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In collaboration with the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF), UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital and the V Foundation for Cancer Research, UCLA Athletics and its men's and women's basketball teams have raised more than \$100,000 for the 12th consecutive year, with a goal of \$175,000 to further advance treatments and cures.

In total, Dribble for Victory Over Cancer has generated more than \$2 million toward the cause since UCLA Athletic Hall of Famer John Vallely introduced it at his alma mater in 2008.

1. John and Karen Vallely with Cori Close, The Michael Price Family Head UCLA Women's Basketball Coach.
2. (L-R) Charisma Osborne, Tyger Campbell and David Singleton with a young participant.
3. Men's water polo players Jack Larsen (left) and Tommy Gruwell (right) pose with Bruin swimmer Lauryn Johnson (center).
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 12/20 7 PM FRESNO STATE	 1/8 2 PM USC BLUE OUT	 1/13 8 PM STANFORD
 1/15 12 PM CAL	 2/3 8 PM ARIZONA	 2/5 12 PM ARIZONA STATE
 2/10 5 PM OREGON STATE	 2/12 12 PM OREGON	 2/23 6 PM WASHINGTON STATE
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BASKETBALL

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 12/4 2 PM OREGON	 12/10 12 PM DENVER	 12/21 2 PM UC DAVIS
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UCLA quarterback **DORIAN THOMPSON-ROBINSON** goes airborne to avoid a Husky defender during the Bruins' 40-32 upset of No. 15 Washington at the Rose Bowl on Sept. 30. Thompson-Robinson ended the contest with 315 yards passing and three touchdowns to propel UCLA to its first 5-0 start since the 2013 season.
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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

ASUCLA Senior Photographer Don Liebig snaps a pic of freshman gymnast **SELENA HARRIS** during the team's annual media day at the John Wooden Center on Sept. 21. Harris, a freshman from Las Vegas, Nev., was the nation's No. 1 recruit in the class of 2022 according to College Gym News. She is expected to be a key element in the team's run for an NCAA Championship in 2023.

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FAMILY REUNION

Senior guard/forward **JAIME JAQUEZ JR.** and his sister, freshman forward **GABRIELA**, pose for pictures during a photo shoot in Pauley Pavilion on Aug. 24. Jaime has played in 97 games during his three-year career, making 89 starts, and is coming off a season in which he earned first-team All-Pac-12 honors after averaging 13.9 points and a team-leading 5.7 rebounds per game in 2021-22. He was recently named to the 20-person watch list for this season's Julius Erving Award, which honors the nation's best small forward. Gabriela is entering her first season in Westwood and is a member of the nation's No. 1 recruiting class in 2022. She averaged 34.2 points and 15.7 rebounds per game as a senior at Adolfo Camarillo last year. She was named Co-MVP of the prestigious McDonald's All-America game, along with incoming freshman Kiki Rice. (Photos: Jan Kim Lim)

TYGER CAMPBELL

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THE PRICE OF GREATNESS

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Senior leader Tyger Campbell is taking his game to a new level.

by JON GOLD

For a moment, Tyger Campbell couldn't believe what he was hearing.

Sitting down with UCLA head coach Mick Cronin to discuss returning to the Bruins for his senior season, he was expecting the full-court press, maybe some flowers, certainly some fine chocolates.

Instead, Cronin was straight up with him.

"I said you shouldn't come back," Cronin said, before pausing for a moment as he realized what he'd just put out there. "Our fans are gonna read this and think I'm crazy, but I said, 'You shouldn't come back if you're gonna be the same guy.' He said, 'You don't want me back?' I said, no I want you back, but here's some fatherly advice: If you're gonna come back, you should come back to try to be great. I don't want you to come back if you want to be the same guy."

But then he made it clear to Campbell.

"There's a price that goes with being great."

That's a price Campbell has been more than willing to pay.

Now that it's his time, his team, Campbell is fully bought in. He's all paid up on the price for greatness.



As a freshman, you're just trying not to get lost.

As a sophomore, you're trying to prove you belong.

As a junior, you're trying to put up numbers and get some attention.

By the time you're a senior — especially one who has put up the numbers Campbell has, both in terms of production and in terms of wins — you've got bigger things on your mind. And a plan in place to achieve those things.

The biggest evolution for a good-bordering-on-great player is in process, in habits. For three years now, Campbell has gotten away with being smarter or craftier or simply more talented than his opponents, and it's hard to argue with the results. Campbell averaged 11.9 points, 4.3 assists

and 2.5 rebounds last year while shooting 41 percent from 3-point range, up from 8.3 points per game and 27 percent 3-point shooting as a freshman.

But entering his senior year, getting challenged from the coaching staff but also the training staff at UCLA, Campbell has added a regimen to his daily routine. He's added proactive care instead of reactive recovery. He's added attention to his nutrition and the timing of his meals and caloric intake.

"It's been pretty evident with his daily habits," UCLA athletic trainer Tyler Leshner said. "I only worked with him last year — I wasn't here his first two years — and when I got hired, he would come in, but only when he was injured. Now he's in there every day working on something. How can I improve mobility? Stability?"

