

MICK CRONIN

The Michael Price Family UCLA Men's Head Basketball Coach

Fourth Season at UCLA
20th Season, Overall
Cincinnati '97

Mick Cronin enters his fourth season as UCLA's head coach in 2022-23, having compiled a 433-201 record (.683) in 19 seasons as a collegiate head coach. Cronin was named The Michael Price Family UCLA Men's Head Basketball Coach on April 9, 2019.

Through three seasons at UCLA, Cronin has guided the Bruins to a 68-30 overall record and a 40-17 mark in Pac-12 games. The Bruins advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 in 2022 and to the Final Four in 2021, marking the program's first Final Four appearance since 2008. In three seasons (totaling 98 games), Cronin has led the Bruins to a 23-11 record in contests decided by five points or fewer (including all games that extended into overtime). In addition, he led UCLA to its first back-to-back Sweet 16 appearances since 2014 and 2015.

Cronin has guided his teams to 13 NCAA Tournament berths. He has steered UCLA's program to the past two NCAA Tournaments (after the 2020 tournament was canceled) and led Cincinnati to the NCAA Tournament in his final nine seasons as that program's head coach (2012-2019). He is one of four active head coaches in the nation to have led his program to the past 11 NCAA Tournaments. Joining Cronin in that group are Mark Few (Gonzaga), Tom Izzo (Michigan State) and Bill Self (Kansas).

Cronin arrived at UCLA after 13 seasons as the head coach at his alma mater, the University of Cincinnati (2006-19), and three seasons as the head coach at Murray State (2003-06).

Cronin has led his teams to at least 20 victories in 11 of the past 12 seasons (UCLA's 19-win season in 2019-20 was abruptly abbreviated with the outbreak of COVID-19). Since compiling a 26-9 record at Cincinnati in 2010-11, Cronin has led his teams to an average of 25.3 victories over the past 12 seasons (2010-11 through 2021-22). He guided Cincinnati to 30 wins in 2016-17 and 31 wins in 2017-18. His teams have logged a combined 126-39 conference-only record during his last nine seasons.

Over the previous 12 seasons (2010-11 through 2021-22), Cronin has totaled 303 victories. That win total ranks No. 6 among all coaches in the nation, during that 12-year span. Cronin's teams had logged a 303-109 overall record through the previous 12 seasons.

Through the past three seasons as UCLA's head coach, Cronin has seen five of his players secure first-team All-Pac-12 honors – Tyger Campbell in 2021 and 2022, Jaime Jaquez Jr. in 2022, Johnny Juzang in 2022 and Chris Smith in 2020. In 2021-22, the Bruins had three of the Pac-12's five players on the league's all-defensive team, with Jaquez Jr., Jaylen Clark and Myles Johnson.

UCLA has been among the national leaders in fewest turnovers committed per game during the previous two seasons. In 2021-22, the Bruins ranked No. 2 in the nation in fewest turnovers per game (8.9). In 2020-21, UCLA ranked No. 13 in the same turnover stat category (10.6).

The Bruins' 2021-22 squad went 27-8, reached the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 for the second consecutive season, finished second in the Pac-12 standings (15-5 record) and was the runner-up at the Pac-12 Tournament. UCLA finished first in the Pac-12 in scoring defense (64.5 ppg allowed) for the first time since 1973-74. In addition, the Bruins were ranked No. 2 in the Pac-12 in scoring offense (75.4 ppg). UCLA was ranked among the top 20 teams in every top-25 poll (AP and Coaches) throughout the 2021-22 season.

In 2020-21, Cronin helped the Bruins compile a 22-10 record and a 13-6 mark in Pac-12 play. The Bruins opened their league schedule with eight consecutive wins, the program's best such conference start since opening 9-0 in Pac-10 play in 1982-83. UCLA finished in fourth place in the Pac-12 standings behind a trio of NCAA Tournament-bound programs (Oregon, USC and Colorado). The Bruins were one of four Pac-12 programs to move onto the Sweet 16 (along with Oregon, Oregon State and USC).



In his first season at UCLA (2019-20), Cronin guided the Bruins to a 19-12 record and a second-place finish in the Pac-12. UCLA won 11 of its final 14 games, posting a 12-6 mark in Pac-12 action and securing the No. 2 seed in the Pac-12 Tournament. Cronin became UCLA's first head coach to win the Pac-12 Coach of the Year Award since 2006 (Ben Howland). In addition, he secured NABC District 19 Coach of the Year honors.

UCLA concluded the 2019-20 season as one of the league's most successful rebounding teams, having outrebounded its opposition in 24 of 31 games. The Bruins led the Pac-12 in rebounding margin (+5.6 rpg) and offensive rebounds per game (11.9). UCLA ranked in the top 35, nationally, in each of those rebounding categories.

As a junior 2019-20, Chris Smith earned the Pac-12's Most Improved Player of the Year Award in addition to being named a first-team all-league selection. Tyger Campbell was instrumental to the team's success after having missed the 2018-19 season with a left knee injury (torn ACL). He led the Pac-12 in assist-turnover ratio (2.79), ranked third in the league in assists per game (5.0) and was fourth in the Pac-12 in total assists (156).

In March 2020, Cronin secured the conference's "Coach of the Year" award for the third time in his career. Previously, he had been named the American Athletic Conference's Coach of the Year in 2014 (at Cincinnati) and the Ohio Valley Conference's Coach of the Year in 2006 (at Murray State).

In 2018, Cronin was named Sporting News National Coach of the Year and was also a semifinalist for the 2018 Naismith Trophy National Coach of the Year Award. In 2014, he was honored as the NABC's District 25 Coach of the Year. He will the 2022-23 season as the nation's leader in NCAA Division I coaching victories (433) among active coaches under the age of 52.

A native of Cincinnati, Cronin helped bring about a rebirth of Cincinnati's program, built upon toughness, tenacious defense and an all-out effort. His teams at Cincinnati ranked as one of just two in the nation (along with Virginia) to be listed among the nation's top 25 in scoring defense through his final seven seasons (2013-2019).

Under Cronin's leadership, Cincinnati secured two American Athletic Conference (AAC) regular-season titles (2014, 2018) and a pair of second-place finishes in the league's then six-year history. He also directed the Bearcats to back-to-back AAC Tournament titles (2018, 2019), Cincinnati's first back-to-back conference tournament titles since 1995 (Great Midwest Conference) and 1996 (Conference USA).

Cronin's rebuilding job at Cincinnati began immediately when his first squad featured just one returning starter for the 2006-07 campaign. He established the culture necessary to build for long-term success while competing within the powerful 16-team Big East Conference. During the retooling process, Cincinnati became the only program from a major conference to improve its win total every season from 2007 to 2011. His teams built from 11 victories in 2007 to 26 wins and a return to the NCAA Tournament in 2011.

