Dan Guerrero

Director of Athletics
18th Year
UCLA '74

Seventeen years and 32 NCAA Championships later, Dan Guerrero's mantra of 'image and substance' has clearly been established at a level that few others in his profession can approach. At the department's helm when UCLA Athletics became the first to 100 NCAA team championships, the Bruins' current total of 118 NCAA titles ranks second in the nation. UCLA teams have also finished second 29 times and have totaled 130 Top 5 NCAA finishes.

Across all sports, UCLA teams are fixtures in the postseason, with 20 Bruin teams in 2018-19 qualifying for NCAA postseason play. The football team has appeared in 13 bowl games, while the men's basketball team advanced to consecutive Final Fours from 2006-08 and has made six trips to the Sweet 16. The program has also won 73 conference championships in 16 different sports, produced nearly 800 All-Americans and featured 11 Honda Award winners, including 2018-19 Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year Rachel Garcia. In his 17 years at UCLA, the Bruins have finished second five times and third four times in the race for the Learfield IMG College Directors' Cup. In 2017-18, UCLA recorded a school-record 1,326 points in a close runner-up finish for the Directors' Cup.

Guerrero was the first athletic director at the NCAA Division I level (FBS, FCS and NCAA Division I-AAA) to earn three NACDA Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year awards (2013-14 and 2006-07 at UCLA, 2001-02 at UC Irvine). In 2017, he was honored by the National Football Foundation with the John L. Toner Award, becoming the first-ever sitting athletics director from the West Coast to receive the honor. He was also selected as a finalist for the Athletic Director of the Year at the 2017 Sports Business Awards.

While success on the playing field with 32 NCAA Championships in 15 different sports and 29 second-place finishes during his tenure are extraordinary numbers, UCLA's academic success under Guerrero is equally noteworthy. During the Fall 2017 quarter, a record 341 student-athletes made the Director's Honor Roll, a number that was surpassed in Winter 2018, when 351 earned that distinction. UCLA's Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Academic Progress Rates (APR) continue to remain high nation-wide. The UCLA student-athlete GSR is currently at an all-time high 90%, and every Bruin team maintained multi-year APR rates of 930 or above, including four who achieved perfect scores of 1000.

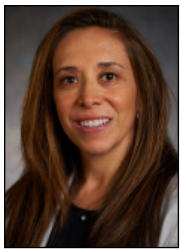
Guerrero has extensive experience in committee work at both the NCAA and conference level. Currently, he serves on the Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, which he previously chaired for two years, and he also recently chaired an NCAA Working Group on behalf of the Division 1 Men's Basketball Rice Commission. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), the Institute for Sport and Social Justice, the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, and the United States International University Sports Federation, where he also serves as Vice President.

Resource development has been a core tenet of Guerrero's tenure. During this recent UCLA Centennial Campaign, from 2014 through July 2019, Guerrero and his external development team have raised in excess of $325 million in fundraising support to the program. He also secured major long-term apparel and rights-holder contracts with Under Armour and WME-IMG that, at the time of their signing, were the largest collegiate deals nationally in their respective areas. During his tenure, he has spearheaded in excess of $430 million in new and renovated UCLA athletic facilities.

Guerrero came to UCLA from UC Irvine, where he had served as UCI's fifth permanent Director of Athletics for 10 years (1992-2002), helping to elevate that program to unprecedented success. Prior to arriving at UCI, Guerrero worked at Cal State Dominguez Hills, where he led that program to national prominence while serving as Athletic Director for five years (1988-92).

A proud alumnus of UCLA, Guerrero received his Bachelor's degree from the University in 1974 and played second base for the Bruins for four years. Known as "Warrior" during his playing career, he was inducted into the UCLA Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996. Guerrero earned a Master's degree in Public Administration in 1982 from Cal State Dominguez Hills and was named to the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society for Public Affairs and Public Policy that same year.

Guerrero was raised in Wilmington, CA. He is married to the former Anne Marie Aniello, and they have two grown daughters.



Dr. Christina Rivera

Sr. Asso. Athletic Director/SWA
13th Year at UCLA
UC Irvine '96

Dr. Christina Rivera is in her fourth year as the Senior Associate Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) and 13th year overall at UCLA, having joined the staff in September 2007.

In her role, Dr. Rivera directly supervises several sports, administrative areas and leads department initiatives, especially in the areas of Title IX and gender equity, women in sport, governance and legislation, and performance evaluation and program assessment. As a member of the senior management team reporting directly to the Director of Athletics, she serves in a leadership role for coaches and staff and works towards establishing department goals as well as developing and implementing department policy.

In addition to these responsibilities, Dr. Rivera collaborates with University officials to provide guidance and direction to coaches and staff in order to enhance the growth and development of student-athletes both on and off the field. In the face of changing NCAA legislation, she also works to develop strategic initiatives and programs that benefit the department, teams, coaches, staff and student-athletes and ensures that they are executed in a consistent, efficient and professional manner throughout the support services areas.