"How can I get activated more? His diligence has grown. I might have seen him every couple days, and now he's the first one in the training room every day."

Leshner, who worked with NBA players for a half-decade, has been focused on helping Campbell instill the little changes and choices that add up to big results.

"He's acting like a pro, and, really, he's making the decision that a second-contract player starts to make," Leshner said. "A lot of rookies come in, they're running off six hours of sleep, but they're talented enough that it gets them where they need to go. But these older guys, they start to figure it out."

Campbell has always strived to take his body and his conditioning seriously, but until this year, he didn't really know what that meant. In



*After being a key member of the Bruins' 2021 NCAA Final Four run, **TYGER CAMPBELL** averaged 11.9 points, 2.5 rebounds and a team-leading 4.3 assists per game as a junior in 2021-22. He also earned First-Team All-Pac-12 honors for the second consecutive year. (Photo: Scott Chandler)*

THE PRICE OF GREATNESS

SENIOR LEADER TYGER CAMPBELL IS TAKING HIS GAME TO A NEW LEVEL.



Heading into his senior season, **TYGER CAMPBELL** has adopted a business-like approach to his training regimen. (Photo: Jan Kim Lim)



TYGER CAMPBELL signs a basketball at the recent Pac-12 Conference Media Day in San Francisco on Oct. 26. With Campbell at the helm, the Bruins were selected first in the annual Pac-12 men's basketball preseason media poll. (Photo: Jan Kim Lim)

his younger days, he'd wake up early, drink some water and head to the gym, skipping a pre-workout meal, not the kind of person, he says, to "heal myself in the morning."

It's not so much that he was making bad choices, but he wasn't making intentional ones.

His training, nutrition, mental health, practice, weight room — all of it was done with determination, yes.

But Campbell wasn't seeing a bigger picture.

The bigger picture is this: Doing the right thing does not mean choosing not to eat In-N-Out at 1 a.m. after a night out with friends. Doing the right thing means being in bed by 10 p.m. in the first place. It's not about making the right choice or the wrong choice. It's putting yourself in a position to not have to make that choice at all.

"A big thing for me has been staying coachable," Campbell said. "After playing so many games over the years, you get used to things; as a freshman, you're antsy, and each year you get more laid back, but by this year, I'm just focusing right now. I worked really hard this summer. I narrowed in on a few things. I tried to get in the best shape I can be in."

"When I'm in the game, I want to play the hardest minutes I can play."

Even if those minutes look very different.

Because the Tyger Campbell we're about to see is a lot different than the Tyger Campbell we've gotten to watch for three seasons.



For a moment, Campbell couldn't believe what he was hearing.

He's a pure point guard, maybe the purest in all of college basketball, but Cronin wants him to change his game from a fundamental level. He wants Campbell to actually be more selfish.

And Cronin is starting to see the vision come to fruition. He admits, it's a wild vision.

"I want him in Steph mode," Cronin said, flashing a giant grin.

He means Steph Curry, the Golden State Warriors all-timer, the point guard who plays like a shooting guard, the facilitator who does his most damage from 26 feet out, if not 36. If not 46.

In UCLA's first scrimmage against a top-25 San Diego State team that regularly boasts one of the feistiest defenses in the country, Campbell had seven 3-pointers and 31 total points.

Wait, hold on. Pause.

What was that again?

In UCLA's first scrimmage against a top-25 San Diego State team that regularly boasts one of the feistiest defenses in the country, Campbell had seven 3-pointers and 31 total points.

This, from a guy who scored 20 points three times as a junior, twice as a sophomore and once as a freshman.

This, from the nation's sixth-best player in assist-to-turnover ratio last season. This from a guy who stands a shade below six feet.

With Johnny Juzang and Jules Bernard gone and Cronin trying to prevent Jaime Jaquez Jr. from sharing too much of a load on his own, Campbell is being asked to change his game.

"His role changes exponentially this year," Cronin said. "He was playing pure point guard, taking care of the ball, facilitating, playing with guys who can really score on the wings. Now I'm asking him to be a big-time scorer. I totally tried to change his mentality this offseason."



That's not an easy task for a player who sees the floor like Campbell does, and certainly not for a player as unselfish as Campbell.

"I've always been a confident player, and I've always tried to make the right play," Campbell said. "But at this level, with how defenses are, coaches have seen I won't be crazy with the ball. I'm not going to be perfect, but there's a middle ground. He trusts me to take care of the ball, and I want to do things and make plays. The fun thing of being a point guard is being able to get people involved."

You'd think that would be music to a coach's ears, but for this team, at this moment, Cronin wants Campbell to shed some of the kumbaya. It's OK to be a little egotistical. It's OK to be a little cocky.

Cronin wants Campbell to understand something: Sometimes the pass is the wrong play, even it's the right one.

That won't be too much of a stretch for Campbell.