Cronin led Cincinnati's 2018-19 squad to a 28-7 overall record and the AAC Tournament title. Despite losing AAC Player of the Year Gary Clark (Houston Rockets), Jacob Evans III (Golden State Warriors) and Kyle Washington (NBA G League), the Bearcats proved the naysayers wrong by winning 13 of their final 16 conference games to finish second in the conference's regular-season standings. Behind Jarron Cumberland, Cincinnati's second AAC Player of the Year recipient in as many years, the Bearcats recorded 11 victories by five points or fewer before securing back-to-back league tournament titles for the first time since 1995 and 1996.

In 2017-18, Cincinnati matched its school record for single-season victories, compiling a 31-5 mark. Cronin helped the Bearcats record back-to-back 30-win seasons for the first time in program history (after Cincinnati had gone 30-6 in 2016-17). Cincinnati's 2017-18 squad secured its first outright regular-season league title since 2002 and its first conference tournament crown since 2004. The Bearcats won 16 straight games, climbing to No. 5 in the Associated Press poll midway through the 2017-18 season.

Cincinnati went 30-6 in 2016-17 and tied the school record for most wins in league play (16-2 record). The Bearcats went 18-0 at home that season, marking the fourth undefeated season at Fifth Third Arena, and were ranked in the national top 25 polls for 15 weeks (the most during the Cronin era at Cincinnati).

Cronin's 13-year stretch as Cincinnati's head coach marked his second stint working on the basketball staff at his alma mater. He initially made the jump from high school coaching to the college game during the 1996-97 season, joining Bob Huggins' coaching staff as the program's video coordinator. One year later, he was elevated to the role of assistant coach at Cincinnati.

Cronin served as an assistant coach at Cincinnati for four seasons (1997-2001) before working for two seasons at the University of Louisville as associate head coach (2001-03). During two seasons under head coach Rick Pitino at Louisville, Cronin helped the Cardinals to a combined 44-20 record and two postseason appearances (one NCAA Tournament and one NIT berth).

After two seasons at Louisville, Cronin served as Murray State's head coach for three seasons (2003-06). As head coach at Murray State, he led the Racers to two Ohio Valley Conference tournament titles and one regular-season crown. Cronin captured OVC Coach of the Year acclaim in 2006.

Prior to his time at Murray State, Cronin had developed a strong reputation for his ability to evaluate and recruit top talent. As an assistant coach at Cincinnati with Coach Huggins, he recruited several top players, including NBA Draft selections Steve Logan (Golden State), DerMarr Johnson (Atlanta), Pete Mickeal (Dallas), Kenny Satterfield (Dallas) and Jason Maxiell (Detroit).

A product of La Salle High School (Cincinnati), Cronin saw his playing career end sooner than expected due to a knee injury in high school. As a child growing up on the west side of the city, he used to follow around his father Harold "Hep" Cronin, a highly successful local high school coach with more than 400 career wins, around the gyms of Cincinnati. While completing his undergraduate work at the University of Cincinnati, he served as an assistant varsity coach and head junior varsity coach at Woodward High School. He helped developed six players who went on to play Division I college basketball, including former Cincinnati standout Damon Flint.

Cronin's passion for success on the court also carried over to the local community, where he has been committed to making a difference. He served as a board member on both the American Cancer Society in Cincinnati and the ACS's Coaches vs. Cancer program. He also assisted with a major fundraising event, Soul of the City Soiree, for Our Daily Bread that generated more than $100,000 multiple times, to assist the soup kitchen and community center in Cincinnati.

Cronin, 51, graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1997 with his bachelor's degree in history. He has a 16-year-old daughter, Samantha.

Coach Cronin's Coaching Awards

• Was named the 2020 Pac-12 Coach of the Year ... also secured NABC District 19 Coach of the Year honors in 2020 after his first season at UCLA (19-12 record).

• Was honored as the 2018 Sporting News National Coach of the Year while at Cincinnati, having led the Bearcats to a 31-5 record that season.

• Was named the 2014 American Athletic Conference Coach of the Year ... also was honored as the NABC District 25 Coach of the Year.

• Has been honored as a "Coach of the Year" in three different conferences ... Pac-12 in 2020, American Athletic Conference in 2018, and Ohio Valley Conference in 2014.

Coach Cronin's Most Notable Accomplishments

• Guided UCLA to the 2021 NCAA Final Four after the Bruins entered that season's tournament as a "First Four" team, winning five straight NCAA Tournament contests.

• Became the 14th head coach in UCLA men's basketball history on April 9, 2019, after a successful 13-year run as the head coach at his alma mater (University of Cincinnati).

• One of four active head coaches to take his team to each of the past 10 NCAA Tournaments, joining Mark Few (Gonzaga), Tom Izzo (Michigan State) and Bill Self (Kansas).

• His teams at Cincinnati ranked among the nation's top 25 in scoring defense during his final seven seasons at the school ... for six consecutive seasons (2012-13 through 2017-18), Cincinnati ranked among the top 20, nationally, in opponent field goal percentage.

• Under Cronin's direction, Cincinnati won the 2014 and 2018 American Athletic Conference (AAC) regular-season crowns and the 2018 and 2019 AAC Tournament titles.

• Led Murray State to the 2004 Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Tournament crown and the 2006 OVC regular-season and tournament titles.

• Has directed 12 teams to the NCAA Tournament during his 18-year head coaching career and has helped 17 teams advance to the "Big Dance" as either a head coach or an assistant coach (no postseason took place in 2020).



UCLA advanced to the 2021 NCAA Final Four with a 51-49 win over Michigan in Indianapolis.

Mick Cronin's Year-by-Year Head Coaching Record

Murray State	Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
2003-04	28-6	14-2	2nd	NCAA First Round (0-1)
2004-05	17-11	11-5	t-2nd	–
2005-06	24-7	17-3	1st	NCAA First Round (0-1)
3 SEASONS	**69-24 (.742)**	**42-10 (.808)**		**2 NCAA Tournaments**

Cincinnati	Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
2006-07	11-19	2-14	16th	–
2007-08	13-19	8-10	10th	CBI First Round (0-1)
2008-09	18-14	8-10	9th	–
2009-10	19-16	7-11	11th	NIT Second Round (1-1)
2010-11	26-9	11-7	t-6th	NCAA Second Round (1-1)
2011-12	26-11	12-6	t-4th	NCAA Sweet 16 (2-1)
2012-13	22-12	9-9	t-9th	NCAA First Round (0-1)
2013-14	27-7	15-3	t-1st	NCAA First Round (0-1)
2014-15	23-11	13-5	t-3rd	NCAA Second Round (1-1)
2015-16	22-11	12-6	t-3rd	NCAA First Round (0-1)
2016-17	30-6	16-2	2nd	NCAA Second Round (1-1)
2017-18	31-5	16-2	1st	NCAA Second Round (1-1)
2018-19	28-7	14-4	2nd	NCAA First Round (0-1)
13 SEASONS	**296-147 (.668)**	**143-89 (.616)**	**–**	**9 NCAA Tournaments**

