier. Days was a NCAA qualifier during the outdoor season and was the runner-up at the Pac-12 Championships.

In his first season at the helm of the men's program, Frazier helped lead the Bruins to a dual meet win over rival USC and some impressive individual performances on the national stage. At the Pac-12 Championships, Scarvelis won the shot put title with a throw of 63-10.25. Senior Julian Wruck defended his Pac-12 discus title with a mark of 210-9. En route to earning All-American accolades, Wruck placed second at the NCAA meet in the discus, Scarvelis finished 10th in the shot put, Matthew Kosecki was 12th in the discus, Cody Danielson was 14th in the javelin and Nick Hartle was 16th in the 800m. During the indoor season, Marcus Nilsson and Mike Woepse earned USTFCCA All-American honors after Nilsson placed eighth in the heptathlon and Woepse was 13th in the pole vault.

Frazier returned to his alma mater as men's head coach after most recently spending seven seasons on the coaching staff at the University of Tennessee, where he was an associate head coach and coach for men's and women's throws. With over 25 years of experience in the track & field coaching community specializing in coaching throwers, Frazier brings with him experience from stops at the University of Florida, the University of Arizona and Tennessee, among others. Throughout his career at the collegiate level, Frazier has produced 43 All-American athletes as well as four NCAA champions.

Frazier's return to Westwood was a well-deserved homecoming for one of the great Bruin throwers ever to compete at Drake Stadium. Frazier was a three-time All-American in the shot put during his UCLA career, earning first team honors at both NCAA Indoors and Outdoors in 1985 as well as at the 1986 Outdoor Championships.

In his four years of Bruin collegiate competition (1982/1983/1985/1986), UCLA was 38-1 in dual meet contests, including an unbeaten 3-0 mark vs. USC (the 1982 UCLA-USC dual meet was non-scoring). As a freshman in 1982 and a senior in 1986, the Bruins were the top-ranked dual meet team in the nation. He holds two all-time UCLA records--first, the No. 9 mark all-time in Bruins shot put history (65-2.75) and second, the No. 10 mark all-time in the men's hammer throw (208-6).

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DEVIN ELIZONDO

Assistant Coach - Distance
4th Season
UCLA '98

UCLA alumnus Devin Elizondo enters his fourth season with the Bruins as Assistant Coach – Distance for the Track & Field and Cross Country Programs.

Ahead of the 2020 Cross Country season, Elizondo and the distance staff helped sign a star-studded freshman class of distance runners. Nine of the 10 incoming freshman are from the Southern California area, including three 2019 NXN Nike Cross Nationals qualifiers (Carlie Dorostkar, Savannah Scriven, and Michael Mireles). Dorostkar is also the 2019 CIF-Division I State Champion in Cross Country. Freshmen Jake Parker and Dylan Wilbur competed in the 1600m final at the 2019 CIF State Meet, where they competed against current Bruin Peter Herold, as UCLA now has a quarter of the participants in that race on its distance roster.

Elizondo helped the distance squad to an impressive 2020 indoor campaign. Junior Christina Rice broke the school record in the 5000m, clocking a time of 16:12.16 at the MPSF Championships. Rice also ran 9:20.02 in the 3000m at the UW Invitational, the second-fastest indoor mark in school history. Arturo Sotomayor (4:01.63) and Chris Morzenti (4:02.15) notched the No. 5 and No. 7 all-time UCLA indoor mile times, respectively, this past season. Graduating senior Colin Burke also etched his name in the program record books in his final season. Burke notched PRs in the 3000m (7:59.34) and 5000m (13:47.78), the No. 5 and No. 2 all-time UCLA marks in the events, respectively.

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The 2019 cross country campaign produced the first USTFCCCA All-American in Elizondo's tenure, as Christina Rice finished 37th at the NCAA Championships to earn the accolade. It was the Bruins' first female All-American since Ashley Caldwell in 2005.

In the 2018 cross country season, Elizondo helped guide the women's and men's squads to fifth- and sixth-place finishes, respectively, at the Pac-12 Championships. Erika Adler also qualified individually for the NCAA Championships. The 2019 track season saw Elizondo help coach Robert Brandt two three All-America honors (Indoor: 3000m, 5000m; Outdoor: 10,000m). He also helped guide the UCLA men's and women's squads to victories in the 1500m, 3000m, and 3000m steeplechase in the annual dual meet against USC.