"Being a point guard, you have to be an extension of your coach," Campbell said. "I've had a lot of great coaches growing up, and I got really lucky playing for coach Cronin. It's easy. I know what he says to me is what's best for me. When he yells on me, I have to take the good things he says. We have a good relationship because I like to be coached. He has my back and I have his."



There are big sacrifices — giving up the highlight pass in order to become more score-first — and there are small sacrifices.

Just a few days ago, Leshner and Campbell were hanging out in the training room when Campbell said he was hungry. Nutritionist Daniela Hurtado asked what he was going to go eat, and to two sports fitness fanatics who view food as fuel, the answer wasn't too kind. Something fried.

"So we said, 'Don't go eat that, go eat this, and here's why,' and Tyger says, 'Wow, I didn't know it would have that effect on me,'" Leshner said. "We got him set up to eat something significantly healthier, and we were reminded, for a lot of these guys, they don't know what they don't know."

Campbell knows a thing or two about sacrifice, though, and he's ready to make it.

"To be great, you're going to have to sacrifice more off the floor," Cronin told Campbell before the season. "You have to give things up, whether it's staying up late, parties, fast food, whatever it is. You're not gonna like any of



HEAD COACH MICK CRONIN (center left) makes no secret that UCLA's chances of having a special season rely heavily on the play of Campbell. (Photo: Jan Kim Lim)

this, by the way. But it's all gonna help you: More time in the gym, more in the training room, more sleep, better diet — that's fact. If you don't do that, you're going to be the same player you were last year, and I have a PhD in this, coaching for 20-plus years. I've seen it."

"We sat down and laid out a plan. At times, he dominates a game, but how do you dominate the entire time? You've got to train, you've got to recover, you've got to sleep better, eat better."

He's done that. Put in a plan. Executed it. Lived up to it. Honored it. Now with the team in his hands, Campbell knows it's his time.



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UCLA WOMEN'S



BASKETBALL



by JON GOLD

YOUNG GUNS

UCLA's star-studded freshmen class is ready to make its mark.

The Michael Price Family UCLA Women's Head Basketball Coach Cori Close smiles and looks off camera. She's speaking through Zoom, sitting across the table from two of her highly rated recruits, Kiki Rice and Gabriela Jaquez, the two final pieces of the Baby Bruins' prodigious freshman class.

She grins and winks at Jaquez.

"She's still trying to get over being mad at me that it took me so long to offer," Close said. "I didn't offer her until late."

Jaquez protests off camera.

"I was the last offer!"

That happened on July 16. Jaquez, the sister of UCLA men's basketball all-American Jaime Jaquez Jr., committed 14 days later.

But the makings of the nation's No. 1 women's basketball class date back to 2019, when a family friend of Rice reached out to Close. It took more than three years for the class to come to fruition, like the world's longest treasure hunt. And Close did have to go near and far to secure a group that is expected to lift UCLA to great heights.

Heights unseen since the Bruins' last No. 1 class.



Building a college basketball team is never easy, particularly in the new age of the transfer portal and NIL millionaires.

But sometimes, an opportunity presents itself. Sometimes the cycle comes full circle.

It did for UCLA in 2014.

That year, the Bruins were faced with replacing guards Thea Lemberger and Lauren Holiday and forwards Atonye Nyingifa and Rhema Gardner. In came Jordin Canada, the program's then-best recruit as the No. 4 player in the nation, as well as fellow guards Monique Billings, Recce' Caldwell, Kelli Hayes and Chrissy Baird.

Like this year's group — which, in addition to Rice and the 19th-ranked Jaquez also includes No. 22-rated prospect Londynn Jones, No. 49-ranked Christeen Iwuala and German-born-and-bred forward Lina Sontag — that group was rated the best in the country. And it showed.

UCLA went on to three straight Sweet 16s and an Elite Eight, led by Canada, the No. 5 pick in the 2018 WNBA Draft after finishing her career first in UCLA history in assists (831), second in points (2,153), third in field goals made (768), second in free throws made (518), third in steals (347) and fifth in 20-point games (42).

All eyes are on Rice to have a similar impact.

The No. 2 recruit in the nation, Rice starred for Sidwell Friends in Washington D.C., where she was named the Gatorade High School Female Athlete of the Year, Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year and Naismith High School Player of the Year, as well as McDonald's All-American game

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KIKI RICE poses on the red carpet during the 2022 ESPYS presented by Capital One after being named the Gatorade Female High School Athlete of the Year. (Photo by Joe Faraoni/ESPN Images)

co-MVP, sharing it with new UCLA teammate Jaquez. She led Sidwell Friends to an undefeated season and a No. 1 national ranking by ESPN.com, averaging 15.8 points, 7 rebounds, 5.1 assists and 2.7 steals per game.

She was drawn to UCLA by Close's promise to cultivate Rice's growth in all areas, not just on the court.

"It was more of a feeling (than anything)," Rice said. "When I came on my visit, you can feel a place, like this is a place I can be happy, where the coaches will push me to be the player I want to become. It was a feeling of a place like home."