Prior to serving as the Senior Associate Athletic Director/SWA, Dr. Rivera was the Associate Athletic Director responsible for the academic and student support services provided to Bruin student-athletes. This included academic counseling, academic mentoring, peer learning, student services and student-athlete development programming. She also had direct oversight of the academic eligibility certification process as well as the requirements associated with the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) and NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR).

Dr. Rivera joined the Bruins after spending four years as the Associate Director and Eligibility Coordinator for the Student-Athlete Academic Services Office at USC, where she also served as the Academic Counselor to the football, men's basketball, women's soccer and women's volleyball teams. Prior to her stint at USC, Dr. Rivera was an Athletic Academic Counselor for the Student-Athlete Support Services Office at Ohio State University. During her time in Columbus, she was also a lecturer for the School of Physical Activity and Educational Services, as well as for the Athletics Department.

Dr. Rivera is on the Board of Directors for the Collegiate Women Sports Awards, which honors the nation's top NCAA women student-athletes recognizing superior athletic skills, leadership, academic excellence and eagerness to participate in community service. Dr. Rivera is an active member of the National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals (N4A) and is a member of Women Leaders in College Sports. In June 2007, she received the N4A Professional Promise Award presented to a member who has dedicated their energy to the Association and its members. She has also presented at several conferences in regards to factors related to academic achievement and student-athlete retention, as well as the use of technology for reporting and increasing academic accountability in athletics.

Dr. Rivera earned her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education Administration at Ohio State University in August 2004 where her dissertation focused on the identification of key factors student-athletes perceived to be important to the college student-athlete retention process. She also earned her Master's degree in Educational Policy from the University of Pennsylvania and her Bachelor's degree in Social Ecology at UC Irvine, where she was a varsity soccer student-athlete.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Rivera currently resides in Marina Del Rey with her spouse and son.

Dr. Gene Block

Chancellor
13th Year at UCLA
Stanford '77

Dr. Gene Block became chancellor of UCLA in summer 2007, taking the helm of a world-class institution comprising 37,000 students and 27,000 faculty and staff, with an annual budget of $3.6 billion. As chief executive officer, he oversees all aspects of the university's three-part mission of education, research and service.

Previously, Dr. Block served as vice president and provost of the University of Virginia, where he also held the Alumni Council Thomas Jefferson Professorship in Biology. With academic expertise in biological clocks, he conducts research on the neurobiology of circadian rhythms in higher organisms, leading a research lab funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). From 1991 to 2002, he directed the National Science Foundation's Science and Technology Center for Biological Timing. In 1997, he was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has invented a number of devices and holds a patent for a non-contact respiratory monitor for the prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Dr. Block joined the faculty of the University of Virginia in 1978 as an assistant professor of biology. He served as vice provost for research from 1993 to 1998 and then as vice president for research and public service until his appointment as vice president and provost in 2001. He also headed an NIH graduate training program aimed at increasing the number of scientists from underrepresented groups. In 1998, he received the Commonwealth of Virginia's Outstanding Public Service Award for his work with Virginia's business community.

A native of Monticello, NY, Dr. Block holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University and a master's and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Oregon. He also completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford, working with the late Colin Pittendrigh, "the father of biological timing" and distinguished biologist and former Stanford President, Donald Kennedy. Dr. Block and his wife, Carol, have two adult children.

Built on a firm foundation of academic excellence and superior athletic performance, the Pac-12 Conference renewed its undisputed claim as the Conference of Champions® in 2018-19. Beyond the courts and fields, the Pac-12's accomplishments extend into the classrooms across 12 campuses, and outside its traditional geographic footprint into new corners around the world.

The only conference to win 500 NCAA Championships, the Pac-12 once again led the nation in 2018-19 with 13 NCAA crowns. This haul adds to an incredible 188 NCAA team titles claimed since 1999-2000 and 330 since 1981-82, the start of women's sports sponsorship, an average of nearly nine per year. Even more impressive has been the breadth of the Pac-12's success with championships coming in 28 different men's and women's sports. The Pac-12 has led or tied the nation in NCAA Championships in 53 of the last 59 years, with the exceptions coming no lower than third.

For the 14th-consecutive year, the Pac-12 had the most, or tied for the most, NCAA titles of any conference in the country, winning at least six every year since 1999-2000. No other conference has won double-digit NCAA crowns in a single year, the Pac-12 doing so 11 times, including a record 14 in 1996-97.

Spanning over a century of outstanding athletics achievements, the Pac-12 has claimed 526 NCAA Championships (304 men's, 191 women's, 31 combined), over 200 more than the next league.

Pac-12 members have won 304 NCAA team championships on the men's side, 85 more than the next-closest conference. Men's NCAA crowns have come at a phenomenal rate for the Pac-12 - 16 basketball titles by six schools, 54 tennis titles, 47 outdoor track & field crowns, and 29 baseball titles. Pac-12 members have won 25 of 49 NCAA titles in volleyball, 45 of 50 in water polo, 31 in skiing, and 25 in swimming & diving national championships.