UCLA	Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
2019-20	19-12	12-6	2nd	(no postseason)
2020-21	22-10	13-6	4th	NCAA Final Four (5-1)
2021-22	27-8	15-5	2nd	NCAA Sweet 16 (2-1)
3 SEASONS	**68-30 (.694)**	**40-17 (.702)**	**–**	**2 NCAA Tournament**
19 SEASONS (overall)	**433-201 (.683)**	**225-116 (.660)**	**–**	**13 NCAA Tournaments**

Mick Cronin, Years Prior to Becoming Head Coach

Cincinnati		Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
1996-97	Video Coordinator	26-8	12-2	1st	NCAA Second Round (1-1)
1997-98	Assistant Coach	27-6	14-2	1st	NCAA Second Round (1-1)
1998-99	Assistant Coach	27-6	12-4	1st	NCAA Second Round (1-1)
1999-00	Assistant Coach	29-4	16-0	1st	NCAA Second Round (1-1)
2000-01	Assistant Coach	25-10	11-5	1st	NCAA Sweet 16 (2-1)
5 SEASONS		**134-34**	**65-13**		**5 NCAA Tournaments**

Louisville		Overall	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
2001-02	Assoc. Head Coach	19-13	8-8	5th	NIT Second Round (1-1)
2002-03	Assoc. Head Coach	25-7	11-5	2nd	NCAA Second Round (1-1)
2 SEASONS		**44-20**	**19-13**	**–**	**1 NCAA Tournament**

Conference alignment: Cincinnati joined the Big East Conference prior to the 2005-06 school year (and had competed in Conference USA from 1995-96 through 2004-05). Cincinnati moved into the American Athletic Conference prior to the 2013-14 school year. While at Murray State, Coach Cronin's teams competed in the Ohio Valley Conference. During his two seasons at Louisville, the Cardinals competed in Conference USA (American Division).



Tyger Campbell (left) alongside Coach Mick Cronin in March of 2022.



Coach Mick Cronin was hired at UCLA in April of 2019.

Mick Cronin's Defensive Numbers Over the Past 16 Seasons

Year	Overall Record	Opp. FGM-FGA	Opp. FG%	Opp. 3FGM-FGA	Opp. 3FG%	Opp. PPG	Allowed <70 PTS	Allowed <60 PTS	Allowed <50 PTS	Allowed <40% FG	Allowed <35% FG	Forced TOs	BLKs	STLs
2006-07	11-19	685-1539	.445	231-612	.377	67.7	14	8	2	8	4	451	58	230
2007-08	13-19	717-1669	.430	209-621	.337	67.8	18	7	2	8	3	380	73	169
2008-09	18-14	752-1802	.417	186-581	.320	66.3	19	10	3	13	7	406	103	183
2009-10	19-16	807-1954	.413	230-676	.340	66.5	23	12	1	13	5	423	107	199
2010-11	26-9	735-1790	.411	171-529	.323	(9th) 59.6	30	18	7	17	7	492	129	258
2011-12	26-11	849-2063	.412	207-641	.323	(40th) 61.5	29	15	4	16	7	518	(44th) 170	(43rd) 298
2012-13	22-12	716-1851	(14th) .387	171-562	(34th) .304	(22nd) 59.0	30	18	3	16	9	452	(7th) 208	240
2013-14	27-7	690-1745	(19th) .395	182-568	.320	(4th) 58.4	31	19	6	19	8	485	(20th) 188	(24th) 268
2014-15	23-11	700-1804	(15th) .388	192-601	.319	(6th) 55.8	33	22	7	21	11	409	(11th) 185	222
2015-16	22-11	750-1907	(13th) .393	240-672	.357	(12th) 63.3	24	15	2	20	7	450	(9th) 192	(34th) 257
2016-17	30-6	767-1975	(9th) .388	264-765	.345	(8th) 61.3	26	17	3	19	10	476	(16th) 178	(32nd) 260
2017-18	31-5	739-1974	(2nd) .374	231-747	(8th) .309	(2nd) 57.5	30	22	8	24	15	514	(9th) 194	(32nd) 256
2018-19	28-7	766-1869	.410	284-800	.355	(14th) 62.7	28	10	3	13	5	476	(33rd) 155	214
2019-20	19-12	710-1656	.429	235-627	.375	67.1	22	9	2	9	3	403	105	208
2020-21	22-10	798-1811	.441	230-683	.337	68.4	16	7	2	7	2	377	89	158
2021-22	27-8	809-1948	.415	238-742	.321	(41st) 64.5	25	15	1	11	6	360	116	244