For some, it's about the feeling of home. For others, it's about personal and athletic development. For yet others, it's about leading UCLA to the mountaintop. The Bruins haven't won a national title in women's basketball since 1978. They also haven't advanced past the NCAA Women's Tournament second round since 2019.

"We change (our No. 1 thing) for every person," Close said. "That is our mission. Coach Wooden said the biggest form of partiality is to treat every player the same. You can do that without lowering the standard, but their journey can be different."

What is universal, Close said, is that, "I want every young woman in our program to have a transformational experience."

LONDYNN JONES was a member of the 2022 U-18 U.S. National Team, averaging 7.2 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2 steals and a team-high 3.8 assists in helping Team USA go 6-0 at the FIBA Americas Championships. The Americans would go on to win the gold medal at the event. (Photo: Bart Young/BTY Photo)



Since arriving at UCLA in 2011, **UCLA HEAD COACH CORI CLOSE** has recruited some of the top talent in the country to UCLA, with this year's freshmen class ranked No. 1 overall.



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"It's not just about a degree or a championship," she said. "It's about helping them become who they want to become. 'I Am Woman' is a big piece. Yes, as a basketball player, but there's so much more than that. I want them to be facilitated to grow in all ways. I remember the conversations with Kiki, talking about how there's no perfect place, and we're certainly not perfect, but I feel like we can check a lot of boxes."

One of the biggest boxes for both Rice and Jaquez was helping UCLA reach levels never before reached.

"When I talked to coach Cori, she said, 'You're gonna have goals to cut down championship nets,'" Jaquez said. "We all love to win. Along with the school itself, and everything that comes with UCLA, having those intentions of being uncommon, I was excited to get here and start working. I have a lot to improve on."

It was a bit of a reminder that even with remarkable accomplishments and lengthy resumes, these Baby Bruins haven't done anything yet.

A No. 1 ranking for a freshman class counts just about until they get on campus together.



Every so often, Close catches a glimpse of what the Bruins hope to become. In a recent scrimmage, Close saw the ball movement, the anticipation, the

electricity that she hopes becomes the team's hallmark. She also saw, well...

"We had some moments in our scrimmage, where I was like, 'That's going to be fun!' And then I had some plays where I was like, 'Have they ever seen each other before?'" Close said.

"There are moments when you see everything coming together, This scrimmage, we got a glimpse of it, playing against another team, anticipating things, you're picking up where their sweet spot is. But the next possession, it can go bad. The days are starting to stack. It's a process."

—Kiki Rice

The freshmen themselves are starting to see it, as well. "There are moments when you see everything coming together," Rice said. "This scrimmage, we got a glimpse of it, playing against another team, anticipating things, you're picking up where their sweet spot is. But the next possession, it can go bad. The days are starting to stack. It's a process."

The process begins with habits and intention, Close insists. She is trying to work a balance between pouring into these youngsters and letting them learn through mistakes. There's a grin for every grimace.

"I call it the 'healthy tension' of coaching," Close said. "Healthy tension is I need to be celebrating what they're doing well, and I need to be challenging them on things. There comes a point where a coach says we don't have freshmen anymore. As coaches, it's a balance of giving them enough guidance, but knowing in March, coaches don't make plays, players do. It'd be easier for me to take the reins and just have them be robots. "But in March, when we want to cut down nets, that's not an option."



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2022 HALL OF FAME CLASS

On the evening of Friday, Oct. 7, UCLA welcomed nine new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame during an invitation-only ceremony on campus. Those honored that evening were: DeShaun Foster (Football), Linda Robertson Hanley (women's volleyball), Dawn Harper-Nelson (track & field), Kelly Inouye-Perez (softball), Ole Mikkelsen (men's soccer), Dave Saunders (men's volleyball) and Ed Kezirian (administration/football). Patrick Cantlay (men's golf) and Gerrit Cole (baseball) are also in the class, although both were unable to attend the ceremony due to their competition schedules.

This year's class includes two current UCLA coaches in Inouye-Perez and Foster, the reigning PGA Tour Player of the Year Cantlay, Olympic gold medalists Harper-Nelson and Saunders, five-time MLB All-Star Cole, UCLA soccer's all-time leading scorer Mikkelsen, three-time All-American and 1996 Olympian Robertson Hanley and unbeaten football coach Kezirian. The class combined for 12 NCAA championships while at UCLA.

