

KA'LEILA ABRILLE

5-3 / Graduate Student
Pole Vault
Woodstock, Ga.
Riverwood International Charter /
Rutgers

Career Honors

2024 Indoor Second Team All-American

2024

Appeared in six indoor and seven outdoor meets ... Repeated as the top Bruin pole vaulter ... Opened the indoor season with a first-place finish at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Invitational (4.12m, 13-06.25) ... Collected back-to-back second-place finishes at the New Mexico Team Open and at the Charlie Thomas Invitational ... Ranks third all-time on UCLA's Indoor Top 10 List after posting a 4.40m (14-05.25) at the Don Kirby Elite Invitational in February ... The effort resulted in her second event victory of the indoor season ... Named Second Team All-America at the 2024 NCAA Division I Indoor Track & Field Championships with a 13th place finish ... Was a scorer for the Bruins at the USC Dual Meet ... Claimed fourth place in the Conference with a mark of 4.33m (14-02.50) at the Pac-12 Championships, the fifth highest mark in UCLA outdoor history ... Placed 32nd in the region at the NCAA West Rounds to close out the season ... Indoor Second Team All-American (Pole Vault) ... Selected to the Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll for indoor track & field.

2023

Competed in three indoor and seven outdoor meets for the Bruins in 2023 ... Recorded UCLA's best mark in both indoor (4.06m, 13-03.75) and outdoor (4.15m, 13-07.25) seasons ... Consistently a top performer for the Bruins, Abrille opened her indoor season with a third-place finish at the Dr. Martin Luther Jr. Invitational by clearing a mark of 4.00m ... Finished second at the Dr. Sander Invite and ninth at the Don Kirby Invite ... Claimed the top four marks of the season for the Bruins during the outdoor campaign ... Placed second at the Ben Brown Invitational to open the spring campaign (4.05m, 13-03.50) ... Finished fifth in the Pac-12 Championships with her season-best mark of 4.15m ... Claimed victory at the USC Dual Meet ... Ranked 20th in the west after clearing 4.12m (13-06.25) at the NCAA west regional meet.

2022 (at Rutgers)

Placed second with a height of 4.15m (13' 7.25") (pole vault) at the Battle in Beantown ... Placed second with a height of 4.16m (13' 7.75") (pole vault) at the Clemson Invitational ... Placed first with a height of 4.21m (13' 9.75") (pole vault) at the Rutgers Open.

2021 (at Rutgers)

Set a school record with the height of 3.65m (pole vault) ... Placed second with the height of 3.76 (pole vault) at the Maryland Invitational ... Set a school record with the height of 3.90m (pole vault) at the Spire Institute Open ... Placed second with a height of 3.61m (pole vault) at the Nittany Lion Opener ... Placed third with a height of 3.86m (pole vault) at the Penn State Tri Meet ... Placed third with a height of 4.20m (pole vault) at the Big Ten Championships.

High School

Lettered three years in track and field at Riverwood International Charter School ... Set a school record in the pole vault (13-0.25) ... Competed club with Pole Vault Atlanta.

Personal

Born in Atlanta, GA to parents Chris Abrille and Felisha Midgett ... Has two younger brothers, Lincoln and Ledger, and a younger sister Charlie.



KATERINA ADAMIEC

5-7 / Graduate Student
Pole Vault
Poway, Calif.
Poway HS

2024

Had three top-three finishes in five appearances during the indoor season, including a second-place finish at the Don Kirby Elite Invitational (4.23m, 13-10.5) ... Cleared a personal best mark of 4.26m (13-11.75) at the Ken Shannon Last Chance Invitational, which is fourth all-time on UCLA's Top 10 Indoor List.

2023

Opened the indoor season with a first-place finish at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational on Jan. 21 (4.00m, 13-01.50) ... Followed it up with a third-placed finish at the Dr. Sander Invitational a week later (3.90m, 12-09.50) ... Competed in three indoor meets and six outdoor meets during the 2023 campaign ... Recorded a season-best mark of 4.05m (13-03.50) at the Pac-12 Championships, placing eighth in the Conference ... Cleared a mark of 3.97m (13-00.25) at the NCAA West Regional meet, placing 28th in the region.

2022

Competed in the Pole Vault in six meets over the season ... Tied for a team season-best mark recording a 3.95m (12-11.50) vault at the West Coast Relays (April 1).

2021

Competed in nine total meets for the Bruins in her true freshman season ... Made her UCLA outdoor debut at the Ben Brown Invitational in Fullerton, where she finished third overall with a clearance of 3.46m (11-04.25) ... Finished fourth in the pole vault at the Stanford Invitational with a clearance of 3.70m (12-01.50) ... Went on to improve her season-best mark in each of her final three outdoor competitions ... Cleared 3.85m (12-07.50) at the West Coast Classic in Arizona, good for sixth place at the meet ... Improved to 3.86m (12-08.00) in the Bruins' dual meet against USC, scoring for UCLA with a third-place finish ... Capped her freshman campaign with a season-best performance at the Pac-12 Championships, clearing 3.95m (12-11.50) to score for the Bruins in seventh place.

High School

Pole vault PR: 13-00.00 ... Long jump PR: 16-05.00 ... Triple jump: 35-06.50 ... Palomar Athlete of the Year in 2018 ... Poway High School Track & Field MVP in 2019 ... Four-year letterwinner in track & field and two-year letterwinner in cheer ... CIF State Finalist in the pole vault in 2019, clearing 12-08.00 for sixth place overall ... Took fourth at the CIF San Diego Section Finals in 2019 with a clearance of 12-06.00 ... Recorded a personal-best clearance of 13-00.00 at the Westview vs. Poway Dual Meet ... Won the 2019 Palomar League title in the triple jump with a season-best mark of 35-05.75 ... Took second at the Palomar League Finals in the long jump with a personal-best leap of 16-05.00 ... Palomar League champ in the pole vault and triple jump as a sophomore in 2018.

Personal

Born in Pensacola, Fla., to parents Emily and David Adamiec ... Has one brother, Nolan ... From Poway, Calif. ... Decided to attend UCLA because it was the "best place for me to further my athletic and academic career, and the campus and location are beautiful" ... UCLA fans might not know that she competed internationally in gymnastics and swimming during her three years living in Japan ... Describes her greatest athletic thrill as when she finally hit a near perfect bar routine at the Level 8 Region 1 championships with a stuck landing to win her last-ever gymnastics meet ... Enjoys swimming, playing games at the beach, and watching movies.



AUDREY ALLEN

5-4 / Redshirt-Sophomore
Distance
Orinda, Calif.
Miramonte HS

2024 (Cross Country)

Competed in three races for UCLA ... Made her season debut at the Gans Creek Classic on Sept. 27, placing 62nd overall with a time of 21:15.0 ... Also raced at the Big Ten Championships (21:36.8) in Savoy, Ill. and NCAA West Regionals (21:59.3) in Colfax, Wash. ... Her appearance at the Gans Creek Classic was her first cross country competition since her true freshman campaign in 2021 ... named to the Fall 2024 Academic All-Big Ten Team.

2024 (Track & Field)

Did not compete with the Bruins ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll.

2023 (Cross Country)

Did not compete for the Bruins.

2023 (Track & Field)

Made her sole appearance of the 2023 indoor season at the Ken Shannon Invite... Ran a 17:29.30 in the 5000m event... Competed in one race during the outdoor season at the Bob Larsen Distance Carnival... Finished the outdoor 5000m race in 17:11.74, the fourth-fastest time for the Bruins during the season.

2022 (Cross Country)

Did not compete for the Bruins.

2022 (Track & Field)

Ran three races for the Bruins during the outdoor campaign... Made her debut at the West Coast Relays on April 1, running the 5000m race... Also competed in the 5000m at the Chris Rinne Twilight, placing first... Finished fourth in the 3000m against rival USC, helping the Bruins capture the top five spots in the race.

2021 (Cross Country)

Competed in four meets as a true freshman this past cross country season ... Made her UCLA debut at the Dellinger Invitational, where she finished as the Bruins' top runner in 46th place overall (21:02.1) ... Made her postseason debut at the Pac-12 Championships, scoring for the Bruins with a 52nd-place finish and a 6k time of 22:27.3 ... Capped her year at NCAA West Regionals, going 21:39.5 for 90th place overall.

High School

Becomes a Bruin an impressive four years at Miramonte High School, where she picked up a 20th-place finish at the State Meet in 2018 and a seventh-place showing in 2019 ... Junior cross country season saw her win 11 of the 12 meets in which she raced, including the Asics Clovis Cross Country Invite, where she posted a 5k PR of 17:49.2 ... Also secured a victory at the 2019 NCS Section Meet, clocking a three-mile time of 17:27.2 ... 2021 track season saw Allen notch personal-best times in the 1600m (4:58.48) and 3200m (10:26.06) ... Also boasts relay experience, running legs on Miramonte's 4x400m and DMR squads this past season ... As a sophomore in 2019, she picked up six individual victories across the 1600m and 3200m.

Personal

Born in Berkeley, Calif., to parents Jefferson and Seanna Allen ... Has an older sister, Emery ... Plans to major in Business Economics at UCLA ... Chose UCLA because, "...I wanted to challenge myself athletically and academically, I wanted to be a Division I athlete, and will have the opportunity to compete at a very high level while receiving an incredible education" ... Says racing the 3200m at the Arcadia Invitational as a senior was her greatest athletic thrill ... She PRed by 17 seconds down to 10:26.06 to break a 38-year-old school record that was set the same year her dad graduated from Miramonte ... Admires elite track athletes Emma Coburn, Karissa Schweizer, Allyson Felix, and Sydney McLaughlin ... Has a food account on Instagram that shows off plant-based recipes that she creates ... Has six cats.



EMIE BERGER

5-5 / Freshman
Middle Distance
Mettman, Germany
Konrad-Heresbach-Gymnasium (HS)

Prior to UCLA

Competed club with TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen ... German champion at the U16 level in the 3k, at the U18 level in the 1,500m, and the U20 level in the 1,500m ... Placed fifth in the 2022 European Championships in the 1,500m ... Placed eighth in the 1,500m at the 2023 European Championships.

Personal

Born in 2006 in Dusseldorf, Germany ... Parents are Andrea and Jörg Berger ... Has three siblings: Mara, Bela, and Ruby ... Plans to major in psychology.



KAHO CICHON

5-4 / Junior
Distance
Fountain Valley, Calif.
Fountain Valley HS

2024 (Cross Country)

Competed in all but one of UCLA's five races for the season ... Top result came at the Bill Dellinger Invitational in Eugene, Ore., as she placed 50th (21:15.3) ... Also competed at the Big Ten Championships (21:35.1) in Savoy, Ill. and the NCAA West Regionals (21:51.3) in Colfax, Wash. ... Named to the Fall 2024 Academic All-Big Ten Team.