Mick Cronin's Head Coaching Record vs. Opponents

Opponents	at Murray State W-L	at Cincinnati W-L	at UCLA W-L	Overall W-L
Abilene Christian	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Akron	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Alabama	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0
Alabama State	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
Albany	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Arizona	0-0	0-0	5-2	5-2
Arizona State	0-0	0-0	4-2	4-2
Arkansas Little Rock	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Arkansas Pine Bluff	0-0	5-0	0-0	5-0
Arkansas Tech	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Appalachian State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Austin Peay	4-1	0-0	0-0	4-1
Bellarmine	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Belmont	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Bowling Green	0-0	2-1	0-0	2-1
Bradley	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Brown	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Buffalo	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Butler	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2
BYU	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
Cal State Bakersfield	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0
Cal State Fullerton	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
California	0-0	0-0	5-0	5-0
Campbell	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
Campbellsville	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Central Florida	0-0	10-2	0-0	10-2
Central Michigan	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Chaminade	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Charleston Southern	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Chicago State	1-0	2-0	0-0	3-0
Cincinnati	0-1	–	0-0	0-1
Cleveland State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Coastal Carolina	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
Colorado	0-0	0-0	5-1	5-1
Connecticut	0-0	15-11	0-0	15-11
Coppin State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Creighton	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Dayton	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1
Delaware State	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Denver	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
DePaul	0-0	6-3	0-0	6-3
East Carolina	0-0	5-2	0-0	5-2
Eastern Illinois	5-1	1-0	0-0	6-1
Eastern Kentucky	5-1	1-0	0-0	6-1
Fairfield	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Fairleigh Dickinson	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Florida	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2
Florida A&M	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Florida State	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1
George Mason	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
George Washington	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Georgetown	0-0	6-6	0-0	6-6
Georgetown College	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Georgia	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Georgia State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Gonzaga	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-3
Harvard	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
High Point	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Hofstra	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Houston	0-0	10-4	0-0	10-4
Howard	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Illinois	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Illinois-Chicago	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Illinois State	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Iowa	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Iowa State	0-0	2-1	0-0	2-1
Jacksonville State	5-0	1-0	0-0	6-0
Kansas State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Kennesaw State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Kentucky	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Lipscomb	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
Long Beach State	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-0
Louisville	0-1	5-6	0-0	5-7
Marquette	0-0	3-4	2-0	5-4
Marshall	0-0	2-1	0-0	2-1
Maryland	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Maryland Eastern Shore	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Memphis	0-0	10-5	0-0	10-5
Miami (Ohio)	0-0	5-0	0-0	5-0
Michigan	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Michigan State	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
Middle Tennessee	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
Milwaukee	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Mississippi	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1
Mississippi Valley State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Mississippi State	0-0	2-1	0-0	2-1
Missouri	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-1
Morehead State	7-0	1-0	0-0	8-0
Morgan State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Mount St. Mary's	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
N.C. State	0-0	3-1	0-0	3-1
Nebraska	0-0	2-1	0-0	2-1
Nevada	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
New Mexico	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2
Norfolk State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
North Carolina	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-3
North Carolina A&T	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
North Carolina Central	0-0	3-0	0-0	3-0
North Florida	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Northern Kentucky	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Northwestern State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Notre Dame	0-0	3-7	0-1	3-8
Oakland	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Ohio	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Ohio State	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-4
Oklahoma	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
Oregon	0-0	1-0	0-4	1-4
Oregon State	0-0	0-0	4-1	4-1
Penn State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Pepperdine	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Pittsburgh	0-1	4-7	0-0	4-8
Prairie View A&M	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Presbyterian	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Providence	0-0	4-5	0-0	4-5
Purdue	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Purdue Fort Wayne	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Radford	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Rhode Island	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Rice	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Richmond	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Robert Morris	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Rutgers	0-0	9-3	0-0	9-3
Samford	2-3	1-0	0-0	3-3
San Diego	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
San Diego State	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1
San Jose State	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Savannah State	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
Seattle	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Seton Hall	0-0	4-3	0-0	4-3
SIU Edwardsville	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
SMU	0-0	11-4	0-0	11-4
South Carolina State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
South Carolina Upstate (USC Upstate)	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
South Dakota	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
South Florida	0-0	14-4	0-0	14-4
Southeast Missouri	5-2	0-0	0-0	5-2
Southeastern Louisiana	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Southern Illinois	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2
Southern Mississippi	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Southern Utah	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
St. Francis (Pennsylvania)	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
St. Joseph's	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
St. John's	0-0	5-6	0-0	5-6
St. Mary's	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-1
Stanford	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-2
Stony Brook	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Syracuse	0-0	2-6	0-0	2-6
TCU	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Temple	0-0	9-3	0-0	9-3
Tennessee	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Tennessee State	5-1	0-0	0-0	5-1
Tennessee-Martin	7-0	2-0	0-0	9-0
Tennessee Tech	3-2	0-0	0-0	3-2
Texas	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Texas A&M Corpus Christi	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1
Texas San Antonio	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Texas Southern	0-0	3-0	0-0	3-0
Toledo	0-0	2-0	0-0	2-0
Tulane	0-0	6-1	0-0	6-1
Tulsa	0-0	8-1	0-0	8-1
UAB	0-1	1-3	0-0	1-4
UC Davis	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
UCLA	0-0	2-1	–	2-1
UC Santa Barbara	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
UMass Lowell	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
UNLV	0-0	2-0	2-0	4-0
USC	0-0	0-0	2-5	2-5
Utah	0-0	0-0	5-0	5-0
Utah Valley	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Vanderbilt	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
VCU	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1
Villanova	0-0	4-4	1-0	5-4
Wagner	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Washington	0-0	0-0	6-0	6-0
Washington State	0-0	0-0	4-2	4-2
Weber State	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
West Florida	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
West Virginia	0-0	3-5	0-0	3-5
Western Carolina	0-0	3-0	0-0	3-0
Western Illinois	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Western Kentucky	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1
Western Michigan	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Wichita State	0-0	4-1	0-0	4-1
Winthrop	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Wright State	0-0	3-0	0-0	3-0
Wofford	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Wyoming	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
Xavier	0-0	5-8	0-0	5-8
TOTALS	**69-24**	**296-147**	**68-30**	**433-201**



DARREN SAVINO

Associate Head Coach
Fourth Season
Jersey City College '16

Darren Savino enters his fourth season as UCLA's associate head coach in 2022-23. He has helped the Bruins compile a 68-30 record over the past three seasons, playing a major role in the development of the team's frontcourt players.

Savino arrived in Westwood in April of 2019 after having spent the previous nine seasons on the coaching staff at the University of Cincinnati. The 2022-23 season will mark his 15th year working alongside head coach Mick Cronin. Now in his fourth season at UCLA, he worked with Coach Cronin for nine seasons while at Cincinnati (2011-19) and for two years at Murray State (2005-06).

Through the last three years at UCLA, Savino has played a major role in helping the Bruins return to national prominence. UCLA finished in second place in the Pac-12 in 2019-20 and 2021-22 and fourth place in 2020-21. The Bruins advanced to the NCAA Final Four in 2021, UCLA's first such trip since 2008. One year later, UCLA returned to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 as a No. 4 seed in the East Region. Over the past three seasons, the Bruins have gone 23-11 in games decided by five points or fewer (including games that extended into overtime).

Savino, working alongside Cronin at Cincinnati and UCLA, has helped his teams win at least 20 games in 11 of the past 12 seasons (UCLA's 19-win campaign in 2019-20 was abruptly cut short due to the outbreak of COVID-19). He was a part of a 30-win season at Cincinnati in 2016-17 and a 31-win season the next year (2017-18). Over the past nine seasons – three at UCLA and six at Cincinnati – his teams have gone 126-39 in conference play (including a 40-17 record in Pac-12 action).

Through the past three seasons on UCLA's coaching staff, Savino has seen five Bruins secure first-team All-Pac-12 honors – Tyger Campbell in 2021 and 2022, Jaime Jaquez Jr. in 2022, Johnny Juzang in 2022 and Chris Smith in 2020. In 2021-22, UCLA's team had three of the Pac-12's five players on the conference's all-defensive team, with Jaquez Jr., Jaylen Clark and Myles Johnson.

The Bruins' 2021-22 squad went 27-8 and reached the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 for the second straight year. The Bruins finished in second place in the Pac-12 standings (15-5 record) and were the runner-up at the Pac-12 Tournament. UCLA ranked No. 1 in the Pac-12 in scoring defense (64.5 ppg allowed) for the first time since 1973-74. In addition, UCLA ranked No. 2 in the conference in scoring offense (75.4 ppg).

Savino helped UCLA achieve strong success during the 2020-21 and 2019-20 seasons, his first two years in Westwood. The Bruins advanced to the 2021 NCAA Final Four with five consecutive wins in Indiana, as the NCAA Tournament was hosted in the "bubble" during the pandemic-altered season. UCLA concluded the 2020-21 season with a 22-10 record and 13-6 mark in league play. In 2019-20, the Bruins went 19-12 overall after having won 11 of their final 14 games. The team finished in second place in the Pac-12 (12-6 record). Cronin became UCLA's first head coach to be named the Pac-12 Coach of the Year since 2006 (Ben Howland).

While at Cincinnati, Savino helped the Bearcats to nine consecutive NCAA Tournaments from 2011 through 2019. During that nine-year span, Cincinnati won at least 22 games each season and finished within the top three spots in the American Athletic Conference during their final six years (2014 through 2019).

A native of New Jersey, Savino helped Cincinnati secure two American Athletic Conference (AAC) regular-season titles in 2014 and 2018. In addition, Cincinnati won back-to-back AAC Tournament titles in 2018 and 2019, the program's first back-to-back conference tournament crowns since 1995 and 1996.