Following are biographies for the 2022 UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame members:

PATRICK CANTLAY

Men's Golf (2010-12)

Cantlay had one of the greatest seasons in collegiate golf as a freshman in 2010-11, winning the Jack Nicklaus Award as the Division I Player of the Year by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA), the Fred Haskins Award as the most outstanding male collegiate golfer, and the Golfweek Player of the Year. He also became UCLA's first and only winner of the Phil Mickelson Award as the GCAA Freshman of the Year and the Ben Hogan Award as the collegiate and amateur golfer of the year. Additionally, Cantlay was awarded the Pac-12 Golfer and Freshman of the Year. He won

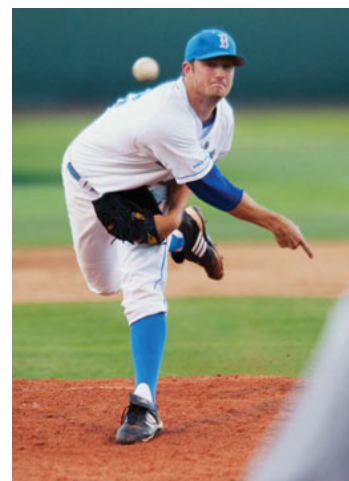


four tournament titles during his historic freshman season, the fourth-most in program history, and he led UCLA to five tournament wins, including victories at the NCAA Regional and during NCAA Stroke Play. Cantlay ranks first all-time in program history with a 70.80 career scoring average (65 rounds/4,602 strokes). Since leaving for the professional ranks, Cantlay has become one of the preeminent golfers on the PGA Tour, ranking as high as third in the official World Golf Rankings and winning 2021 PGA Tour Player of the Year honors after winning four titles during the season. He also helped Team USA win the 2021 Ryder Cup and 2022 Presidents Cup.

GERRIT COLE

Baseball (2009-11)

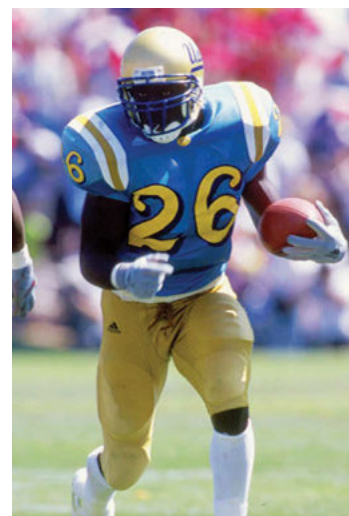
One of the top active pitchers in Major League Baseball, Cole set the stage for his professional success with a standout three-year career atop the rotation at UCLA. Over 50 career appearances in Westwood, Cole recorded a 3.38 ERA and 376 strikeouts over 322 1/3 innings. At the conclusion of his junior year, he was selected No. 1 overall in the 2011 MLB Draft by Pittsburgh, becoming the first-ever No. 1 pick in program history. A Freshman All-American in 2009 and second-team All-American in 2010, Cole helped the Bruins to back-to-back NCAA Tournament berths in 2010 and 2011, including a trip to the 2010 College World Series. He still ranks second in program history in career strikeouts, while also ranking fifth in games started (49) and seventh in innings pitched. Cole, currently in his 10th MLB season, totaled 117 wins, a 3.20 ERA, and 1,673 strikeouts over the first nine years of his career. He has finished top-five in Cy Young voting five times in his career, including each of the last four seasons. A five-time MLB All-Star, Cole signed with the New York Yankees, earning the largest contract for a pitcher in baseball history.



DESHAUN FOSTER

Football (student-athlete, 1998-2001; Assistant Coach, 2017-present)

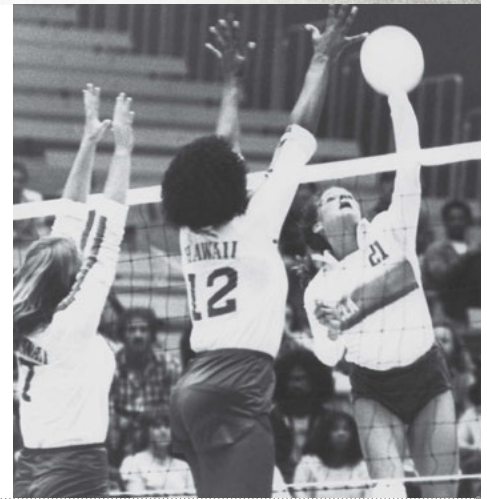
UCLA All-American and NFL standout Foster is one of the most accomplished running backs in school history and returned to Westwood following his professional playing career to serve on the football staff. He completed his Bruin playing career second on the all-time touchdowns scored list (44), third on the school's all-time rushing list (3,194 yards) and fifth on the all-time Bruin scoring list (266 points). Foster was ranked 18th on the Pac-10 career rushing list when he left for the NFL, and his 722 career rushing attempts were the most in school history. As a senior in 2001, he led the Pac-10 in rushing (138.6 yards per game), scoring (9.75 points per game), and all-purpose yardage (154.75 yards per game). In his seven-year NFL career, he recorded more than 4,500 total yards and 16 touchdowns, including a 33-yard run in Super Bowl XXXVIII. During his tenure on the Bruin coaching staff, he has been instrumental in the development of some of the most productive running backs in the Pac-12, Paul Perkins, Joshua Kelley, Demetric Felton Jr. and Zach Charbonnet.