2024 (Track & Field)

Competed in three meets during the outdoor season ... Ran three races in the 800m and two races in the 1500m ... Competed in the 4x400m relay at the Stanford Invitational ... Posted a season-best 2:12.88 in the 800m at the Bryan Clay Invitational in April ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll.

2023 (Cross Country)

Competed in five races in her 2023 (Cross Country) campaign ... Had a top finish of second-place at the LMU South Bay Twilight, where her 21:06.6 in the 6000-meter race made her the second-fastest Bruin on the day ... Was the third scorer for UCLA at the Bill Dellinger Invitational, finishing 37th (6000m, 21:16.5) ... Ran a season-best 20:56.10 at the Pac-12 Championships in October ... Placed 120th at the NCAA West Regionals, running a 21:31.2.

2023 (Track & Field)

Ran a 4:54.19 in the only indoor mile she competed in at the Dr. Sander Invite ... Competed in four outdoor meets ... Ran three 800m races and two 1500m races during her freshman campaign ... Posted season-bests in both the 800m (2:10.66) and the 1500m (4:32.19) at the Bryan Clay Invitational in mid-April.

2022 (Cross Country)

A top three finisher for the Bruins in two of her four meets ... She placed 65th at the Weis-Crockett Invitational (22:00.2), the second-fastest Bruin at the meet ... Ran a 20:25.9 at the NCAA West Regional Championships in November to be the number three scorer for UCLA, placing 60th in the West.

High School

Attended Fountain Valley high school for four years ... Was a four-year letterwinner in both cross country and track & field ... Named MVP of both the cross country and track teams during her sophomore and senior seasons ... Two-time Surf League MVP in cross country (2019, 2021) ... 2021 Surf League Most Valuable Runner for the track and field season ... Earned OC Register Girls Athlete of the Week honors in May 2021 ... Named to the OC Register Girl's track and field Dream Team in 2021 ... Won the CIF Division I Championship in the girl's 800m in 2021 ... School record holder in the 800m (2:08) and 3-mile (16:57).

Personal

Born in Tokyo, Japan to parents Patrick and Miwako Cichon ... Has one younger brother, Shane, and three sisters: Simmone, Cheryl, and Lisa ... Chose UCLA because "when I visited, I fell in love with the team & the campus. The team is so genuine and constantly radiates positive energy. UCLA feels like home and being a part of this team feels like family" ... Describes greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill as "being able to give my all in races for my team, coaches, & myself" ... Admires Eluid Kipchoge and Sydney McLaughlin ... Enjoys trying new foods, running, traveling, nature, boba, and hanging out with friends in her free time ... Aspires to represent Japan someday in the Olympics or World Championships ... Majoring in business economics.



ALY CONYERS

5-3 / Senior
Sprints
Columbia, S.C.
Heathwood Hall HS
California

Career Honors

Two-time Indoor Second Team All-American (4x400; 2023-24)
Two-time Outdoor Second Team All-American (4x400; 2023-24)

2024

Ran nine races during the indoor season ... Competed in the 4x400m, 400m, 300m, and 60m ... Won the 4x400m relay at the New Mexico Team Open alongside teammates Kaylen Fletcher, Kate Jendrezak, and Naomi Johnson (3:36.80) ... This relay team would go on to run the fourth fastest time in UCLA indoor history at the Eagle Elite Invitational on Feb. 10 (3:31.32) ... Named Second-Team All America at the NCAA Division I Outdoor & Championships in the 4x400m relay with a tenth place finish ... Opened the outdoor season with a first-place finish in the 400m and a second-place finish in the 200m at the Rafer Johnson & Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational ... Captured third at the Texas Relays in the 4x400m relay ... Ran a season-best 23.73 in the 200m at the UCLA "Legends" Invitational to place second ... Competed in five races at the Pac-12 Championships, finishing second in the 4x400m relay, third in the 4x100m relay, seventh in 400m, and 12th in the 200m in the Conference meet ... Qualified for the national championships with a third-place finish in the 4x400m at the NCAA West First Rounds, running the fourth fastest time in UCLA outdoor history with teammates Kaylen Fletcher, Kate Jendrezak, and Naomi Johnson (3:28.48) ... Also finished 13th and 33rd in the region in the 4x100m and 400m events, respectively ... Named Second-Team All America at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track & Field Championships in the 4x400m, placing tenth in the nation ... Ran a total of seventeen races in the outdoor season ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll for indoor track & field.

2023

Appeared in 12 indoor races and 18 outdoor races during her first season with the Bruins ... Found her rhythm at the Don Kirby Invite on Feb. 11, running a 23.86 for fourth place in the 200m event; her mark ranks seventh all-time for UCLA in indoor competition ... The 4x400m relay team of Naomi Johnson, Conyers, Makenzy Pierre-Webster and Maddy Doane combined to run a 3:36.12 at Don Kirby, which is the eighth-fastest time in UCLA indoor track and field history ... Conyers was also on the relay team that now holds the number two spot all-time (3:30.86), run at the Ken Shannon Last Chance Invite in Seattle ... Ran a season-best 54.03 in the 400m at Ken Shannon, ranking ninth all-time in UCLA's indoor record books ... Earned Second Team All-American with the 4x400m relay team at indoor nationals after placing 10th in the event ... Ran six 400m races during the season ... Cracked the all-time top 10 at the Pac-12 Championships, running a 52.19 in the race ... Placed seventh in the Conference and secured 10th all-time with the team-best mark ... Had two of the team's top three times in the 400m ... A key piece in UCLA's relay teams, Conyers ran as the third leg in all five 4x100m relays and as the first leg in all five 4x400m races this season ... Helped catapult the 4x400m to a fourth-place finish at the Texas Relays ... The relay team ran a season-best 3:30.55 at the NCAA DI Outdoor Track and Field National Championships, taking home a 12th-place finish ... Earned Second Team All-American with the result.

2022 (at California)

Raced in seven outdoor meets for Cal ... Ran the 400m dash in 54.57 at the Pac-12 Championships ... Took second with a personal-best time of 54.15 in the 400m at the Big Meet ... Had a 400m time of 55.04 at the Mt. SAC Relays ... Posted a personal-best 24.27 in the 200m at the Brutus Hamilton Invitational and won the 400m race with her time of 54.72 ... Appeared in five indoor meets for the Bears ... Set a PR of 55.54 in the 400m dash at the Pac-12 Invitational, sixth-fastest in Cal history ... Finished third in the 400m dash at the Don Kirby Elite Invitational with a time of 56.51 ... Raced to a personal-best 25.17 in the 200m dash at the WSU Open ... At the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational, finished the 200m dash in 25.29.

High School

Won the 2021 Foot Locker Scholar Athlete Award ... Holds South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) State records in the 200m dash and the 400m dash ... Competed in the 200m dash and 400m dash at the 2021 Outdoor Nationals Presented by Nike ... Won SCISA State titles in the 200m dash, the 400m dash, and the 4x400m relay in 2021 while also taking second place in the 100m dash ... Raced in the 200m dash, the 400m dash, and the 4x400m relay at the 2019 Virginia High School League (VHSL) 6A State Outdoor Track & Field Championships ... Competed in that year's New Balance Nationals Indoor in the 200m dash, the 400m dash, and the 4x200m relay ... Qualified for the VHSL 6A State Championships in the 300m dash after taking first in the event at the Patriot District Championship ... Also won the 500m race at the District Championships ... In 2018, entered the 400m, the 4x100m relay, the 4x400m relay and the sprint medley relay races, the latter of which earned her New Balance All American status, at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor ... That year, helped her squad to a second-place finish in the 4x400m relay and a third-place finish in the 4x100m relay at the VHSL 6A State Championship, where she also competed in the 400m dash ... At that year's New Balance Nationals Indoor, raced in the 400m dash ... At the 2018 VHSL Class 6A State Indoor Championships, finished second in the 4x400m relay ... Was a member of Trust The Process Athletics ... 4x New Balance nationals All American, 1x Virginia State Champion, 5x South Carolina State Champion, South Carolina Independent School Record Holder (200, 400), Foot Locker Award Winner ... Ran club with Trust The Process Athletics.

Personal

Born in Kansas City, Kansas to parents Agatha and Alex Conyers ... Has one brother, Ace ... Chose UCLA because "UCLA has always been my dream school. It gives me the perfect balance of academics and athletics while located in one of the best cities in the world" ... Describes her greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill as placing in 3rd at New Balance Nationals 2019 in the 4x400m ... Admires LeBron James ... Enjoys Politics and Fashion, and was featured in the Washington Post and Teen Vogue for her work as a Black Lives Matter activist ... Plans to major in sociology.



CARLY CORSNITA

5-3 / Senior
Distance
Mission Viejo, Calif.
Capistrano Valley HS
Oregon

2024 (Cross Country)

Competed in four of UCLA's five races for the season ... Opened her season with a fifth-place finish (22:15.53) in the UCSB-UCR tri-meet ... Posted a time of 21:36.7 at the Big Ten Championships in Savoy, Ill. ... Also raced at the Bill Dellinger Invitational (21:59.1) and Gans Creek Classic (22:28.1) ... Named to the Fall 2024 Academic All-Big Ten Team.

2024 (Track & Field)

Toed the line twice during the indoor season ... Posted a 17:43.88 in the 5000m at the UW Invitational to finish 22nd ... Ran in three races during the outdoor track and field season ... Placed third in the 3000m at the UCLA vs. USC Dual Meet (10:03.78) ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll.

2023 (Cross Country)

Competed in two races during the 2023 (Cross Country) campaign ... Placed 10th at the LMU South Bay Twilight, running a season-best 21:48.6.

2023 (Track & Field)

Ran in three meets for the Bruins during the outdoor track and field season ... Placed fourth in the 3000m event at the USC Dual Meet, crossing in 9:57.54.

2022 (Cross Country)

Competed in two races during the 2022 campaign ... Placed 11th at the Mammoth Dual Meet, crossing the line in 10:21.5 for the 3000m race ... Ran a 21:20.2 at the Highlander Invite on Oct. 15, when the Bruins placed third as a team.

2020-21 (at Oregon)

Competed in the 5k at the West Coast Classic and Oregon XC Open during her freshman year.

High School

A four-year letterwinner at Capistrano Valley in cross country and track and field ... Had three top-20 finishes at the CIF State Cross Country Championships including a career-high seventh as a junior in 2018 ... Made debut at the Foot Locker National Championships with a 34th-place showing in 2019 ... Was seventh at the Foot Locker regional meet ... Two-time South Coast League champion in cross country (2016, 2019) ... At the 2019 CIF State Track and Field Championships, finished 18th in the 3,200 meters ... Runner-up at the CIF-SS Division 2 meet ... Established prep bests of 4:58.98 (1600m) and 10:29.63 (3200m).