Savino was elevated to the role of associate head coach at Cincinnati in April 2018. In 2018-19, he helped the Bearcats compile a 28-7 overall record and win the AAC Tournament title despite losing AAC Player of the Year Gary Clark (Houston Rockets), Jacob Evans III (Golden State Warriors) and Kyle Washington (NBA G League), the Bearcats won 13 of their final 16 conference games to finish second in the league's regular-season standings. Jarron Cumberland secured AAC Player of the Year acclaim,



marking Cincinnati's second such selection in as many years, as the Bearcats clawed out 11 victories by five points or fewer.

In 2017-18, Cincinnati matched its school record for single-season victories, compiling a 31-5 record. Savino helped Cincinnati record back-to-back 30-win seasons for the first time in program history (after Cincinnati had gone 30-6 in 2016-17). The 2017-18 Cincinnati squad had secured its first outright regular-season league championship since 2002 and its first conference tournament crown since 2004. The Bearcats won 16 consecutive games and climbed to the No. 5 spot in the Associated Press poll midway through the 2017-18 season.

Through nine seasons at Cincinnati, Savino helped the Bearcats' program compile a 235-79 record (.748 winning percentage). In addition, he temporarily had been the associate head coach at Cincinnati during the 2014-15 season while Cronin missed 25 games due to health reasons.

Savino joined Cincinnati's coaching staff after a four-year stint as an assistant coach at Rutgers University (Piscataway, N.J.). He was named the associate head coach at Rutgers in April 2010 after the resignation of head coach Fred Hill. Savino played a major role in recruiting McDonald's All-American and fellow Jersey City native Mike Rosario to Rutgers in 2008. Rosario had made a name for himself in the Big East Conference, having averaged 16.2 points and 16.7 points as a freshman and sophomore, respectively.

Prior to having worked at Rutgers, Savino served as an assistant coach for two seasons on Cronin's coaching staff at Murray State (2004-05, 2005-06). Those two Murray State teams won a pair of Ohio Valley Conference titles and advanced to the 2006 NCAA Tournament.

Savino served as an assistant coach at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., for two seasons (2002-03 and 2003-04). He had joined Quinnipiac's coaching staff after a three-year stint at the University of New Mexico (2000-02). Savino worked in Albuquerque under head coach Fran Fraschilla, guiding the Lobos to three straight NIT trips (National Invitational Tournament).

Savino held a similar title at East Carolina University in 1998-99 and at St. John's University from 1996-98. During the second of his two seasons at St. John's, the Red Storm advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in five years. That team featured future NBA players Ron Artest, Felipe Lopez, Zendon Hamilton and Lavor Postell. Before working at St. John's, Savino spent the 1995-96 season as an administrative assistant at Seton Hall University (South Orange, N.J.). He began his coaching career as a junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach at Marist High School in Bayonne, N.J.

Savino graduated from Jersey City College with his degree in business administration, specializing in sports management. He was a member of the Jersey City basketball team that advanced to the NCAA Division III Final Four in 1992.

A graduate of St. Anthony High School in 1989 (Jersey City, N.J.), Savino played under legendary coach Bob Hurley, Sr., where he teamed with Bobby Hurley and Roderick Rhodes, a high school All-American, on a team that won the USA Today national championship during his senior season.



ROD PALMER

Assistant Coach
Fourth Season
UC Irvine '90

Rod Palmer enters his fourth season as an assistant coach at UCLA in 2022-23. He joined the Bruins' program in May of 2019 after having spent the previous 12 seasons coaching at Long Beach State and San Diego State.

Palmer has coached in the Southern California region for the past 29 years, both at the high school and college levels. He spent the 2018-19 season as an assistant coach at San Diego State. Previously, Palmer worked for 11 years as an assistant coach at Long Beach State, including the final four seasons as the program's associate head coach.

Over the past three seasons, Palmer has played a major role in helping UCLA compile a 68-30 overall record, including trips to the NCAA Final Four in 2021 and the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 in 2022. UCLA finished in second place in the Pac-12 in 2019-20 and 2021-22 and in fourth place in 2020-21. During Palmer's three years in Westwood, the Bruins have gone 40-17 in Pac-12 play. In addition, UCLA has gone 23-11 in games decided by five points or fewer (including games that extended into overtime).

During Palmer's time with UCLA's program, the Bruins have seen five players earn first-team All-Pac-12 honors – Tyger Campbell in 2021 and 2022, Jaime Jaquez Jr. in 2022, Johnny Juzang in 2022 and Chris Smith in 2020. In 2021-22, UCLA had three of the Pac-12's five players on the league's all-defensive team, with Jaquez Jr., Jaylen Clark and Myles Johnson.

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In 2020-21, UCLA went 22-10 overall and logged a 13-6 record in the Pac-12 (fourth place). The Bruins opened their Pac-12 schedule with eight straight wins, the program's best such conference start since opening with a 9-0 record in 1982-83 (in Pac-10 play). UCLA advanced to the NCAA Final Four after recording five consecutive wins, starting with a First Four victory in overtime against Michigan State.

In 2019-20, Palmer helped the Bruins manufacture a strong mid-season turnaround. UCLA went 19-12 overall, won 11 of its final 14 games and finished in second place in the Pac-12 standings. Mick Cronin became UCLA's first head coach to be named Pac-12 Coach of the Year since 2006 (Ben Howland).

Prior to joining UCLA's coaching staff, Palmer guided San Diego State's program to a 21-13 overall record in 2018-19. The Aztecs went 11-7 in the Mountain West Conference that season, advancing to the championship game of the MWC Tournament. San Diego State twice defeated top-15-ranked Nevada in the final four weeks of the season.

During his 11 seasons at Long Beach State (2007-08 through 2017-18), Palmer guided the 49ers to one NCAA Tournament appearance (2012) and three NIT berths (2011, 2013 and 2016). Long Beach State won the Big West Conference's regular-season title in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Palmer helped Long Beach State compile a record of 114-64 in Big West action through 11 seasons (.640 winning percentage). He also saw Long Beach State produce three Big West Player of the Year selections and 14 first-team all-conference performers.

Among several of the notable student-athletes who Palmer recruited and coached while at Long Beach State included James Ennis, Casper Ware, Mike Caffey, Justin Bibbins and Larry Anderson. Bibbins spent his final collegiate season excelling at Utah, where he earned All-Pac-12 Team acclaim. Ennis secured Big West Player of the Year honors at Long Beach State in 2013, was drafted that season by the Atlanta Hawks and later emerged in the Detroit Pistons' starting lineup (2017-18). Ware was a two-time Big West Player of the Year (2011, 2012) and spent time with the Philadelphia 76ers. Caffey was a three-time All-Big West Team selection, while Bibbs was a two-time All-Big West Team honoree. Anderson was named the Big West Conference's Defensive Player of the Year in 2012.