Elizondo's first season on the distance staff in 2017 saw the men's cross country team finished third at the Pac-12 Championships, with Brandt leading the 8k through Split 6. The men's squad went on to finish fifth at Regionals and qualify for the NCAA Championships.

Elizondo previously served as head cross country coach and assistant track & field coach at UC Davis from 2014-2017. In his first cross country season at the helm, he led the Aggie women to their first Big West Conference title since 2011 and was named the conference Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year. In 2015, Elizondo guided both the men's and women's teams to third-place finishes at the Big West Championships, the highest finish for the men since 2013 and the fifth consecutive top-three finish on the women's side. During his tenure at Davis, Elizondo helped coach 20 All-Big West runners (six men, 14 women) and six all-region honorees in cross country.

His coaching career began at the Brentwood School in Los Angeles. There, he served as the head track & field coach and assistant cross country coach for both boys and girls. With Elizondo on the coaching staff, the boys' cross country team qualified for six state championship meets and achieved five top-five finishes. The girls' program also enjoyed success, as the girls advanced to two state meets and sent an individual runner on two other occasions during Elizondo's time at Brentwood.

Elizondo graduated from UCLA in 1998 with a degree in history and enjoyed great success as a distance runner for the Bruins. He was a member of three Pac-10 track & field championship teams and also helped lead the cross country team to a pair of third-place conference finishes. Elizondo was the UCLA cross country team's Most Outstanding Freshman in 1994 and was selected to the All-District IX First Team in 1995.



AUSTIN O'NEIL

Assistant Coach - Distance
4th Season
UCLA '17

All-American steeplechaser Austin O'Neil begins his fourth season with the Bruins and second year as an assistant, coaching the UCLA distance runners. O'Neil served as team co-captain for the UCLA track & field team in 2017 and was a volunteer assistant in 2018.

Ahead of the 2020 Cross Country season, O'Neil and the distance staff helped sign a star-studded freshman class of distance runners. Nine of the 10 incoming freshman are from the Southern California area, including three 2019 NXN Nike Cross Nationals qualifiers (Carlie Dorostkar, Savannah Scriven, and Michael Mireles). Dorostkar is also the 2019 CIF-Division I State Champion in Cross Country. Freshmen Jake Parker and Dylan Wilbur competed in the 1600m final at the 2019 CIF State Meet, where they competed against current Bruin Peter Herold, as UCLA now has a quarter of the participants in that race on its distance roster.

O'Neil helped the distance squad to an impressive 2020 indoor campaign. Junior Christina Rice broke the school record in the 5000m, clocking a time of 16:12.16 at the MPSF Championships. Rice also ran 9:20.02 in the 3000m at the UW Invitational, the second-fastest indoor mark in school history. Arturo Sotomayor (4:01.63) and Chris Morzenti (4:02.15) notched the No. 5 and No. 7 all-time UCLA indoor mile times, respectively, this past season. Graduating senior Colin Burke also etched his name in the program record books in his final season. Burke notched PRs in the 3000m (7:59.34) and 5000m (13:47.78), the No. 5 and No. 2 all-time UCLA marks in the events, respectively.

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O'Neil's first season as an assistant coach with the cross country staff saw him help guide three individuals to the 2019 NCAA Championships: Christina Rice, Colin Burke, and Garrett Reynolds. Rice earned USTFCCCA All-America honors for her 37th-place finish.

O'Neil's first season with the track and field team saw Robert Brandt notch three All-America honors (Indoor: 3000m, 5000m; Outdoor: 10,000m). He helped guide the UCLA men's and women's squads to victories in the 1500m, 3000m, and 3000m steeplechase in the annual dual meet against USC.

During his senior season at UCLA, O'Neil posted the No. 6 mark in school history in the 3000m steeplechase, clocking in at 8:44.86 to win the Bob Larsen Distance Carnival. He also placed second at the Pac-12 Championships and was a NCAA Championship qualifier, placing 15th.

In 2016, O'Neil earned Indoor All-America honors with a seventh-place finish in the DMR. In 2015, he was a NCAA qualifier in the 1500m.