Personal

Born in Newport Beach, Calif. to parents Juliet Corsinita, Patrick Corsinita ... Has a brother, Luke ... Chose UCLA "Because I felt it was the best combination of academic and athletic opportunity in an outstanding location, and it had a remarkable sense of community on the team" ... Describes her greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill as when she ran a massive 5K PR at Footlocker West, and unexpectedly qualifying for Footlocker Nationals ... Admires Emma Coburn, Jonathan Quick, Kai Lenny ... Enjoys surfing, videography, skiing, backpacking, watching LA Kings hockey ... Graduated in June 2024 with a Bachelor's in political science, and is currently pursuing a certificate in marketing from UCLA Extension... Aspires to pursue a career in sports marketing.



VALENTINA FAKROGHA

6-3 / Freshman
Jumps
Ventura Beach, Calif.
Ventura HS

High School

Attended Ventura High School in Ventura, Calif. ... 2024 Ventura Star Girl's Track and Field Athlete of the Year ... Finished first in the high jump at the 2024 CIF State Meet ... Finished her high school career with Ventura HS records in the 200m, 400m, high jump, and 4x400 relay ... Won three league high jump titles ... Finished fifth at the 2022 CIF Southern Section Division 2 Finals ... Helped Ventura set a national high school record in the distance medley relay at 11:21.85 ... New Balance Outdoor Nationals High School All-American.

Personal

Full name: Valentina Funebi Fakrogha ... Born in 2006 in Woodland Hills ... Father is Victor Fakrogha ... Has a brother, Dautimi ... Chose to attend UCLA because "UCLA is one of the top universities in the world, and provides a challenging and supporting environment where I can excel in athletics and pursue my education" ... Admires Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone ... Plans on majoring in biochemistry, and aspires to a career in sports medicine.



ASHA FLETCHER

5-8 / Graduate Student
Jumps
Los Angeles, Calif.
Wildwood Secondary School
California

2024

Competed in five indoor meets during her first season at UCLA ... Made her debut as Bruin at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Invitational in January ... Notched a seventh-place finish in the triple jump at the meet ... Recorded UCLA's top indoor marks in the triple jump (12.56m, 41-02.5) and long jump (5.83m, 19-01.5), the triple jump mark seventh all-time in UCLA indoor track and field history ... Was also the top performer in the triple jump during the outdoor season ... Secured an event victory at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Jersee Invitational with a 12.84m (42-01.50) in the triple jump, cracking UCLA's Outdoor Top 10 list ... Placed 21st in the region at the NCAA West First Rounds ... Appeared in five meets during the outdoor campaign in the triple jump and long jump.

2023 (at California)

USTFCCCA Honorable Mention ... Competed in eight outdoor meets for Cal ... Posted a triple jump mark of 13.06m (42-10.25) at the NCAA Outdoor Championships ... Triple jumped 13.33m (43-9) at the NCAA West Preliminary, fourth-best in program history and 22nd in Division I that season ... Set a wind-aided long jump mark of 6.12m (20-1) and a non-wind-aided triple jump mark of 12.73m (41-9.25) at the Pac-12 Championships ... At the 95th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, leaped with the wind for a mark of 13.38m (43-10.75) in the triple jump ... Posted a triple jump mark of 12.82m (42-0.75) at the Cardinal Classic ... USTFCCCA All-Academic ... Competed in three indoor meets for Cal ... At the Don Kirby Elite Invitational, posted a long jump mark of 5.70m (19-0) and a triple jump mark of 12.25m (40-2.25) ... Finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 12.55m (41-2.25) and also set a long jump mark of 5.85m (19-2.5) at the New Mexico Team Open ... Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll selection.

2022 (at California)

Competed in eight outdoor meets ... Posted a long jump mark of 6.18m (20-3.5) and a triple jump mark of 12.87m (42-2.75) at the NCAA West Preliminary ... Won both the triple jump and the long jump at the Big Meet with respective leaps of 13.13m (43-1) and 6.00m (19-8.25) ... At the Mt. SAC Relays, reached a mark of 13.10m (42-11.75) in the triple jump and 6.10m (20-0.25) in the long jump ... Won the triple jump at the Aztec Invitational with a mark of 12.70m (41-8) ... USTFCCCA All-Academic ... Pac-12 Spring Academic Honor Roll ... Competed in four indoor meets for Cal ... Won the long jump at the WSU Open with a personal-best leap of 5.80m (19-0.5) ... Won the triple jump at the WSU Invitational with a PR of 13.03m (42-9), fourth-best in school history.

2021 (at California)

Competed in eight outdoor meets ... At the Big Meet, set the 25th-best triple jump mark of the season in Division I and fourth-best in the Pac-12 with her winning (and personal-best) leap of 13.26m (43-6) ... Also took second place in the long jump at that meet, posting a distance of 5.81m (19-0.75) ... Her long jump of 6.30m (20-8) at the West Coast Classic in Arizona was the sixth-longest in the conference that season, as well as a personal record ... At that meet, she also won the triple jump with a leap of 13.22m (43-4.50) ... Took first place in the long jump (5.90m/19-4.25) and second in the triple jump (12.61m/42-8.75) at the Cal-USC Dual ... Had a best mark of 12.58m (41-3.25) in the triple jump at the Aztec Invitational ... Competed in the long jump and the triple jump at the Trojan Invitational, reaching 5.89m (19-4) and 12.50m (41-0.25), respectively ... Won the triple jump at the Cal-Sac State Dual with a wind-aided leap of 12.45m (40-10.25) ... U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic ... Named to the Pac-12 Spring Academic Honor Roll ... Appeared in one indoor meet ... At the Air Force Collegiate Open, posted a long jump mark of 5.55m (18-2.5).

2020 (at California)

Did not compete.

High School

Holds eight different records at Wildwood School ... Two-time Wildwood girls track & field MVP ... First athlete ever to be recruited from Wildwood ... Named to the 2019 National Top Class Recruit Watchlist ... Placed second in both the long jump and the triple jump at the 2019 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) South Section (SS) Division 4 Finals ... Won the 100m, 200m, long jump and triple jump competitions at that season's Coastal Canyon League (CCL) Finals ... Finished third in the triple jump at the 2019 Arcadia Invitational ... Won the long jump competition at the Nike Redondo Invitational that year ... In 2018, placed third in the long jump at the CIF State Track & Field Championships after also winning the event in the CIF-SS Division 4 Finals and the CCL Finals ... 2018 CCL 100m, 200m and 400m Champion ... Competed in the long jump at that year's Arcadia Invitational ... As a sophomore, reached the CIF-SS Division 4 Finals in the long jump after taking second in the CCL Finals ... Won CCL Championships in the 100m, 200m and 400m dashes that year ... Also played volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball and tennis for the Wolves.

Personal

Majored in cognitive science at California ... Daughter of Mark and Patty Fletcher.



KAYLEN FLETCHER

5-4 / Junior
Sprints
Los Angeles, Calif.
Bishop Alemany HS
San Jose State

Career Honors

2024 Second Team Outdoor All-America (4x400)

2024

Ran in ten indoor races and twenty-two outdoor races in her first season with the Bruins ... Won the 4x400m relay at the New Mexico Team Open alongside teammates Aly Conyers, Kate Jendrezak, and Naomi Johnson (3:36.80) ... This relay team would go on to run the third fastest time in UCLA indoor history at the Eagle Elite Invitational on Feb. 10 (3:31.32) ... With a second-place finish, the mark resulted in one of five top-three finishes for the 4x400m relay team during the indoor season ... Tied for tenth on UCLA's Indoor Top 10 List running a 7.46 in the 60m at the Ken Shannon Last Chance Invitational ... Named Second-Team All-America at the NCAA Division I Indoor Track & Field Championships in the 4x400m relay with a tenth place finish ... Took home an event victory in the 100m at the Texas Relays in March (11.42) ... Captured third at the Texas Relays in the 4x400m relay ... Collected two wins at the UCLA "Legends" Invitational in the 100m and 200m ... Competed in five races at the Pac-12 Championships, finishing second in the 4x400m, third in the 4x100m, seventh in the 100m, and ninth in the 200m ... Qualified for the national championships with a third-place finish in the 4x400m at the NCAA West First Rounds, running the fourth fastest time in UCLA outdoor history with teammates Aly Conyers, Kate Jendrezak, and Naomi Johnson (3:28.48) ... Also finished 13th in the 4x100, 15th in the 200m, and 36th in the 100m at the regional meet.

2023 (at San Jose State)

Helped Women's 1600m Relay team finish second at the 2023 Spokane Indoor Challenge with a time of 3:49.58 ... aided Women's 1600m Relay team finish second at the New Mexico Team Open with a time of 3:46.20 ... third-best Women's 200m Dash record with time of 24.09

High School

Named Team MVP ... Selected as a High School All-American in 2018 ... Played soccer in addition to track and field ... Head of the debate club and apart of National Honor Society in high school.

Personal

Daughter of Princess and Jermaine.



APRIL FONTENETTE

5-11 / Sophomore
Throws
Los Angeles, Calif.
Notre Dame High School

2024

Appeared in three outdoor meets during her freshman season ... Competed in the shot put and discus throw ... Made her collegiate debut at the Ben Brown Invitational in the discus throw, posting a mark of 48.38m (158-09) to finish third ... Claimed two additional top-three finishes on the season, including an event victory in the discus at the Stanford Invitational (46.97m, 154-01).

High School

Attended Notre Dame High School, competing as a thrower on the track & field team all four years ... Threw shot put and discus ... Notched best marks of 162-8 in the discus and 45-2 in the shot put.

Personal

Born in Los Angeles, Calif., to parents Karla and Gregory ... Has two brothers, Alonzo and Greg, and two sisters, Chynna and Janell ... Hobbies and interests include art, music and fashion ... Admires athletes Valarie Allman and Valerie Adams ... Chose to attend UCLA because it "has been my dream school ever since middle school! The creativity, as well as both academic and athletic dedication this university holds, sealed my choice at UCLA" ... Plans to major in business economics.



OLIVIA FOODY

5-2 / Freshman
Distance
Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Newbury Park HS

Career Honors

2024 Big Ten Cross Country All-Freshman Team

2024 (Cross Country)

Competed in three of UCLA's five races during her true freshman season ... Earned Big Ten All-Freshman honors after finishing fifth among conference freshmen at the league championships on Nov. 1 ... Foody placed 53rd overall at the Big Ten Championships with a time of 20:19.9, second-best on UCLA behind Mia Kane ... Made her collegiate debut at the Bill Dellinger Invite on Oct. 11, placing 16th with a time of 20:31.2 ... Was 48th overall and second among UCLA racers at the NCAA West Regionals (20:39.7).