Palmer spent seven seasons as head coach at Centennial High School in Compton (2000-2007). While at Centennial, Palmer led the Apaches to the 2004 CIF Division III State Championship, while his 2002 squad was a state finalist. He served as head coach for future UCLA standout Arron Afflalo, who was a McDonald's All-America selection in 2004 in addition to securing CalHi Sports All-State honors and CIF-SS Division III co-Player of the Year acclaim. Afflalo starred at UCLA (2004-05 through 2006-07) and was a first-round NBA Draft selection in June 2007, before excelling in the NBA for 11 seasons.

Palmer's teams at Centennial won the CIF Division III Southern Regional Championship in 2002 and 2004, while his 2006 squad captured the CIF Division III-A Championship. Prior to coaching at Centennial, Palmer served as head coach at Compton High School for seven seasons (1993-00). Two of his former players at Centennial realized their NBA dreams in 2007. Afflalo was selected by the Detroit Pistons as the No. 27 overall pick, while Gabe Pruitt was chosen in the second round by the Boston Celtics.

Centennial's 2004 state championship team was led by Afflalo, who scored 24 points and added five rebounds in a 60-36 victory against Bishop O'Dowd (Oakland) in the state title game.

Palmer also coached two players at Compton High that ended up getting selected in the NBA Draft – Jeff Trepagnier in 2001 (by the Cleveland Cavaliers) and Tito Maddox in 2002 (by the Houston Rockets).

Through 14 seasons as a high school coach, Palmer guided his teams to eight CIF section title games (including six consecutive), three Southern Regional championship games, two Southern Regional championships, two state final games and one Division III state title. He sent over 25 players to NCAA Division I schools on basketball scholarships.

Palmer earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from UC Irvine in 1990 and later received his teaching credential-secondary in social science from Cal State Dominguez Hills in 2004. He is a member of the Black Coaches Association.

Palmer prepped at Dominguez High School and was a two-time All-CIF guard before earning a scholarship to play at UCLA. He competed for the Bruins in 1985-86 (25 games) and in 1986-87 (21 games) before transferring to UC Irvine. While at Dominguez High School, he secured first-team All-America honors from the National High School Athletic Coaches Association and earned honorable mention acclaim from USA Today.

Palmer, 55, and his wife, Sherell, have three children – two daughters, Erin and Shevae, and one son, Joshua. Palmer's sister, Violet Palmer, was the first female referee in the NBA and retired in 2016.



IVO SIMOVIC

Assistant Coach
First Season
Union University '13 (Serbia)



Ivo Simovic enters his first season as an assistant coach at UCLA in 2022-23. He joined the Bruins' program in June of 2022 after serving as an assistant coach at Loyola University Maryland for the previous four seasons.

Simovic (pronounced EE-voh SIM-oh-vitch) brings a veteran coaching pedigree to Westwood, with experience in college, European and NBA circles. A native of Belgrade, Serbia, Simovic has coached at Loyola University Maryland, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the University of Hartford.

While at Loyola University of Maryland, Simovic was instrumental in the recruitment and development of a pair of Patriot League All-Rookie Team selections from Spain – Santi Aldama and Golden Dike. In 2021-22, Loyola University produced a first-team All-Patriot League honoree in Cam Spencer, who finished the season as the conference's leading scorer (19.1 points per game) and leader in steals (2.3 steals per game).

Spencer, Aldama and Andrew Kostecka (two-time selection) had secured NABC All-District acclaim during Simovic's four seasons with the Greyhounds.

He arrived at Loyola University of Maryland prior to the 2018-19 season, after one year as an assistant coach at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2017-18. He was on the coaching staff at Hartford from 2015-17 as an assistant coach (2015-16) and as the program's associate head coach (2016-17).

Simovic's most notable international experience has included stops in Spain and in his native country, Serbia. He served as head coach and sports director for CB Espacio Torrelodones near Madrid, Spain. He helped the organization attract some of the top Spanish talent during an eight-year run with the program. Simovic served as the Torrelodones' head coach in Liga EBA from 2007-09 before becoming the general manager and head coach of the organization's U-18 and U-20 teams.

Simovic was responsible for all basketball development within the club. His responsibilities included signing senior and youth players, mentoring coaches, and coaching various squads. He led the Torrelodones' U-18 team to its age group national semifinals on three occasions. One of the coaches that he mentored, Darko Rajakovic, was an assistant coach with the Oklahoma City Thunder and Phoenix Suns before joining the staff of the Memphis Grizzlies.

During his final years in Spain, Simovic served as an international scout for the San Antonio Spurs. He was an assistant coach for the organization's NBA Summer League team in Las Vegas in 2013 and 2014. Simovic received an NBA championship ring with San Antonio (2014) after the organization won the NBA Finals against the Miami Heat.

Simovic spent the first seven years of his professional career as the head coach and recruiting coordinator for the Red Star in Belgrade (formally known as Crvena zvezda, Red Star is a professional club in Serbia that has been a founding member and shareholder of the Adriatic Basketball Association).

He coached several players who played on youth and senior national teams for Serbia and Montenegro that won multiple European championships. Red Star won the 2004 Serbian Championship under Simovic's leadership and finished as runner-up in Serbia in 2007.

Simovic, 43, graduated from Union University in Belgrade with his bachelor's degree in industrial economic management in 2013. He is fluent in English, Spanish and Serbian.

Simovic and his wife, Jelena, have two children, Ema and Marko.



DOUG ERICKSON

Director of Administration
31st Season
San Jose State '90

Doug Erickson enters his 31st year working with the UCLA men's basketball program in 2022-23.

As the Director of Basketball Administration, Erickson is responsible for all internal operations of the basketball program and serves as a liaison between the coaches and department administrators. He is involved in the day-to-day operations of the team, including finance, travel, meals, ticketing, housing, financial aid and parking.

Erickson organizes and serves as co-director of the UCLA basketball camps each summer. He helps coordinate every aspect of the camp including housing, meals and camp speakers.

During Erickson's tenure at UCLA, the Bruins have made 23 appearances in the NCAA Tournament, including five trips to the NCAA Final Four. He was a member of the staff when UCLA won the 1995 NCAA Championship. In addition, UCLA has captured seven Pac-12 regular-season titles and two Pac-12 Tournament championships.

Erickson joined the Bruins' staff in 1992 after serving as an accountant for two years at Cadence Design Systems, a leading semiconductor company in San Jose, Calif.

A native of Eureka, Calif., Erickson played four years of basketball and graduated from Eureka High School. In 2013, he was inducted into the high school's athletic Hall of Fame.

Erickson earned a bachelor's degree in economics at San Jose State in 1990. His career has been shaped by his family, where all six members played basketball at one time or another.



T.J. WOLF
Director of Player Personnel
4th Season
Murray State '07

T.J. Wolf enters his fourth season on the UCLA men's basketball staff in 2022-23. He serves as the program's Director of Player Personnel.

Wolf played college basketball at Murray State under head coach Mick Cronin and joined UCLA's staff in July of 2019. He was hired as the program's Director of Student-Athlete Development. Prior to moving to Los Angeles, Wolf had spent the previous six seasons on the men's basketball staff at Cincinnati. He served as the video coordinator and the Director of Student-Athlete Development during his six-year tenure with the Bearcats, working for Coach Cronin.