As a member of the Bruin cross country team, O'Neil earned All-Pac-12 honors in 2016 and earned a 12th-place finish at the Pac-12 Championships. In 2015,

O'Neil is a two-time All-Academic conference honoree in track & field, as well as in cross country.



ROB BEAMER

Volunteer Coach
5th Season
San Diego '03

Robert (Rob) Beamer enters his fifth season as a volunteer coach for the UCLA cross country and track & field programs, specializing in the distance events.

Beamer helped the distance squad to a strong 2020 indoor campaign, which included a school record in the 3000m from junior Christina Rice and a pair of top-10 program indoor mile times from Arturo Sotomayor (No. 5) and Chris Morzenti (No. 7). Senior Colin Burke went 13:47.78 in the 5000m this past indoor season, the second-best mark in school history in the event. Beamer also helped guide the men's DMR squad (Riley Kelly, Chris Morzenti, Arturo Sotomayor, and Ismail Turner) to NCAA Qualification and eventual USTFCCA All-America accolades.

The 2019 cross country season saw Brandt (fifth), Garrett Reynolds (10th), and Colin Burke (11th) notch top-11 finishes at the Pac-12 Championships. Reynolds, Burke, and Christina Rice both qualified individually to compete at the NCAA Championships. Rice went on to earn USTFCCA All-America honors with a 37th-place finish at Nationals.

Beamer helped coach Robert Brandt to three first-team All-America honors in the 2019 track season (Indoor: 3000m, 5000m; Outdoor: 10,000m). The UCLA men and women also swept victories in the 1500m, 3000m, and 3000m steeplechase against USC.

The women's cross country team continued to improve in Beamer's third year on the staff, finishing fifth overall at the Pac-12 Championships, the team's highest placement since a fifth-place finish in 2014. Beamer helped then-sophomore Erika Adler qualify individually for the NCAA Championships. The men's team picked up five top-50 finishes at West Regionals in 2018.

Beamer's second year on the distance coaching staff saw the Bruin men's cross country team make its second-straight team appearance at Nationals, finishing 21st overall. The men's squad secured fifth place at NCAA West Regionals following its second-straight third-place showing at the Pac-12 Championships. The women's team finished 12th and eighth at Regionals and Conference, respectively.

In his first year on the cross country staff in 2016, Beamer helped the Bruins send both their men's and women's squads to the NCAA National Championships.

Prior to coming to UCLA, Beamer coached for two stints at UC Santa Barbara under head coach Pete Dolan. His most recent (2011-2015) saw him working with the throwers, sprinters and vaulters. In 2012, Beamer was part of a staff that coached the Gauchos to the highest point total in program history on the men's side which earned a Big West conference title, with the women finishing as first runners up by a half point margin.



BRIDGET ANDERSON

Volunteer Coach
3rd Season
UCLA '04

Bridget Anderson enters third season as a volunteer assistant at UCLA. She is married to UCLA's Director of Track & Field/Cross Country Avery Anderson. Prior to joining the Bruin track & field program, Anderson served 12 seasons on the California State University, Northridge coaching staff, where she was in charge of the Matador pole vaulters and multi-events student-athletes, and was the team's strength and conditioning coach for the sprinters, jumpers and multi-event athletes.

Anderson's work with the pentathletes and heptathletes this past indoor season had evident results for the Bruins. Isa Videler completed a pair of pentathlons in 2020, including a 3,899 point-performance at the MPSF Indoor Championships. Videler solidified her No. 5 position on the UCLA all-time pentathlon list with the third-place finish at the league indoor meet. Isaiah Holmes competed in the heptathlon on the men's side, finishing the season with a third-place finish at the MPSF Championships. His 5,517 points moved him into fifth place in UCLA indoor history in the event.

During her time at CSUN, Anderson helped the Matadors win a total of 10 Big West team championships between the men's and women's programs.

Conference champions coached by Anderson include pole vault titles by Krystal Quinn in 2008 and Tiana Webberley in 2010 and 2011. LaShana Verdon won a Big West multi-event title in 2006 followed by Sherrina Lofton in both 2009 and 2011 and Robert Robinson in 2010.