High School

Attended Aliso Niguel High School in Aliso Viejo, Calif. ... Earned three varsity letters in track and field, and two in cross country ... Was an All-County Pick in high school ... Named team Distance Runner of the Year and Cross Country Distance Runner of the Year in 2023 ... Had best times of: 3 mile (17:34), 1600 (4:57), 3200 (10:29).

Personal

Full name: Olivia Hope Foody ... Born in 2006 in Orange County ... Parents are Cheryl Smith and Chris Foody ... Has two siblings: Brennan and Amara ... Decided to attend UCLA because "it's been my dream school since I was a kid" ... Admires running coach Jack Daniels ... Hobbies and interests include hanging out with friends and family, going to the beach, hot yoga, and traveling ... Started her track career as a 400m and 800m runner before transitioning to distance ... Her mother, Cheryl, was a professional runner, two-time All-American, and national title winner in 1984 ... Her stepfather, Jon Rankin, is UCLA's all-time record holder in the 1500m (3:35.26) and mile (3:55.63), and was a Junior National Champion in the 1500m.



SOPHIA HARTWELL

5-8 / Graduate Student
Jumps
West Garden Grove, Calif.
Orange Lutheran HS

2024

Appeared in three indoor meets ... Posted an indoor season-best in the long jump at the Ken Shannon Last Chance Invitational (5.64m, 18-06.00) ... Competed in six meets during the outdoor campaign ... Had three second-place finishes on the season, including two at the UCLA "Legends" Invitational ... Leaped an outdoor season-best in the long jump at the Mt. SAC Relays (5.87m, 19-03.25) ... Finished 13th in the Pac-12 Conference with a mark of 11.94m (39-02.25) in the triple jump ... Recorded a 5.68m (18-07.75) in the long jump to place 14th in the Conference.

2023

Competed in the long jump and triple jump at two indoor meets ... Had a team-best mark of 12.26m (40-02.75) in the triple jump at the Don Kirby Invitational, finishing 17th at the New Mexico meet ... Leaped into ninth all-time in UCLA's indoor record book with the mark ... Jumped in seven outdoor events ... Holds the season-best mark for the Bruins in both the long jump (the Rafer Johnson-Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational – 5.76m, 18-10.75 – 4th) and the triple jump (the Rafer Johnson-Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational – 12.24m, 40-02.00 – 2nd) events ... Placed 16th at the Pac-12 Championships.

2022

Competed in the Long Jump and Triple Jump during the season ... Hit a season best mark in Long Jump at the USC Dual recording a jump of 5.57m (18-03.25) while recording an 11.77m (38-07.50) in the Triple Jump at the Bryan Clay Invitational.

2021

Competed in three outdoor meets and one indoor meet as a true freshman in 2021 ... Made her UCLA debut at the Arkansas Qualifier (indoor), finishing 12th overall in the long jump with a mark of 4.62m (15-02.00) ... Doubled in the long jump and triple jump in each of her three outdoor meets ... Notched season-best marks in the long jump (5.05m, 16-07.00) and triple jump (10.68m, 35-00.50) at the Jim Bush Legends Invite, finishing eighth and fifth overall in the events, respectively ... Took fourth in the triple jump (10.56m, 34-07.75) and sixth in the long jump (5.10m, 16-08.75) in the Bruins' dual meet against USC.

High School

2019 CIF Southern Section Division 3 champion in the long jump (18-10.50) and triple jump (38-06.50) ... 2019 CIF State qualifier in the long jump ... Notched five victories in the long jump and seven victories in the triple jump as a junior in 2019 ... Posted a personal-best long jump mark of 19-05.50 in Orange Lutheran's meet against Servite/Rosary in a winning effort (April 4) ... Opened her 2019 campaign with a career-best triple jump mark of 39-09.75 Also anchored Orange Lutheran's 4x100m squad three times in 2019, including the CIF-SS prelims and finals ... Took fourth place in the long jump and sixth place in the triple jump as a sophomore at the 2018 CIF-SS Division 3 Finals.



AILISH HAWKINS

5-7 / Sophomore
Distance
Newbury Park, Calif.
Newbury Park HS

2024 (Cross Country)

Participated in four of UCLA's five regular season meets ... Placed sixth overall at the season-opening tri-meet with UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside (22:27.78) ... Finished No. 54 at the Bill Delliger Invite hosted by Oregon (21:20.5) ... Raced at both the Big Ten Championships (20:58.1) in Savoy, Ill. and NCAA West Regionals (21:14.5) in Colfax, Wash. ... named to the Fall 2024 Academic All-Big Ten Team.

2024 (Track & Field)

Completed in four outdoor meets in her freshman season ... Placed 11th in her UCLA debut in the 1500m at the Bob Larsen Distance Carnival (4:46.60) ... Ran a season-best 10:42.00 in the 3000m steeplechase at the UCLA vs. USC Dual Meet, finishing second ... Made her postseason debut at the Pac-12 Championships ... Posted an 11:34.29 in the 3000m steeplechase to place seventh in the Conference meet.

2023 (Cross Country)

Did not compete for the Bruins.

High School

Attended Newbury Park High School where she ran cross country and track and field all four years ... Earned four varsity letters in both sports ... At the Mt. SAC Relays in 2022, she ran the opening of the 4x1600m relay, recording a time of 4:53.42 before handing off the baton ... The relay team finished in 19:52.88, setting a new national high school record mark in the event.

Personal

Born in Thousand Oaks, Calif. to parents Steve and Nessa ... Has two older siblings, Cian and Fiona ... Decided to attend UCLA because it was a "great opportunity athletically and academically" ... Plans to major in biochemistry ... Lists Athing Mu as the famous athlete she most admires ... Says her greatest athletic thrill to date was the 4x mile relay race in which her team broke the national high school record.



LAMAIYA HENDERSON

Freshman
Sprints
Hallsville, Texas
Hallsville HS

High School

Attended Hallsville High School in Hallsville, Tex. ... Medaled twice at the 2024 UIL 5A Girls State Meet, taking second in the 400m and third in the 200m.



MIA HOLDEN

5-8 / Freshman
Hurdles/Sprints
South Pasadena, Calif.
South Pasadena HS

High School / Club

Attended South Pasadena High School. ... Named the 2024 San Gabriel Valley Track and Field Athlete of the Year by the San Gabriel Valley Tribune ... In 2024, claimed CIF Division 3 titles in the 100m hurdles and 300m hurdles, the only athlete to win multiple titles ... Runner-up in the 100mH at the 2024 CIF State Meet ... Fourth-place finisher in the 300mH at both the 2023 and 2024 CIF State meets ... Had three first-place medals at her league championship as a senior (100mH, 300mH, 200m) ... At the 2024 State Meet, she posted a best time of 13.81 in the 100m hurdles prelims ... SGV Tribune First Team All-Area in 100m, 100mH, and 300mH ... Three-time SGV Tribune Girls Athlete of the Week ... School record holder in the 100m, 100 hurdles, and 300 hurdles ... Helped SPHS to a runner-up finish at the CIF Division 3 Meet ... Three-time SPHS Team MVP and Hurdler of the Year ... Competed club with Codeblack Elite ... With Codeblack, won the 60mH title at the Spokane High School Invitational.

Personal

Full name: Mia Esi Holden ... Born in 2006 in San Gabriel, Calif. to parents Wen-Wen Cheng and Travis Holden ... Has a younger sister, Naya ... Both her parents attended UCLA ... Majoring in chemical engineering ... Aspires to a career in dentistry or orthodontics.



AMBER JACKSON

5-9 / Junior
Jumps/Sprints
Charlotte, N.C.
Ardrey Kell HS

2024

Completed in four indoor meets ... Placed fourth at the New Mexico Team Open (1.69m, 5-06.50) ... Opened the outdoor season with a second-place finish at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational (1.62m, 5-03.75) ... Placed third at the UCLA "Legends" Invitational ... Leapt 1.66m (5-05.25) to finish 12th in the Conference at the Pac-12 Championships ... Appeared in five meets during the outdoor season.

2023

Didn't compete during indoor season ... Made outdoor debut at the Ben Brown Invitational on March 10 ... Third at Ben Brown with her mark of 5.66m (5-05.25) ... Recorded UCLA's team-best mark at the Bryan Clay Invitational (1.67m/5-05.75).

2022

Competed in three indoor and five outdoor meets during her freshman season ... Was first in the high jump at the West Coast Relays (1.72m, 5-07.75) and the USC Dual (1.70m, 5-07.00) ... Placed fifth with a mark of 1.71m (5-07.75) at the Pac-12 Championships.

High School

Four-year letterwinner for Ardrey Kell HS ... 2019 and 2021 Ardrey Kell Field MVP ... 2021 North Carolina State Champion in the high jump and long jump ... 2021 State Runner-Up in the long jump ... Owns lifetime-best marks of 5-09.00 in the high jump, 38-05.00 in the triple jump, and 18-01.00 in the long jump ... Competed in eight different events as a senior in 2021 ... Was undefeated in the high jump in five meets as a senior ... Outdoor Nationals qualifier in the high jump and triple jump, earning All-American acclaim in the high jump.

Personal

Born in Atlanta, Ga., to parents Andrea and John Jackson ... Says UCLA has been her dream school since middle school ... Admires track stars Allyson Felix and Sydney McLaughlin ... Lists her greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill was finishing sixth at Outdoor Nationals her senior year ... Enjoys working out, photography/modeling, and spending time with family, friends, and her dog ... Was a competitive gymnast for 12 years and also played travel softball ... Plans to major in psychology at UCLA.



GEORGIA JEANNERET

5-6 / Freshman
Distance
Newport Beach, Calif.
JSerra Catholic HS

2024 (Cross Country)

Did not compete for the Bruins in the fall.

High School

Attended JSerra Catholic High School, running track and cross country all four years ... Arrives in Westwood as a two-time JSerra High School Female Athlete of the Year (2023, 2024) and the 2024 Trinity League Female Athlete of the Year ... Won four Trinity League team titles with her cross country team and two Orange County Team Championships ... JSerra won three CIF Team Championships and three California State Team Championships during her time ... She was part of the two-time Nike Cross Nationals Team Qualifier squad ... Captured four individual titles in the Trinity League, winning both the 800m and 1600m events twice ... Ran in the three-time Trinity League Champion 4x400m relay team ... Part of the relay team that holds the All-Time Orange County record ... Also won four CIF event titles, two in the 800m and two in the 4x400m relay ... Recorded three podium finishes in the 800m at the California State meet ... Helped JSerra to three Trinity League Team Championships, three Orange County Team Championships and two CIF Team Championships ... Two-time track national champion, she claimed the indoor national title with the 4x800m relay and the outdoor mixed 4x400m championship ... Four-time All-American for the 4x800m relay, two-time All-American in the distance medley, an All-American Freshman in the 1600m, All-American for the indoor 800m.