In his current role, Wolf assists UCLA's program with the day-to-day schedules of student-athletes, advanced scouting of upcoming opponents, film edits and video analysis.

Through the past three seasons, the Bruins have compiled an overall record of 68-30. UCLA finished in second place in the Pac-12 in 2019-20 and 2021-22 and fourth place in 2020-21. The Bruins advanced to the NCAA Final Four in 2021, the program's first such trip since 2008. One year later, UCLA returned to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 as a No. 4 seed in the East Region. Over the past three seasons, the Bruins have compiled a record of 23-11 in games that were decided by five points or fewer (including games that extended into overtime).

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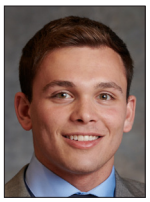
The Bruins engineered a strong turnaround midway through the 2019-20 season, finishing with a 19-12 record and a second-place finish in the Pac-12.

Wolf began working alongside Coach Cronin in August 2013 at Cincinnati, serving as the Bearcats' video coordinator. He was elevated to the role of Director of Student-Athlete Development in August 2016. He had arrived at Cincinnati from Martinsville High School (Martinsville, Ind.), where he had served as the school's assistant varsity basketball coach since 2007. Among his duties at Martinsville included editing film, coordinating daily practices, preparing scouting reports and conducting individual workouts. He also served as an academic supervisor, summer league coach and summer camp director.

Wolf graduated from Martinsville High School, the same school that former UCLA coach John Wooden attended in the 1920s. Wolf was a standout point guard for Martinsville (1998-2002), concluding his high school career as the school's all-time assist leader and as the No. 2 all-time scorer. He helped the Artesians win the sectional championship in 2002 and was named an all-state selection. Wolf was a four-time all-conference and all-sectional honoree and a two-time Metro West Player of the Year selection.

Collegiately, Wolf played three seasons at Murray State under the direction of Coach Cronin (2004-06). He helped lead the Racers to the 2006 Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) regular-season title, as well as conference tournament titles and NCAA Tournament appearances in 2004 and 2006. During those three seasons, Murray State compiled an overall record of 69-24.

Wolf, 39, earned his undergraduate degree in education from Murray State in 2007 and his Master's degree from American College of Education (Indianapolis, Ind.) in January 2013.



NATE GEORGETON
Director of Student-Athlete Development
4th Season
Cincinnati '19

Nate Georgeton enters his fourth season on the UCLA men's basketball staff in 2022-23. He joined the Bruins' program in the summer of 2019 after having graduated from the University of Cincinnati.

Georgeton serves as the UCLA program's Director of Student-Athlete Development. He assists the coaches with a variety of responsibilities, especially those within video analysis. Georgeton oversees the program's postgame video edits, as well as practice film and scouting assessments. He plays a major role in managing recruiting databases and schedules. He was hired as the team's video coordinator when he arrived in the summer of 2019.

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In 2018-19, Georgeton served as student manager on Mick Cronin's staff at Cincinnati while he was pursuing his undergraduate studies. He served as the team's primary video coordinator that season, as the Bearcats went 28-7 and won the American Athletic Conference Tournament before advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the ninth straight season.

Georgeton graduated from the University of Cincinnati with his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a focus in sports administration and business. He spent his first two years of college at Northwood University (Division II), competing for the men's basketball team in Midland, Mich. As a sophomore at Northwood (2017-18), he averaged 5.7 points and 2.4 assists per game, starting in 23 of 27 games. He did not play as a freshman in 2016-17, as he recovered from a knee injury (torn anterior cruciate ligament).

Georgeton, 26, was a three-year varsity basketball letterwinner at Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.



NATE GIRMA
Athletic Performance
2nd Season
Seattle Pacific '12

Nate Girma enters his second season as the men's basketball team's athletic performance coach. Girma returned to UCLA in Oct. 2021 after having assisted the Bruins' program from 2018-20.

Girma oversees all aspects of the men's basketball team's strength and conditioning program. The 2022-23 season will mark UCLA's sixth season using the state-of-the-art Kevin Love Strength and Conditioning Center, located on the second level of the Mo Ostin Basketball Center (opened in October 2017).

Girma played a vital role in UCLA's success during the 2021-22 season as the Bruins' director of athletic performance. UCLA compiled a 27-8 record and finished in second place in the Pac-12 Conference, advancing to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16. The Bruins were ranked in each week's top 25 poll (both AP and Coaches) throughout the 2021-22 campaign, finishing the year ranked No. 11 in the weekly Coaches' Poll.

During the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons, Girma assisted the UCLA men's basketball team in a variety of athletic performance activities. His previous responsibilities had included the development of athletic performance training plans, sports science and nutrition. Girma had previously served in similar capacities at the University of Washington and UC San Diego.

While working at UC San Diego from 2015-17, Girma was the primary strength and conditioning coach for multiple athletic teams, including the baseball and water polo programs. He assisted with performance training responsibilities with the UCSD men's and women's basketball teams and managed the lifting schedules for 23 varsity athletic programs.

Prior to his time in San Diego, Girma worked as a performance coach in the Seattle area and served as an intern strength and conditioning coach at the University of Washington (2013-14). He worked with the men's basketball program at Washington and assisted with training for numerous Olympic sport teams.

Girma has also worked as a strength coach within the UCLA Recreation Office. His duties with the recreation office have included the instruction of multiple health and wellness programs for a variety of campus communities.

A Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist from the National Strength and Conditioning Association, Girma graduated from Seattle Pacific University in 2012 with his bachelor's degree in exercise science. He also earned his master's degree in exercise science from California University of Pennsylvania in 2016.

Girma, 33, also has his certification as a Performance Enhancement Specialist from the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

Born and raised in Seattle, Girma was a four-year varsity basketball letterwinner at Seattle Prep before attending Seattle Pacific University.



TYLER LESHER
Staff Athletic Trainer
2nd Season
New Mexico State '14

Dr. Tyler Lesher enters his second season as the UCLA men's basketball team's athletic trainer in 2022-23.

In his current role, Lesher handles all day-to-day athletic training responsibilities and oversees multiple sports medicine interns. He joined the UCLA athletic training and sports medicine department in October 2021.

Lesher, who hails from Wyoming, spent the 2020-21 academic year as an assistant athletic trainer at Florida Atlantic University. Prior to his time at FAU, he spent four years working in the NBA and the NBA's G League.

Lesher served as the head athletic trainer/strength and conditioning specialist for the Greensboro Swarm, the Charlotte Hornets' NBA G League affiliate from August 2017 until November 2020. His first opportunity in the NBA took place with the Cleveland Cavaliers. While in Cleveland (Sept. 2016 until May 2017), Lesher served as an intern athletic trainer. He was the head strength and conditioning/assistant athletic trainer for the Canton Charge, the Cavs' NBA G League affiliate.