**LINDA ROBERTSON HANLEY***Women's Volleyball (1978-81)*

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Robertson Hanley, an All-American left-handed outside hitter for UCLA in 1978, 1979 and 1981, racked up 1,768 kills, which rank fifth all-time in program history. Robertson led the Bruins to 132 victories over four seasons, and in her freshman season in 1978, she helped the Bruins win the Western Collegiate Athletic Association conference title and advance to the national final. UCLA finished in the top four nationally every year during her career, and she was named to the 1981 NCAA All-Tournament team. Following her graduation in 1983, Robertson Hanley became one of the most prolific women's beach volleyball players in the history of the game, taking home beach titles in four different decades, one of just two players ever to do so. She finished her career playing in over 200 professional beach volleyball tournaments, winning 46 events. Robertson Hanley represented Team USA at the 1996 Olympics on the beach with Barbra Fontana Harris, just missing a medal in the bronze medal match. In 2004, she was inducted into the CBVA Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame.

**DAWN HARPER-NELSON***Women's Track & Field (2003-06)*

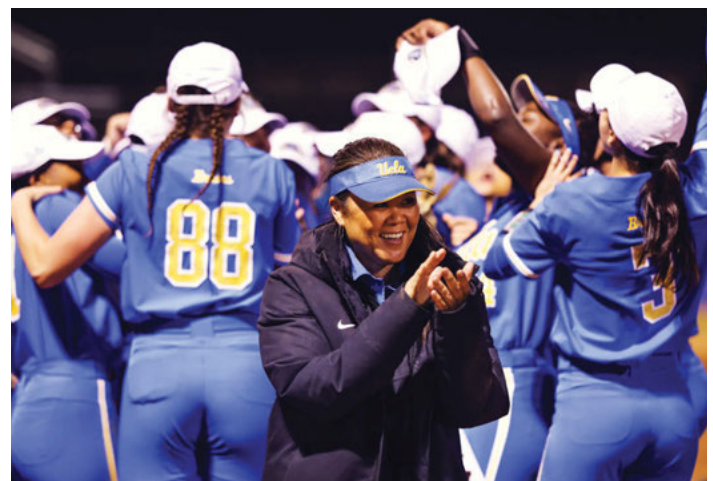
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One of the top hurdlers in UCLA history, Harper-Nelson led the women's track & field program to the 2004 NCAA Outdoor Championship and earned a total of four All-America honors outdoors and seven indoors. Harper-Nelson is the only woman in UCLA history to break the eight-second barrier in the 60m hurdles, running 7.98 in March 2006, and she holds UCLA's No. 4 mark in the 100m hurdles with a time of 12.80, set in 2006. In 2004, she contributed to the Bruins' No. 1 and No. 2 4x100m relay times that stood for 18 years. Harper-Nelson has had a long and successful international career, winning the gold medal in the 100m hurdles at the 2008 Olympics with a personal-best time of 12.54. Four years later, she won silver at the 2012 Olympics, running another lifetime best time of 12.37 in the Olympic final. Although she missed qualifying for a third Olympics in 2016 by .01 seconds, Harper-Nelson continued to excel internationally, winning the silver medal in the 100m hurdles at the 2017 World Championships.

**KELLY INOUE-PEREZ***Softball (Head Coach, 2007-present; Assistant Coach, 1994-2006; student-athlete, 1989-93)*

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The only person ever to win a NCAA Softball Championship as both a player and coach, Inouye-Perez completed her 16th season as head coach at UCLA with two NCAA Championships and eight Women's College World Series appearances. Inouye-Perez has been affiliated with eight of UCLA softball's 12 NCAA championships – two as head coach (2010, 2019), three as an assistant coach (1999, 2003, 2004) and three as a player (1989, 1990, 1992). The Bruins are the all-time winningest program at the Women's College World Series with 107 wins in the tournament's 40-year history, and UCLA has journeyed to Oklahoma City in seven-straight postseasons for the longest active streak in softball. Inouye-Perez leads all active Pac-12 softball coaches with 723 overall victories and 238 conference victories, securing three regular season Pac-12 titles in her tenure as head coach. Inouye-Perez coached Rachel Garcia to two Honda Broderick Cups and three USA Softball Player of the Year awards and produced four 2020 Olympians in Garcia, Bubba Nickels, Delaney Spaulding and Ally Carda. Inouye-Perez and her staff have been consistently recognized for their efforts on and off the field, with the staff being awarded NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year honors in 2010, 2019 and 2021, and Inouye-Perez herself being named the Pac-12 Coach of the Year in 2010 and 2021. As the starting catcher on three NCAA championship teams, she earned All-Pac-10 honors in 1989, 1990 and 1992 and was named to the All-Women's College World Series Team in 1992.



UCLA ATHLETICS

2022 HALL OF FAME CLASS

OLE MIKKELSEN

Men's Soccer (1977-80)

The most prolific scorer in UCLA men's soccer history, Mikkelsen re-wrote the program record book during a four-year stint in Westwood. His career marks of 82 goals and 194 points are both school records and still rank No. 7 all-time in NCAA history. He is the lone player in program history with three seasons of 19 or more goals. Mikkelsen was a first-team All-American in 1978 after notching 52 points, and he earned all-region honors in each of his final three seasons as a Bruin. As a senior in 1980, he logged career-bests of 27 goals and 60 points (both second in single-season program history) to become just the third UCLA player all-time with multiple 50-point seasons. Following his time at UCLA, he went on to play parts of five professional seasons in the NASL, MISL, and Western Soccer League.