Personal

Born in Torrance, Calif., to parents Amy and Brad ... has an older sister, Avery ... Lists Juliette Whittaker as an athlete she admires ... Describes her greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill as winning indoor nationals for the 4x800m and outdoor nationals for the mixed 4x400m relay ... Her hobbies and interests include going to the beach, napping at the beach and being with friends ... Has lived in Guam and Hawaii ... Chose UCLA because "the athletics and academics are highly competitive and demanding. The school is also beautiful."



NAOMI JOHNSON

5-5 / Junior
Sprints
Eastvale, Calif.
Eleanor Roosevelt HS

Career Honors

Two-time Second Team Indoor All-America (4x400; 2023-24)
Two-time Second Team Outdoor All-America (4x400; 2023-24)

2024

Competed in six meets during the indoor season ... Claimed first at the New Mexico Team Open in the 4x400m relay (3:36.80) ... Ran the third fastest 4x400m relay time in UCLA indoor history alongside teammates Aly Conyers, Kaylen Fletcher, and Kate Jendrezak at the Eagle Elite Invitational (3:31.32) to place second, resulting in one of five top-three finishes for the 4x400m relay team during the indoor season ... Named Second-Team All-America at the NCAA Division I Indoor Track & Field Championships in the 4x400m relay ... Opened the outdoor season with a second-place finish in the 400m and a third-place finish in the 200m at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational ... Finished second in the 400m at the UCLA "Legends" Invitational ... Scorer for the Bruins in the 100m at the USC Dual Meet ... At the Pac-12 Championships, placed 11th (100m), 10th (200m), third (4x100m relay), and second (4x400m relay) ... Qualified for nationals in the 4x400m relay at the NCAA West Rounds with a mark of 3:28.48, the fourth fastest time in UCLA outdoor history ... Achieved this mark with teammates Aly Conyers, Kate Jendrezak, and Kaylen Fletcher ... Also placed 13th in the 4x100m relay, 25th in the 400m and 30th in the 200m at the regional meet ... Closed out the season with Second-Team All America honors at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track & Field Championships in the 4x400m relay ... Finished 10th overall at the national championships ... Appeared in seven meets total during the outdoor season.

2023

Ran 14 indoor and 21 outdoor races for the Bruins during her true freshman campaign ... Began her indoor season at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Invitational, running the 60m, 200m and 4x400m relays in her opening weekend with UCLA ... Johnson ran a season-best 24.03 in the 200m event at the Don Kirby Invitational on Feb. 11; her mark ranks ninth on UCLA's indoor all-time top 10 list ... Johnson ran anchor on the 4x400m relay at the Ken Shannon Last Chance Invite — the relay team ran a 3:30.86, which is the second-fastest indoor relay in Bruin history ... Johnson also anchored the same relay at the NCAA indoor national championships ... The Bruins finished 10th overall in the event (3:31.91) ... Claimed first in the 200m (23.87) at the Rafer Johnson-Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational on March 25 ... Ran UCLA's top time in the 200m when she recorded a 23.41 at the USC Dual Meet ... Placed sixth in the Conference in the 100m; recorded an 11.49 in prelims before running an 11.54 in the final ... One of only two Bruins to break the 53 seconds in the 400m (Mt. SAC Relays, Apr. 14 — 52.86) ... Johnson ran 10 relay races in the outdoor season, the only Bruin to appear in each competition throughout the year ... Ran the anchor leg in the 4x400m relay, which placed 2nd in the Conference at the Pac-12 Championships ... Finished 12th in the nation at the NCAA outdoor national championships as the team ran a season-best 3:30.55.

High School

Four-year letterwinner for track & field at Eleanor Roosevelt High School ... Helped team to CIF Southern Section Division 1 team titles in 2019 and 2022 ... ERHS was CIF Division 1 runner-up in 2021 ... Part of a second-place 4x400 relay squad at the 2019 CIF State meet ... Sectional Champion in the 200m and 400m in 2022 ... Runner-up in the 200m at the 2022 Mt. SAC Relays ... Three-time all-league honoree in the 200m and 400m ... Ran club track for Speed Houze ... Competed at 2021 Junior Olympics.

Personal

Born in Long Beach, Calif. to parents Priscilla and Anthony Johnson ... Has a twin brother, Chris, an older brother Dontae, and two older sisters, Mikayla and Kia ... Chose UCLA because "of the amazing atmosphere I felt on my visit. I believe the coaches here will take me far and teammates will push me to be my best" ... Describes greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill as "winning CIF SS D1 championships in both of my events (400m, 200m). This was a major accomplishment of mine especially because the years before were taken away due to COVID, so coming back and winning my events was the best way to finish off senior year" ... Admires Allyson Felix and Michael Cherry ... Enjoys spending time with family and friends as well as drawing/painting and raising awareness for social fights for African Americans in her free time ... Her twin brother Chris plays football for SDSU as a defensive back ... Plans to major in sociology.



SYDNEY JOHNSON

5-9 / Senior
Multi
Roseville, Calif.
Whitney HS

2024

Did not compete during the indoor season ... Appeared in seven outdoor meets in the heptathlon, long jump, and high jump ... Opened the season placing second in the heptathlon at the Sam Adams Combined Events/UCSB Invitational ... Finished first at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational in the long jump ... Scored a season-best 5,514 points in the heptathlon at the Bryan Clay Invitational to place first ... Was a scorer for the Bruins in the long jump at the USC Dual Meet ... Scored 5,437 in the heptathlon to finish fifth in the Conference at the Pac-12 Championships ... Leaped 5.96m (19-06.75) to place 40th in the region at the NCAA West First Rounds in May ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll for the indoor track & field season.

2023

Jumped a team-best 1.70m (5-07.00) in the indoor high jump at the Dr. Sander Invite, finishing first in the meet ... Placed eighth at the Don Kirby Invite in the long jump event, recording a mark of 6.04m (19-09.75) in the New Mexico meet ... Competed in 25 indoor events during the indoor season, completing three pentathlons during the campaign ... Scored 3,855 points in the Ken Shannon Last Chance meet, which ranks seventh all-time for the indoor pentathlon ... Did not compete during the outdoor season.

High School

Team MVP for Whitney HS ... Earned All-League (Sierra Foothill) and All-Section (Sac-Joaquin) honors ... Owned high school best marks of 19-10.00 in the long jump, 39-02.25 in the triple jump, and 14.43 in the 100m hurdles ... As senior in 2021, earned 12 victories in the long jump, 10 victories in the 100m hurdles, six victories in the triple jump, and five victories in the high jump ... Finished third in the long jump and triple jump, as well as fifth in the 100H at the 2021 California State Track & Field Championships ... Also a 2019 CIF State qualifier in the long jump, ultimately finishing fifth overall ... Won the heptathlon competition at AAU West Coast Nationals with a final score of 4310 points ... Had a high school-best heptathlon total of 4564 points.

Personal

Born in Sacramento, Calif., to parents Lisa and Douglass Johnson ... Has an older sister, Shelby ... Decided to attend UCLA for its "incredible academic programs, opportunities, and rich athletic history and promise" ... Admires Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Allyson Felix, Sydney McLaughlin, and Nafi Thiam ... Enjoys cooking, painting, and music ... Has two dogs, Desi and Tilly.



MIA KANE

5-4 / Senior
Distance
Portland, Ore.
Lincoln HS

2024 (Cross Country)

Entered three of UCLA's five races during her senior season ... Was the Bruins' top finisher in each of those three races ... Made her season debut at the Bill Dellinger Invite hosted by Oregon, placing 12th with a time of 20:23.9 ... Paced the Bruin women at the Big Ten Championships in Savoy, Ill. with a time of 20:13.9, good for 44th place ... Capped her season with a 20:33.4 at the NCAA West Regionals in Colfax, Wash. ... named to the Fall 2024 Academic All-Big Ten Team.

2024 (Track & Field)

Competed in three meets during the indoor season ... Posted a 9:15.16 at the Ken Shannon Last Chance Invitational, the fourth fastest 3000m time in UCLA indoor history ... Appeared in five outdoor meets ... Had the top UCLA marks in the 3000m, 5000m, and 3000m steeplechase ... Opened the outdoor season with an event victory in the 3000m steeplechase at the Bob Larsen Distance Carnival ... Her mark of 10:04.61 ranks second in UCLA's outdoor record books ... Top scorer in two events for the Bruins at the USC Dual Meet ... Ran a 10:19.81 to become UCLA's first Pac-12 Conference champion in the 3000m steeplechase ... Finished 23rd in the region at the NCAA West First Rounds ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll for the indoor track & field season.

2023 (Cross Country)

Competed in all five meets in her 2023 (Cross Country) campaign ... Was UCLA's top runner in four of these appearances ... Placed first overall at the LMU South Bay Twilight in September and was also the Bruins' top runner on the day (6000m, 20:57.7) ... She placed 31st (20:20.4) at the Pac-12 Championships to be the top scorer for the Bruins ... Capped the season at the NCAA West Regionals, running a 20:43.2 for a 62nd place finish.

2023 (Track & Field)

Cracked the indoor all-time top 10 list in the 3000m event ... Ran a 9:32.52 at the Dr. Sander Invite to place fourth in the meet, earning 10th all-time for the Bruins ... Competed in four outdoor meets during the spring season ... Claimed first at the USC Dual Meet, running a 9:45.76 in the 3000m event ... Had the top three times for UCLA in the 5000m race ... Her 16:19.02 sits at eighth all-time in UCLA outdoor track and field history; she placed fourth at the Bryan Clay Invitational with the mark ... The Bruins' top 5000m runner at the Pac-12 Championships, placing 15th in the Conference (16:43.29).

2022 (Cross Country)

UCLA's second-fastest runner in three of her four appearances during the 2022 campaign ... Ran a season-best 20:23.4 at the Pac-12 Championships, finishing 45th in the Conference with the result ... Helped the Bruins defeat UCSD in the Mammoth dual meet, running a 9:57.9 in the 3000m competition.

2022 (Track & Field)

Competed in four indoor races and four outdoor races during her true freshman season ... Made her indoor debut at the Dr. Sander Invite, running in both the mile and distance medley relay ... Ran a season-best 4:49.99 in the mile at the Pac-12 Challenge in late February ... Ran the 1500m and 3000m during outdoors ... Posted a season-best mark in the 1500m at the Pac-12 Championships (4:28.16).