After he earned his bachelor's degree in athletic training from New Mexico State University in 2014, Lesher worked as a men's basketball graduate assistant athletic trainer for Chico State. He earned his master's degree in kinesiology at Chico State while on the job from 2014 to 2015.

Lesher, 33, is a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC), Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS), Certified Orthopedic Physician Extender (OPE-C), Corrective Exercise Specialist (CES) and Performance Enhancement Specialist (PES). He earned his Doctorate in Health Science and Exercise Leadership from California University of Pennsylvania, focusing reducing systemic inflammation through nutrition and exercise, in the fall of 2021.



CHRIS CARLSON
Associate Athletic Director
9th Season
UC Santa Barbara, '93

Chris Carlson his ninth year as an Associate Athletic Director at UCLA. Carlson provides oversight and direction of the men's basketball program.

Among his multiple reponsibilities, Carlson helps manage the budget of men's basketball-related activity. In addition to his work with the men's basketball team, he oversees the men's tennis, women's tennis, men's golf and women's golf programs.

This marks Carlson's 13th year working at UCLA, having served as Director of Operations for the men's basketball program from 2004-07. He returned to UCLA in October 2014 after having spent the 2013-14 season as Associate Commissioner of the West Coast Conference.

Carlson served as the head men's basketball coach at UC San Diego for six seasons (2007-08 through 2012-13), helping the Tritons make three postseason appearances. He made an immediate impact in 2007-08, leading the Tritons to an 18-12 overall record, the program's best mark since 1998-99. That season, UC San Diego captured the program's first-ever CCAA Tournament title before earning a No. 8 seed in its first NCAA Tournament appearance at the Division II level. His team posted a 17-11 mark in 2008-09 before earning a No. 4 seed in that season's conference tournament.

A San Diego native, Carlson was part of two Final Four teams at UCLA (2006, 2007). Prior to joining the Bruins in 2004, he served as Director of Operations for the men's basketball program at the University of Pittsburgh (2001-02, 2002-03). Prior to that, he spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Northern Arizona (1999-01).

Carlson began his coaching career at his alma mater, UC Santa Barbara, where he served as an assistant coach from 1994-98. He graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1993 with his bachelor's degree in history.

Carlson and his wife, Karen, have two sons, Nick and Charlie. His older son, Nick, plays on the men's basketball team at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif.



ALEX TIMIRAOS
Athletic Communications
17th Season
Boston College '06

Alex Timiraos enters his 17th year working in the UCLA athletic communications office in 2021-22, his 11th season as the contact for the men's basketball team.

Timiraos oversees all aspects of media relations with the men's basketball program, handling day-to-day interview and credential requests, editing various publications (including the information guide) and overseeing the team's social media accounts. He also serves as the primary contact in the athletic communications office for the women's rowing program. During his 10 seasons with the men's basketball program, the Bruins have advanced to the NCAA Tournament seven times (with five trips to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16).

Timiraos served as the primary contact for the baseball and men's and women's water polo teams during his first six years at UCLA. He accompanied the UCLA baseball team to the College World Series in 2010 and 2012. Prior to UCLA, Timiraos spent his four undergraduate years (2003-06) working as a student assistant in the athletic media relations office at Boston College.

A lifelong Los Angeles resident, Timiraos graduated from Boston College in May 2006, earning a bachelor of arts degree in communication.



DANA WEBER
Marketing
7th Season
Indiana '12

Dana Weber begins her seventh season working in UCLA's athletics department in 2022-23, serving as the Assistant Athletic Director, Marketing.

Weber serves as the primary contact for all men's basketball-related marketing initiatives and various promotional and community relations items. In addition to working with the men's basketball program, Weber has worked with UCLA's football program, the women's basketball team and the water polo programs.

Weber arrived at UCLA in July 2016 after spending over four years with Indiana University's athletic department. She began as a marketing intern at Indiana in July 2011 before being promoted to Director of Marketing and Fan Experience. During her time at Indiana, she collaborated on promotional efforts for the football, men's basketball, water polo, softball and soccer programs.

Originally from the Ft. Lauderdale area, Weber competed on the women's water polo team at Indiana University. She earned her bachelor of arts degree from Indiana in journalism and fine arts history.



DANIELA HURTADO
Performance Dietician
2nd Season
Georgia '16

Daniela Hurtado enters her second season working the men's basketball program as the performance dietician. Hurtado manages the basketball team's fueling station and helps individualize student-athletes' meals and vitamins, based off their labs and performance goals.

In addition, Hurtado implements and assists with nutrition education (and correlated presentations) for the basketball team's student-athletes. She collaborates with UCLA's athletic performance coaches to ensure that student-athletes are able to meet their performance goals.

Hurtado's previous dietitian experiences have included roles with the NFL's Los Angeles Rams and the athletic departments at both Southern Methodist University and the University of Georgia. As a dietitian with the Rams in 2019 and 2020, she created and implemented return-to-play protocols for injured athletes and personalized pregame supplements for players. In addition, Hurtado has worked as a performance dietician with UCLA Health Sports Performance Powered by EXOS in nearby El Segundo, Calif.

While at Southern Methodist, Hurtado oversaw all aspects of the performance nutrition program and helped to create the first sports nutrition student volunteer program for the department. She helped establish sport-specific fueling stations for several athletic teams, including women's basketball, swimming and diving, and men's and women's tennis.

Hurtado is a registered dietician (RD) and graduated from the University of Georgia with her bachelor of science degree in dietetics. She also earned her master of science degree in exercise physiology from Florida State University.



BEN BALDWIN
Equipment Manager
1st Season
Washington State '20

Ben Baldwin enters his first season at UCLA working with the men's basketball program as the team's equipment manager. He also works with the UCLA men's and women's golf programs.

Baldwin, who grew up in Portland, Ore., spent the 2021-22 school year working in the equipment room at the University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB). While at UAB, he facilitated equipment responsibilities across all 18 varsity athletic teams.

As an undergraduate student at Washington State, Baldwin worked for four years as a student equipment manger with the Cougars' men's basketball program. He also served an internship working with the Portland Timbers (Major League Soccer). Baldwin earned his bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Washington State in 2020.



CHARLIE IBARRA
Staff Associate
2nd Season
Gonzaga '18

Charlie Ibarra enters her second year working with the UCLA men's basketball team as the program's staff associate. Her primary responsibilities include office management and day-to-day administrative responsibilities for head coach Mick Cronin and the Bruins' coaching staff.

Ibarra worked in the athletic department's Sales and Service office for three years, selling season tickets for football and men's basketball games. She finished in the top three in ticket sales in 2019-20.

In addition, Ibarra assisted with UCLA's return-to-training COVID-19 testing iniative for athletic games and practices across all sports during the 2020-21 school year. The department's return-to-training iniative helped make athletic seasons possible in a spectator-free environment.

Ibarra graduated with her undergraduate degree in business administration (concentration in finance) and a minor in sport management from Gonzaga University in 2018.

As an undergraduate student at Gonzaga, Ibarra worked in the athletic department's administration office and game management office for three years.