ED KEZIRIAN

Extraordinary Service (Football, Administration)

Kezirian, also known as Coach K, was a standout football player at UCLA and then returned as an assistant coach on some of the most successful teams in school history. After his coaching career, his contributions to his alma mater continued as an administrator for academics and student development, where he helped mentor hundreds of student-athletes throughout their education. An all-conference offensive lineman in 1973 who was presented UCLA's Kenneth S. Washington Award as the team's outstanding senior offensive player, Kezirian helped pave the way for a Bruin rushing attack that led the nation (400.3 yards per game) and an offense which established school records for scoring average (42.7 ppg) and single-season rushing yards (4,403) in 1973. As a coach, he helped guide Bruin teams to wins in eight-straight bowl game appearances, including three Rose Bowl victories in 1983, 1984 and 1986, and as interim head coach at the 2002 Las Vegas Bowl he led the Bruins to victory. Three of the teams for which he served as an assistant coach equaled the school record for wins in a season with 10.



DAVE SAUNDERS

Men's Volleyball (1979-82)

Saunders, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, played on UCLA men's volleyball teams which compiled an overall record of 124-5 and captured three NCAA championships (1979, 1981 and 1982). The 1979 UCLA men's volleyball squad was the sport's first to complete an undefeated season, going 30-0. The 1982 squad also posted an undefeated record (29-0) on its way to the national championship. Saunders' Bruin teams also produced a perfect 49-0 record in Pauley Pavilion matches. Saunders, who earned a gold medal for the U.S. playing in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games, was honored as first-team All-America selection in 1982. He was recognized on the all-conference teams in 1982, 1981 and 1980. Saunders was inducted into the SoCal Indoor Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2019.





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UCLA'S CHARISMA OSBORNE AND SAM HERENTON VISIT THE HEART OF ALABAMA'S CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WITH PAC-12 IMPACT.

by JON GOLD



Above: **SAM HERENTON** (left) and **CHARISMA OSBORNE**.
(Photo: Larry Robinson/Pac-12)

Right: Women's basketball player **CHARISMA OSBORNE** (center) crosses the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama with other student-athletes the Pac-12 Conference. (Photo: Larry Robinson/Pac-12)



They marched in the footsteps of greatness, in the footsteps of freedom, singing songs, humming hymns and, finally, kneeling to pray, exactly where the great civil rights leaders of the 1960s made their most powerful statement.

For members of a 46-person, Pac-12 delegation who headed to Selma, Ala. for an immersive journey into the center of the civil rights movement, it was an experience they'll never forget.

UCLA's Charisma Osborne, a star on the women's basketball team and one of two Bruin student-athletes to attend the mid-July event along with track-and-field runner Sam Herenton, called it a "transformational" opportunity.

"It was super powerful to actually be there," said Osborne, in her senior season at UCLA and returning as the program's unquestioned leader. "You hear about (the civil rights movement), and it's easy to say OK, that happened and brush it off. To see what they went through is a totally different experience. It gives you a reality check. Even just being in Alabama in general now, compared to how I live in L.A., it's a totally different lifestyle. It's so much more progressive here than there. It gave me an appreciation for my life and what we have."

It gave Osborne more than that. It gave her a deeper understanding and an education, one that she is bringing back to her UCLA teammates and classmates.

The Pac-12 delegation visited the First Baptist Church, headquarters of the Dallas County Voters League, the student nonviolent coordination committee who helped organize the marches on Selma and Montgomery, and then they walked across Edmund Pettus Bridge themselves, where they sang and prayed.

In Montgomery, the group attended the Interpretive Center at Alabama State University, which became the first team from a Historically Black College & University (HBCU) to play the UCLA football team earlier this season, getting an opportunity to learn more about the role of active students during the Civil Rights movement. The group also visited the Civil Rights Memorial Center, the Alabama Department of Archives and History and the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) Legacy Museum. There, they learned about America's history of racial injustice from the bygone days of slavery to the current era of mass incarceration.

On its first night in Alabama, the group heard from author Sheyann Webb-Christburg, who was just 9 years old on Bloody Sunday, March 7,



Above: Student-athletes from the Pac-12 Conference pose for a picture after crossing the historic **EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE** in Selma, Alabama. (Photo: Larry Robinson/Pac-12)



Above: Track & field athlete **SAM HERENTON** views an exhibit at the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama. (Photo: Larry Robinson/Pac-12)

Below: Track & field athlete **SAM HERENTON** (right) and women's basketball player Charisma Osborne discuss their recent experience in Alabama at the UCLA Athletic Department's All-Staff Meeting on Oct. 12 (Photo: Jesus Ramirez)



1965, the occasion of the first march across Edmund Pettus Bridge, when marchers faced Billy clubs and tear gas from local police. The next day, from Lydia Blackmon Lowery, who was 15 when she marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to fight for voting rights.