Individually, the Conference has produced an impressive number of NCAA individual champions. Over 2,000 (2,334) individual crowns have been won by Pac-12 student-athletes over the years with 1,370 by male student-athletes. Student-athletes have also captured 186 individual titles at combined championships (i.e., skiing and fencing).

On the women's side, the story is much the same. Since the NCAA began conducting women's championships 38 years ago, Pac-12 members have claimed at least four national titles in a single season on 29 occasions, including every year except one since 2000-01. Overall, the Pac-12 has captured 191 NCAA women's titles, easily outdistancing the SEC, which is second with 103. Pac-12 members have dominated a number of sports, winning 24 softball titles, 24 tennis crowns, 16 volleyball titles, 19 of the last 30 trophies in golf, and 17 in swimming & diving.

Pac-12 women student-athletes have captured an unmatched 808 NCAA individual crowns, an average of over 21 championships per season, including 29 in 2018-19.

The Pac-12's excellence is further proven in the annual Division I Learfield IMG College Directors' Cup competition, the prestigious award that honors the best overall collegiate athletics programs in the country. STANFORD won an unprecedented 25th-consecutive Directors' Cup in 2018-19 to lead the Conference, leading a 1-5-6 finish for Pac-12 institutions. Six Pac-12 member institutions ranked among the top-25 Division I programs: No. 1 STANFORD, No. 5 USC, No. 6 UCLA, No. 18 CALIFORNIA, No. 19 ARIZONA STATE and No. 24 WASHINGTON. At least five member institutions have been ranked in the top 25 each year of the Directors' Cup program.

2018-19 REVIEW

The Conference's 13 NCAA titles came in the form of eight women's, four men's crowns and one from a combined sport. Seven Conference members claimed at least one NCAA title and, of the five institutions in the country to have won multiple titles, two were from the Pac-12.

STANFORD tied the single-season NCAA record for most NCAA titles with six, a record the Cardinal had set in 1996-97. The Cardinal extended its streak of winning an NCAA title to 43 years with the women's volleyball team capturing its second crown in three years and NCAA-leading eighth national championship all-time. Stanford was one of just five teams in the nation to win multiple NCAA Championships in 2018-19 and the only one to win more than a pair.

Also a multiple championship winner, UCLA defended its beach volleyball title winning an All-Pac-12 final and claimed its NCAA-leading 12th softball crown, the Conference's first since 2011.

Led by senior Dani Jones who claimed the individual crown, COLORADO dominated the women's cross country field to claim its third all-time title. USC won its 10th national championship in men's water polo, playing in its NCAA-record 14th-consecutive final. UTAH skiing won its second title in three years and 12th all-time while CALIFORNIA men's swimming and diving built a commanding 85-point cushion over the second-place team to win its first national crown since 2014 and sixth in program history. WASHINGTON women's rowing swept all three grand finals to win the NCAA Championship for the second time in three years.

In addition to the 13 national championships, the Pac-12 also had runners-up in six NCAA Championship events: men's water polo (STANFORD), women's swimming (CALIFORNIA), women's indoor track & field (USC), women's water polo (USC), beach volleyball (USC) and wiomen's track & field (USC). In nine sports, there were at least two teams among the final four and 33 teams finished in the top four at 21 NCAA Championship events, including all-Pac-12 finals in beach volleyball, men's water polo and women's water polo.

Participation in the postseason was a common occurrence for the Pac-12 in 2018-19. Of the 24 sports sponsored by the Conference, 19 witnessed at least half its teams participating in NCAA or other postseason action. The men sent 63 of a possible 95 teams into the postseason (66.3 percent), while the women sent 79 of a possible 130 teams (60.8 percent).

PAC-12 CONFERENCE HISTORY

The roots of the Pac-12 Conference date back more than 100 years, to December 2, 1915, when the Pacific Coast Conference (PCC) was founded at a meeting at the Imperial Hotel in Portland, Ore. The original membership consisted of four schools - the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Washington, the University of Oregon, and Oregon Agricultural College (now Oregon State University). All four are still charter members of the Conference.

The University of Colorado accepted its invitation to join the Pac-12 on June 11, 2010, and on June 17, 2010, the University of Utah agreed to join the Conference. The Buffaloes and Utes officially became the 11th and 12th members of the Conference on July 1, 2011, the first additions to the league since 1978.

It was during the 2010-11 academic year that Commissioner Larry Scott helped deliver monumental changes that transformed the Conference into a modern 12-team league. In addition to expanding to 12 teams, member institutions agreed to equal revenue sharing for the first time in the Conference's history, created two football divisions - the North and the South, and established a Football Championship Game for the first time. He also secured landmark media rights deals with ESPN and FOX that dramatically increased national exposure and revenue for each school, in addition to establishing Pac-12 Networks which guaranteed enhanced exposure across all sports.

Currently, the Pac-12 sponsors 11 men's sports and 13 women's sports, with the most recent additions coming in the 2017-18 (women's lacrosse) and 2015-16 (beach volleyball) academic years. Additionally, the Conference is a member of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) in four other men's sports and two women's sports.

The Pac-12 Conference offices are located in the heart of San Francisco in the SOMA district.

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