2021 (Cross Country)

Toed the line in five races as a true freshman ... Made her UCLA debut at the Mammoth Tri-Meet, where she finished fifth overall with a 4k time of 15:57.0 ... Finished in 15th place at the Highlander Invitational in Riverside, going 21:08.6 on the 6k course to finish as the Bruins' top runner on the day ... Made her postseason debut at the Pac-12 Championships, finishing in 50th place and scoring as the Bruins' second runner ... Capped her year at NCAA West Regionals, where she crossed with a 6k time of 22:47.8 for 166th place.

High School

Secured seven top-10 finishes ahead of a 19th-place showing at the State Meet as a senior ... Went on to compete at the NXR Northwest Regional Championships, crossing with a 5k time of 18:23.8 ... Also competed at NXN in 2019, finishing 97th overall with a time of 19:21.1 on the 5k course ... Earned five top-three finishes during the 2018 cross country season, including a third-place finish at the Portland Interscholastic League Championships ... Went on to finish 10th at State that year and advanced to NXR Northwest Regionals for the first time ... Has experience running collegiate track distances from her high school training in Oregon, boasting PRs of 4:38.92m in the 1500m and 10:07.32 in the 3000m.

Personal

Born in Portland, Ore. ... Has a younger sister, Sarah, and a younger brother, Benjamin ... Something that people might not know is that she is Australian ... Admires Damian Lillard and Allyson Felix ... Decided to attend UCLA "not only because the academics are fantastic, but the athletic program is so historic and something so surreal to be a part of. To represent UCLA is an absolute dream and I am so honored to wear the same four letters as so many outstanding athletes." ... Lists greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill as competing at NXN and her coaching telling her if she got the girls in the next group, the team was going to NXN ... Says she remembers feeling so inspired and ready to give everything she had for the team ... Loves to ski, hike, swim, go camping, go to the beach, and hang out with friends and family.



AVA KELLENBERG

5-9 / Freshman
Jumps
Missoula, Mont.
Sentinel HS

High School

Attended Sentinel High School in Missoula, Mont. ... Earned four varsity letters in track and field, and two varsity letters in volleyball as an outside hitter ... Two-time Montana State Champion in the triple jump (junior and senior seasons) ... Won a girl's team state championship with Sentinel in 2021 ... Earned first team all-state and first team all-league honors in each of her four seasons on campus ... Also earned first team all-state honors in volleyball during her senior season.

Personal

Full name: Ava Loren Kellenberg ... Born in 2005 in Atlanta ... Parents are Derek and Rebecca Kellenberg ... Has a younger brother, Cal ... Decided to attend UCLA because "it was my dream school and I couldn't pass up the opportunity to attend a school with such a high level of education, a great track program, and perfect weather" ... Admires Anna Hall ... Hobbies and interests include film and movies, true crime, and cooking ... Is very interested in film production, and would love to be part of that in one way or another in the future.



MACKENZIE KIRK

6-0 / Junior
Jumps
Seal Beach, Calif.
Los Alamitos HS

2024

Competed in two meets during the outdoor campaign ... Made her collegiate debut at the UCLA "Legends" Invitational in the long jump, posting a mark of 5.31m (17-05.25).

2023

Did not compete with the Bruins.

High School

Attended Los Alamitos High School, competing in varsity track and field all four years ... Won her league's high jump and long jump two out of her four years ... Won the league triple jump all four years in high school ... Named All-Orange County in the triple jump during her senior year.

Personal

Born in Orlando, Fla., to parents Robin and Derek ... Lists her hobbies as dancing, crocheting and playing piano ... Her favorite animal is a capybara ... Admires Coco Gauff ... Decided to attend UCLA because it has "a great academic reputation, and it's close to home" ... Majoring in neuroscience with a career objective of becoming a physician.



QUINCI LOTT

5-2 / Freshman
Distance
Dana Point, Calif.
Dana Hills HS

2024 (Cross Country)

Entered into three of UCLA's five races during her true freshman season ... Made her collegiate debut in Big Bear, Calif. on Aug. 30 in the season-opening tri-meet with UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside, earning a ninth-place finish with a 6k time of 22:47.09 ... Also competed at the Gans Creek Classic (22:45.5) and Bill Dellinger Invite (22:34.8), with the latter representing a new PR.

High School

Attended Dana Hills High School, where she competed in both cross country and track for four years ... Lettered three times in each sport ... Helped Dana Hills secure two League Champion titles (2021, 2022) and two CIF-SS Championships (2022, 2023) ... Named First Team All-CIF Southern Section, First Team All-County and First Team All-League.

Personal

Born in Dana Point, Calif., to parents Kandi and Cutler ... Has an older brother, Liam, and younger sister, Colbi ... Lists Sydney McLaughlin and Allie Ostrander as athletes she admires ... Says her greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill was "breaking 5 minutes in the 1600, or winning CIF Finals with my team my senior year. Both moments were a testament to my hard work and I proved to myself what I was capable of" ... Her hobbies include hiking, baking and cooking, sewing, scrapbooking and reading ... When asked why UCLA, she said "I decided to attend UCLA because of its prestige in both academics and athletics. To me, there is no other college that has the same level of academics and athletics while being in best place ever — Southern California!" ... Plans to major in psychology.



KAYLA McBRIDE

5-6 / Freshman
Sprints
Chino Hills, Calif.
Ayala HS

High School

Earned four varsity letters at Ayala High School in Chino Hills, Calif. ... Was a CIF Southern Section and Palomares League champion in the 400 ... Her best times in high school included the 100 (11.81), 200 (23.79), and 400 (53.81) ... Was a MileSplitCA First Team All-State pick in 2023 ... At the 2024 CIF State Championships, placed fifth in the 200 dash ... At the 2024 CIF SS Championships, also placed runner-up in the 200 and helped Ayala to a third-place finish in the 4x100 relay.

Personal

Full name: Kayla Pamela McBride ... Born in Pomona in 2006 ... Parents are Loy and Myriam McBride ... Has two siblings, Kyle and Lauren ... Chose to attend UCLA because of "the competitiveness of the athletics and the high-ranked academics" ... Admires Sydney McLaughlin ... Enjoys going out to eat and shopping with friends ... She and Kyle are twin siblings ... Is left handed ... Her uncle, Tod McBride, played college football at UCLA before playing parts of six NFL seasons with the Green Bay Packers, Atlanta Falcons, Seattle Seahawks, and St. Louis Rams from 1999-2004 ... Her father, Loy McBride, played baseball and was drafted by the Minnesota Twins.



JADE McDONALD

5-6 / Senior
Jumps/Hurdles
Long Beach, Calif.
Long Beach Poly HS
Iowa

2024

Did not compete for the indoor season ... Competed in six outdoor meets in the 400m hurdles, long jump, and triple jump events ... Claimed an event victory at the UCLA "Legends" Invitational in the long jump, recording a season-best mark of 5.66m (18-07.00) ... Made her postseason debut for the Bruins at the Pac-12 Championships, placing 16th in the Conference in the long jump (5.65m, 18-06.5) ... Finished 14th in the Conference in the triple jump (11.79m, 38-08.25) ...

2023

Appeared in two indoor meets during her first season in a UCLA uniform ... Competed in the long jump and triple jump events ... Recorded an indoor-season-best mark of 12.19m (40-00.00) in the triple jump at the Dr. Sander Invite; claimed 10th all-time for indoor Bruin marks ... Jumped in five competitions during the outdoor season ... Posted a season-best in the long jump at the Jim Click Shootout (5.60m, 18-04.50) ... Claimed third at the Rafer Johnson-Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invite, placing on the triple jump podium with her 12.08m (39-07.75) mark.

2022 (at Iowa)

Posted season bests in 60-meter hurdles (8.52) and triple jump (40-0 1/2, 12.20m) at the Big Ten Indoor Championships, and long jump at Jimmy Grant Invite (18-2 1/2, 5.55m) ... Posted season bests in 110-meter hurdles at Mt. SAC Relays (14.13) and triple jump at Jim Click Shootout (39-2 1/4, 11.94m) ... Posted wind-aided marks in 100-meter hurdles (13.97) and long jump (18-7, 5.66m) at Musco Twilight ... Posted season-best triple jump (39-2 1/4, 11.94m) at Drake Relays.

Personal

Born in Long Beach to parents Holly and Billy McDonald ... Has an older brother, Miles ... Chose UCLA because of the great academics, beautiful campus, and track program ... Describes her greatest athletic thrill as going to Cuba to train for a jumping program ... Enjoys Art, thrifting, photography ... Plans to major in sociology.



ELLA McGILLIS

5-3 / Freshman
Distance
Portland, Ore.
Central Catholic HS

2024 (Cross Country)

Appeared in three of UCLA's five races during her true freshman campaign ... Made her collegiate debut on Aug. 30 in Big Bear, Calif. in the team's season-opening tri-meet against UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside, finishing 11th with a time of 23:00.98 ... Also competed in the Gans Creek Classic (22:03.4) and Bill Dellinger Invite (22:14.9).

High School

Attended Central Catholic High School ... Ran cross country and track & field for all four years, earning eight letters across the two sports ... Was the 2021 district meet champion in the 800m ... A school record holder in the 3000m track event and cross country 5000m race ... Three-time district meet champion in cross country (2021-23) ... 2022 state cross country meet runner-up, earning first team all-state ... Two-time Second Team All-State (2021, 2023) ... 2022 district meet champion in the 1500m and 3000m events ... Was the district meet champion in the 800m and 1500m in both 2023 and 2024 ... 2021 All-State Honorable Mention (1500m), 2022 All-State Honorable Mention (3000m), 2023 All-State Honorable Mention (800m, 1500m), 2024 All-State Honorable Mention (800m), 2024 First Team All-State (4x400m) ... 2024 Track and Field Mount Hood Conference Runner of the Year ... Ran at the Nike Cross Regionals twice (2022, 2023) and Nike Outdoor Nationals in 2023 ... Named to the All-Region team after placing 10th at the 2022 Nike Cross Regionals.

Personal

Born to parents Robyn and Jeff ... Has a younger brother, Nate ... Lists Courtney Frerichs and Elle Purrier as athletes she admires ... Her greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill "was my last race of high school at Oregon track state. My teammates and I were in the 4x400 seeded in the slower heat. We ran for each other and we really just came together. We were then announced as 2nd overall in the 4x400. It was the most surprising but rewarding race and even better that it was shared with my 3 other teammates" ... Her hobbies include being outdoors and swimming at cool spots, watching reality television, and trying new restaurants ... Chose UCLA because "I felt that it was the school that would push me out of my comfort zone so I can continue to grow. It challenges me in all aspects from athletics to academic with so many connections because of the LA area. Of course, it's also amazing sunny weather" ... Plans to major in business economics with a career objective of working in marketing or PR.