Hearing from those who lived through an era of racial disharmony and violence left an imprint on Osborne.

It also inspired her to continue to use her platform to advocate for change. And it's quite the platform: last year, Osborne ranked third in the Pac-12 in scoring (16.4 points per game) and was a Region 5 finalist for the WBCA All-America award, along with a first-team All-Pac-12 selection for the second-straight season.

Following her visit, Osborne spoke with her UCLA teammates about her experience.

"Hearing the stories, seeing the videos of what actually happened in that time — when you learn about it in school, they make it seem like it was so long ago," Osborne said. "It really wasn't long ago. There are a lot of people who are still alive today, and hearing their experiences was really hard to hear."

Hard, but important. And an emphasis of the conference as a whole.

"The Pac-12 is committed to developing meaningful educational

opportunities for our student-athletes, including in the critically-important area of social justice," said Pac-12 Deputy Commissioner Teresa Gould. "The trip to Selma & Montgomery provided an unforgettable opportunity to learn about the civil rights movement, and to use the positive impact of those learnings to build a better society for all."

That was a motivating factor for Osborne and Herenton to attend.

Now they are even more inspired coming out of it.

"Everyone who was there was really motivated to want to do more, even if it's just something as small as inspiring people around you," Osborne said.

Added Herenton: "It was a beautiful thing to see, Black men and women, together, talking about something meaningful. And at that, athletes breaking that stereotype."

Osborne learned one big lesson in Alabama.

"There's been progress," she said, "but there's so much more progress left to go."

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**DYLAN ANDREWS**GUARD | 6-2
GARDENA, CALIF.

TV show you've enjoyed binge watching:

Snowfall

NBA player you'd most want to have as a teammate:

LeBron James

Sport you'd want to play other than basketball:

Football (wide receiver)

Dream vacation destination:

Europe

Celebrity you'd most like to meet:

Gervonta Davis

Favorite Movie:

Paid in Full

Most inspirational athlete as a child:

Kobe Bryant

Age you began playing basketball:

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ABRAMO CANKAGUARD/FORWARD | 6-6
GENOA, ITALY

TV show you've enjoyed binge watching:

Fresh Prince of Bel Air

NBA player you'd most want to have as a teammate:

Kevin Durant or Danilo Gallinari

Sport you'd want to play other than basketball:

Soccer

Dream vacation destination:

The Maldives

Celebrity you'd most like to meet:

Will Smith

Favorite Movie:

Do the Right Thing

Most inspirational athlete as a child:

Kobe Bryant

Age you began playing basketball:

8

AMARI BAILEYGUARD | 6-5
CHICAGO, ILL.

TV show you've enjoyed binge watching:

Love Death + Robots

NBA player you'd most want to have as a teammate:

Draymond Green or Jordan Clarkson

Sport you'd want to play other than basketball:

Tennis

Dream vacation destination:

Paris

Celebrity you'd most like to meet:

Nipsey Hussle or Kurt Cobain

Favorite Movie:

Dumb and Dumber

Most inspirational athlete as a child:

Tom Brady or Mike Tyson

Age you began playing basketball:

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ADEM BONAFORWARD | 6-10
EBONYI, NIGERIA

TV show you've enjoyed binge watching:

Car Masters: Rust to Riches

NBA player you'd most want to have as a teammate:

Chris Paul

Sport you'd want to play other than basketball:

Soccer (center back)

Dream vacation destination:

Japan

Celebrity you'd most like to meet:

Giannis Antetokounmpo

Favorite Movie:

The Expendables

Most inspirational athlete as a child:

Hakeem Olajuwon

Age you began playing basketball:

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Women's Gymnastics

My favorite part of being a UCLA student-athlete is *the standard of excellence that I strive to present in my sport.* My most memorable experience as a Bruin so far has been *my first time competing in Pauley with fans in attendance after the pandemic.* If I could switch lives with anyone for 24 hours it would be *Zendaya.* When I'm not training I can often be found *dancing literally anywhere.* My favorite spot on campus is the *Botanical Gardens.* In 10 years I hope to be an *award-winning producer.* Sometimes after a difficult practice or workout I like to wind down by *watching Netflix or taking naps.* The best advice that anyone has ever given me was *there is never one path to success, so create your own.* Anyone who comes to a UCLA gymnastics meet can expect to see *beautiful high-flying gymnastics all around and stellar floor routines.* If I won the lottery, I would definitely have to visit *Greece* and then take some money and *give back to the people who have helped me get to where I am today.* Something that most people don't know about me is that I'm pretty good at *board games.* The one thing I wish I had known before my freshman year is *everything I had planned for my first year of college was not going to happen the same way I imagined it, but I can still make the most out of my college experience.* My dream scenario in gymnastics would be to *win a national championship with my team.*





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