Olympia Jewett, the UCLA track & field program's director of operations, competed as a heptathlete under Anderson's guidance and took home the Big West Championship in 2015. Lofton and Justin Johnson each earned All-American honors in the multi-events, and earned multiple NCAA Championship berths.

Anderson also coached three all-conference performers in the javelin, including Lance Gonzales' Big West championship in 2009.

A 2004 graduate of UCLA, Anderson came to CSUN after serving the 2004-05 season as the head track & field coach at Hoover High School in Glendale, Calif., her alma mater. Before that, Anderson was the head cross country coach at Hoover during the 2003-04 season.

The former Bridget Pearson competed in the javelin and pole vault at UCLA from 1999-2004. One of her career highlights was winning the Irish National Championships in 2000 in the pole vault. At Hoover High School, she was an All-American in the pole vault all four years and the California state champion in 1997. She claimed the CIF title in 1999 and went on to finish fourth at nationals. Anderson also competed in volleyball and water polo at Hoover before graduating in 1999.

Anderson earned her Master's Degree with Honors in Public Administration from CSUN in 2017.

Anderson married Avery Anderson in 2009. The couple have a son, Andy, and a daughter, Avery.



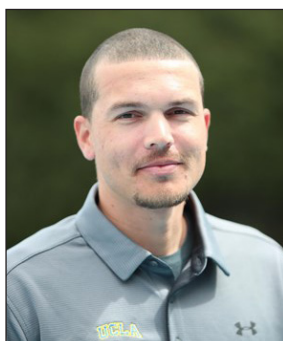
MARK ANDERSON

Volunteer Coach
2nd Season
UCLA '81

Former UCLA track and field great Mark Anderson enters his second year as a Volunteer Coach for the program. He is the father of current Bruin sprinter, Shae Anderson.

Anderson returns to his alma mater with an impressive athletic resume behind him. A 1981 UCLA grad, he was a standout for the Bruins in the multis. He set a school record in the decathlon with 8,171 points, a record that still stands today. Anderson was a two-time All-American in the event, winning the NCAA decathlon title in 1980 and taking second place in 1981. He was also the conference decathlon champion in 1980.

He also graduated as the school record holder in the old javelin throw with a launch of 78.05m (256-01), a mark that now ranks second in program history.



REGGIE TROTTER

Volunteer Coach
2nd Season
CSUN '15

Former CSUN track and field student-athlete Reggie Trotter enters his second season as a Volunteer Coach for the UCLA program.

Trotter competed at CSUN under now UCLA Director of Track & Field/Cross Country Avery Anderson and volunteer coach Bridget Anderson. He was teammates with UCLA Director of Operations Olympia Jewett. Trotter earned All-Big West honors as a high jumper in 2014, notching personal-best mark of 2.06m (6-09.00) in a runner-up performance at the Big West Outdoor Championships. Trotter also earned Junior College All-American honors (high jump) while competing at LA Valley College.

Trotter currently holds USATF Level 2 coaching status in jumps. He coached jumps and sprints at Marymount High School in 2018-19, helping the team win a league championship. He coached several league champions, including the school record holder in the girls' triple jump (39-05.00).

He also coached at Moorpark College in 2018-19. He helped coach four State Meet finalists and 12 individual Regional qualifiers, with multiple student-athletes going on to receive NCAA scholarships.



OLYMPIA JEWETT

Director of Operations
4th Season
CSUN '15

Former CSUN standout Olympia Jewett begins her fourth year as Director of Operations for the UCLA track and field team.

Jewett competed under now UCLA Director of Track & Field/Cross Country Avery Anderson and Volunteer Coach Bridget Anderson from 2010-15 during her career at CSUN. As a senior, she was named the Big West Athlete of the Year after winning the conference heptathlon title. She was also selected the 2015 CSUN MVP and was a NCAA Woman of the Year nominee.

Jewett graduated from Cal State Northridge in 2015 with a degree in Education. She was an assistant coach under Anderson at CSUN from 2015-17, coaching sprints, jumps and multi-events, and helping the Matadors win the Big West Conference in 2017 before joining him at UCLA.

Jewett led summer camps at Pepperdine alongside her mother, Coach Venus Jewett.

Olympia has five siblings, Robert, Victorya, Walter, Isaiah, and Laila.