YANLA NDJIP-NYEMECK

5-4 / Redshirt Senior
Hurdles/Sprints
Brussels, Belgium
St. Anthony HS
CSUN

Career Honors

2023 First Team Indoor All-American (60m Hurdles)

2024

Ran eight races in three meets during the indoor season ... Opened the season with a first-place finish at the Charlie Thomas Invitational in February in the 60m hurdles (8.19) ... Ran 7.55 in the 60m to take home second at the Don Kirby Invitational ... At the same meet, ran a 23.91 in the 200m to finish third and claim the eighth spot on UCLA's Indoor Top 10 List ... Began the outdoor season with a victory in the 100m hurdles at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational ... Won the 100m hurdles event at the USC Dual Meet (13.06) ... Finished third in the Conference in the 4x100m relay and fifth in the 100m hurdles at the Pac-12 Championships ... Finished 11th (100m hurdles) and 13th (4x100m relay) at the NCAA West First Rounds to close out the season ... Appeared in seven outdoor meets.

2023

Ran 13 races during her first indoor season with the Bruins ... All 11 of her marks in the 60m hurdle event were fast enough to crack UCLA's indoor all-time top 10 list ... Landed at second all-time, trailing only UCLA Athletics Hall of Famer Dawn Harper (7.98 - March 11, 2006) ... Recorded a season-best 8.01 during the preliminary round of the NCAA indoor national championships ... Finished with First Team All-American status with the result ... UCLA's top 100m hurdler in the outdoor season, Ndjip-Nyemeck recorded five of the team's top seven marks during the 2023 indoor campaign ... Also competed in one 4x4100m relay, placing eighth at the Mt. SAC Relays with the Bruins (44.25) ... Competed in six 100m hurdle events, recording 13.18 twice ... Placed sixth in the league by running a 13.62 at the Pac-12 Championships ... Ran 12.99 at the NCAA West Regional Meet; the first Bruin to break the 13 second mark since Brea Buchanan in 2013 ... Placed 14th in the west at the regional meet ... Placed second in her heat of the 100m hurdles, running 13.28, and finished 7th in the semifinals at the European U-23 Championships.

2022 (at CSUN)

Lowered the CSUN school, school freshman, and Big West record in the 100m hurdles to :13.02 as she placed 13th in the second round of the NCAA West Regional ... Won the race in a time of :13.36 ... Won four of the 100m hurdles races which she entered ... Finished second in the 200m at the Big West Championship with a season-best time of 23.91, the fourth-fastest by a freshman in school history ... Won the 200m at the CSUN Invitational ... Named Academic All-Conference ... Did not compete in indoor.

2021 (at CSUN)

Did not compete.

High School

A 2020 graduate of St. Anthony High School in Long Beach, Calif. ... Posted high school bests of 11.84 in the 100m and 24.64 in the 200m ... Ran at the 2018 Belgium U-18 Indoor National Championships in the 60m hurdles, winning the race in a time of 8.38 ... Set the Belgian U18 record and held the fastest world U18 time in the 60m hurdles (30 inch) with a time of :8.26 that was run in 2019 ... Graduated Sum Cum Laude.

Personal

Daughter of Roger and Ginette Ndjip-Nyemeck ... Favorites include Allyson Felix, Kendra Harrison, Dina Asher-Smith, Criminal Minds, Bad Boys, and Alicia Keys ... Lists greatest sports moment so far is setting the U18 Belgian U18 record and holding the world's fastest time in the 60m hurdles by running a time of 8.26 ... Her advice to young people is hard work always pays off.



ROSE PITTMAN

5-11 / Graduate Student
Sprints/Middle Distance
Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
St. Peter's Girls School

Career Honors

2023 Indoor First Team All-American (Distance Medley Relay)
2023 Outdoor Second Team All-American (800m)

2024 (Cross Country)

Raced in each of UCLA's final three competitions on the season ... Was UCLA's third-place finisher at both the Bill Dellinger Invite (21:09.5) in Eugene, Ore. and the Big Ten Championships (20:45.2) in Savoy, Ill. ... Posted a time of 21:26.2 at the NCAA West Regionals.

2024 (Track & Field)

Ran three races in the 800m during the indoor season ... Opened the indoor season with a fourth-place finish at the UW Invitational, running the third-fastest 800m time in UCLA indoor history ... Appeared in six outdoor meets ... Competed in the 800m, 1500m, and 4x400m relay events ... Won the 1500m event at the Bob Larsen Distance Carnival to begin the outdoor season (4:23.79) ... Ran a 2:03.63 at the Bryan Clay Invitational, the third fastest 800m time in UCLA outdoor history ... Top scorer for the Bruins at the USC Dual Meet ... Posted a fifth-place finish in the Conference at the Pac-12 Championships (2:05.40) ... Finished 13th in the region at the NCAA West First Rounds ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll for the indoor track & field season.

2023 (Cross Country)

Ran in two meets in her senior campaign ... Finished 82nd with a 21:55.2 at the Pac-12 Championships.

2023 (Track & Field)

Ran eight races during the indoor campaign ... Opened the season winning her 400m heat at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Invitational (56.39) ... Ran the third leg in the first-place 4x400m relay team at the Dr. MLK Jr. Invite ... Competed in three 800m races during the indoor season ... Jumped up to fourth on the indoor all-time top 10 list at the David Hemery Invite In February, running a 2:05.80 ... Also ran the third leg of UCLA's Distance Medley Relay at the Boston meet ... That DMR group ran a 10:54.49, UCLA's new school record ... Pittman and the relay team went on to claim fourth at the NCAA indoor national championships ... Ran seven races during the 2023 outdoor season, all in the 800m ... Opened the season with a second-place finish at the Rafer Johnson-Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational ... Steadily improved her time throughout the season, claiming the top seven spots on UCLA's performance list ... Finished 11th in the Conference, running a 2:07.08 at the Pac-12 Championships ... Decided 11 was her lucky number, finishing in 11th during both rounds of the NCAA West Regional meet to qualify for outdoor nationals ... Ran a personal-best 2:03.77 in the national meet, placing 16th in the NCAA ... Jumped up to third all-time for the Bruins with the mark; only the third Bruin in history to run sub-2:04 (Tiffany Burgess – 2002; Lena Nilsson – 2002).

2022 (Cross Country)

Did not compete for the Bruins.

2022 (Track & Field)

Ran three indoor races during the season ... Appeared in the 4x400m relay, the distance medley relay and the 800m events ... Ran the first leg on the DMR (11:25.24) at the Pac-12 Challenge to claim fourth in the race and the ninth-fastest time in UCLA indoor history ... Also cracked the indoor all-time top 10 in the 800m, running 2:07.65 at the Husky Classic ... UCLA's top 800m runner during the outdoor campaign, Pittman ran the top five times of the season ... Claimed first at the West Coast Relays on April 1 (2:06.22) ... Also won the event at the USC Dual Meet, running 2:05.12 ... Made UCLA's outdoor all-time top 10 with the mark ... Placed seventh in the league, running 2:06.14 at the Pac-12 Championships on May 15 ... Finished 31st in the west at the NCAA West Prelims.

2021 (Cross Country)

Did not compete for the Bruins.

2021 (Track & Field)

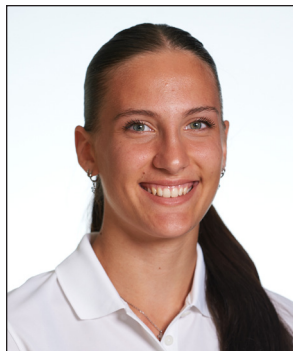
Did not compete for the Bruins in 2021 ... Did compete back home in Australia and recorded a 2:04.63 performance in the 800m in April.

High School

400m PR: 54.69 ... 800m PR: 2:05.14 (U-18 State women's record holder) ... Attended St. Peter's Girls School in Adelaide, Australia ... Won the 400m and 800m at the 2020 Open Women's State Championships ... Won the 400m competition at the Australian All Schools Championships in 2017 ... Won the 800m at Australian All Schools Championships in 2016, 2017, and 2018 ... At the Australian U-18 Championships, took second in the 400m and third in the 800m.

Personal

Born in Adelaide, Australia to parents David and Sophie Pittman ... Has a brother, Darcy, and a sister, Dimity ... Visited the United States in 2016 and fell in love with UCLA and Drake Stadium ... Notes, "After my recruitment trip, I loved the dynamic of the track team and how prestigious the college was for its academics and athletics" ... Lists one of her greatest athletic thrills as racing in one of the boys races at a state competition, and ultimately winning and running a personal-best time ... Admires sprinter Allyson Felix ... Enjoys cooking, spending time with friends and family, and taking her dogs for beach walks ... Something interesting about her is that she has never seen snow.



CELESTE POLZONETTI

5-8 / Freshman
Hurdles
Desio, Italy
Istituto Labor (HS)

Prior to UCLA

Competed club with Bracco Atletica ... In 2024, was the U20 Italian Champion in the 60mH and 100mH ... At the 2024 senior Italian Championships, placed fifth in the 100mH and sixth in the 60mH ... Was 12th in the 100mH at the 2024 U20 World Championships ... In 2023, was the U20 Italian Champion in the 60mH and 100 mH, while finishing fourth at the U20 European Championships in the 100mH ... In 2022, was the U18 Italian Champion in the 100mH, placing fourth at the U20 European Championships in the same event ... Was a U16 Italian Champion in the 80mH and U18 Champion in the 100mH.

Personal

Born in 2005 in Monzia, Italy ... Plans on majoring in psychology.



JORDAN ROBINSON

5-7 / Junior
Jumps
Morristown, N.J.
Morristown HS

2024

Appeared in three meets during the indoor season in the high jump ... Had a top 20 finish at the Don Kirby Invitational ... Competed in five outdoor meets during her sophomore season ... Secured second at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational ... Recorded a season-best 1.72m (5-07.75) at the UCLA "Legends" Invitational to place first in the event ... One of two scorers for the Bruins in the high jump at the USC Dual Meet, posting a 1.70m (5-07.00) ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll for the indoor track & field season.

2023

Ran one race and jumped in three events during her true freshman indoor season with the Bruins ... Cleared a season-best 1.70m (5-07.00) at the Dr. Sander Invite in late January to claim second at the meet; trailed only teammate Sydney Johnson in the competition ... Appeared in three meets for UCLA during the outdoor campaign ... Cleared her season-best mark of 1.65m (5-05.00) in all three appearances ... Placed third at both the Rafer Johnson-Jackie Joyner Kersey Invitational (March 25) and the USC Dual Meet (April 30) to score points for the Bruins ... Finished 11th in the Conference at the Pac-12 Championships.



ANNIKA SALZ

5-6 / Junior
Distance
San Diego, Calif.
Torrey Pines HS

2024 (Cross Country)

Raced in all five of UCLA's competitions for the season ... Was the Bruins' top finisher at the season-opening tri-meet with UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside in Big Bear, Calif., finishing fourth overall with a 6k time of 22:15.28 ... Placed third among Bruin racers at the Gans Creek Classic (21:47.0) ... Posted times of 21:28.8 at the Big Ten Championships in Savoy, Ill. and 21:46.1 at the NCAA West Regionals in Colfax, Wash. ... Named to the Fall 2024 Academic All-Big Ten Team.

2024 (Track & Field)

Competed in two indoor meets for the Bruins ... Recorded a 10:13.11 in the 3000m at the Husky Classic ... Ran an 18:02.80 in the 5000m at the Ken Shannon Last Chance Invitational ... Appeared in three races during the outdoor campaign in the 3000m, 5000m, and 10,000m events ... Placed second in the 10,000m at the Bob Larsen Distance Carnival after posting a mark of 37:01.44 ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll for the indoor track & field season.

2023 (Cross Country)

Toed the line twice for UCLA in her sophomore season ... Made her postseason debut at the Pac-12 Championships, finishing 87th with a 22:17.0 in the 6000-meter race.

2023 (Track & Field)

Ran one race for UCLA during the outdoor track and field season ... Posted a 17:57.19 at the Bob Larsen Distance Carnival in the 5000m event.

2022 (Cross Country)

Appeared in two meets for the Bruins, the Mammoth UCLA-UCSD Dual Meet and the Highlander Invite ... Scored for the Bruins at the Highlander meet, running a 21:12.6 in the mid-October competition ... Placed 34th overall and fourth on the Bruin squad.

High School

Ran Cross Country and Track at Torrey Pines High School, lettering in both all four years ... 2021 CIF SDS XC Team Champion, All-League Avocado West all four years for XC, All-CIF 2021 for XC.

Personal

Born in San Diego, Calif. to Lisa and Don ... Has an older brother, Nick ... Decided to attend UCLA because it was an encouraging and competitive environment both academically and athletically, with extremely talented peers and teammates ... Says her biggest athletic thrill was "winning the Arcadia Invitational 4x1600 my junior year, the first large invite after COVID" ... Admires Molly Seidel, Emma Coburn, Justin Herbert ... Enjoys baking, reading, watching movies, cross-country skiing ... Intends to major in mathematics and linguistics with the objective of becoming a math professor.



HANNAH SLOVER

6-2 / Sophomore
Jumps
Los Gatos, Calif.
Los Gatos HS
UC Santa Barbara

2024

Appeared in one meet for UCLA during the outdoor season ... Posted a mark of 1.62m (5-03.75) in the high jump at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational.

High School

Played volleyball at Los Gatos High School ... Led her team in the CIF State Championship as a freshman back in 2019 ... Also competed in track, becoming the CIF State Champion in the high jump after clearing 5-feet-8-inches at the state meet.

Personal

Daughter of Scott and Kerri Slover ... has a younger brother, Sean ... plans to major in psychology and brain sciences.



TAYLOR SNAER

5-7 / Sophomore
Sprints
Manteca, Calif.
East Union HS
Modesto JC

Team USA

Earned a spot on the Team USA roster for the 2024 World Athletics U20 Championships in Lima, Peru, competing in the 100m, 200m, and 4x100 relay ... Finished fifth in the 200m at the U20 Worlds with a time of 23.31, after winning her preliminary heat and placing second in her semi-final heat ... Made it to the semi-finals of the 100m ... Ran finals for Team USA's 4x100 relay ... Clinched a Team USA roster spot by placing second in both the 100m and 200m at the 2024 USATF U20 Championships.

Modesto Junior College (2023-24)

Spent her freshman season at Modesto Junior College in Modesto, Calif. ... Broke the school's 4x100 relay record ... Named Most Valuable Track Athlete at the 2024 State Meet ... Won the 100m and 200m dashes, and finished runner-up in the 4x100 relay, at the 2024 3C2A California State Championships ... Was a four-time champion at the 3C2A Northern California Trials in the 100m, 200m, 4x100 relay, and 4x400 relay; Name Most Valuable Athlete after the meet ... Triple champion at the 2024 Big 8 Championships, taking the title in the 100m, 200m, and 4x100 relay en route to Big 8 Most Valuable Athlete honors ... Made her collegiate debut at the Jim Linthicum Invitational, sweeping the three events she competed in (100m, 200m, 4x100) ... Placed sixth in the 100m at the Mt. SAC Relays.

High School

Attended East Union High School in Manteca, Calif. ... Served as team captain her junior and senior seasons ... School record holder in the 100m, 200m, and 400m ... League champion in the 100m and 200m as a senior ... All-league in 100m, 200m, 400m, and 4x400 as a junior ... Also lettered in basketball and cross country ... Was a three-time league MVP, and one-time all-area MVP in basketball ... Earned all-league honors as a freshman in both basketball and cross.

Personal

Full name: Taylor Raian Snaer ... Born in 2005 in Manteca, Calif. to parents Demetrius and Melissa Snaer ... Has an older sister, Jadyn ... Chose UCLA because of "the great coaches that were coming in and the positive team atmosphere" ... Cites competing with the U20 Team USA team as her greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill ... In her free time, enjoys baking scones and hanging out/traveling with friends and family ... Her father, Demetrius, was a two-time All-American at Fresno State ... Her sister, Jadyn, is the 60m record holder at Cal Poly ... Plans on majoring in psychology, and aspires to a career as a sports psychologist.



LYVANTE SU'EMAI

5-7 / Senior
Throws
Queensland, Marsden, Australia
Marsden State High School

Career Honors

Two-time Second Team Outdoor All-American (discus; 2023-24)

2024

Appeared in nine outdoor meets during her junior season ... Competed in the discus, hammer, and shot put ... Opened the season at the Ben Brown Invitational with two second-place finishes in the discus and hammer ... Had event victories at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie-Joyner Kersee Invitational and the UCLA "Legends" Invitational in the discus ... Was a scorer for the Bruins at the USC Dual Meet ... Placed third in the Conference in the hammer, seventh in the discus, and tenth in the shot put at the Pac-12 Championships ... Finished 12th and 20th in the region at the NCAA West First Rounds ... Named a Second-Team All American at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships with a 13th place finish in the discus (55.27m, 181-04).

2023

UCLA's top shot putter in the indoor season, Su'emai competed in four indoor meets for the Bruins ... Also threw in the weight throw events at each of the meets in which she appeared ... Opened the season with a fourth-place finish in the shot put (15.33m, 50-03.50) at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Invitational ... Paired it with a seventh-place mark in the weight throw ... Had four of UCLA's top five throws of the season in the shot put ... Recorded a team-season-best mark of 15.36m (50-04.75) at the Ken Shannon Last Chance Invite ... Launched the weight throw at the same meet for a mark of 18.75m (61-06.25), which placed her ninth all-time for UCLA in indoor competition ... Threw shot put, hammer and discus during the outdoor season ... Appeared in 17 events for the Bruins during the 2023 campaign ... Made her first splash at the Ben Brown Invitational, capturing second place in the discus ... Followed it up with a second-place finish in the hammer throw and discus events during the UCLA-hosted Rafer Johnson-Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational two weeks later ... Hit her groove in the hammer throw during April, making her way onto UCLA's all-time top-10 list ... Placed fourth in the Conference at the Pac-12 Championships in May, throwing 63.57m (208-07) ... That mark ranks eighth all-time for the Bruins ... Started peaking in the discus throw at the right time ... Captured fifth place at the Conference meet (54.40m, 178-06) ... Qualified through the NCAA west regional meet before throwing a season-best mark of 55.69m (182-08) at the NCAA outdoor national championships ... Placed 11th in the NCAA with the team-season-best mark.

2022

Competed in five indoor meets during her true freshman season, recording UCLA's top mark of the season in both the shot put and weight throw events ... Made her outdoor debut at the Ben Brown Invitational on March 11th, throwing an all-time top 10 mark of 59.70m (195-10) in the hammer throw event ... Competed in 26 events at nine meets during the outdoor season ... Earned the Bruins' top mark in the shot put, discus and hammer throws during her inaugural campaign.

High School

Attended Marsden State High School ... Australian U20 champion in the shot put and discus, earning both titles in 2021 ... Picked up seven victories in the shot put in 2021, including a win at the Australian Championships with a mark of 15.11m (April 17) ... Won all six of her shot put competitions in 2020 ... Won the shot put competition at the Queensland Championships with a throw of 14.21m (Mar. 5) ... Set a personal-best in the preliminary flights, posting a mark of 14.48m ... Also took second place in the discus (51.75m) and hammer throw (49.58m) at the Queensland Championships (Mar. 5) ... Earned victories in the shot put (13.51m) and discus (51.01m) at the Norma Croker Shield in January, 2020 ... Won the discus competition (51.18m) and finished second overall in the shot put (13.77m) at the Australian U20 Championships.

Personal

Born in Marsden, Queensland, Australia to parents Geraldine and Faitala Su'emai ... Has two brothers, Tyreese and Taylah, and three sisters, Nehmia, Jahmaix, and Sirray ... "Everything about UCLA is amazing, but as a Polynesian, I was inspired to become a Bruin because of the UCLA legend, Seilala Sua. She has accomplished so much and I aspire to follow in her footsteps." ... Admires Seilala Sua, Dame Valerie Adams, Beatrice Faumuina, and Alex Rose ... Enjoys music, drawing, cultural (Samoan) activities, and time spent with family.



JANA VAN SCHALKWYK

Graduate Student
Javelin
Melkbosstrand, South Africa
Stellenbosch University (HS)

Prior to UCLA

Silver medalist at the 2023 African Games in the javelin .. Two-time javelin medalist at the African Championships, including a silver medal in 2024 ... Bronze medalist in the javelin at the 2021 World University Games in Chengdu, China ... Attended Stellenbosch University in South Africa, earning a bachelor's in management science.



SONIA VIRK

5-7 / Senior
Hurdles/Sprints
Simi Valley, Calif.
Oaks Christian HS

2024

Toed the line in four meets for UCLA during the indoor season, competing in the 400m race and the 60m hurdles ... Opened the indoor season with an eighth-place finish (56.96) at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Invitational ... Took second at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational to begin the outdoor season ... Posted a season-best mark of 58.49 at the UCLA "Legends" Invitational to place first ... Was 15th in the Conference at the Pac-12 Championships (59.53) ... Finished with a time of 59.81 at the NCAA West First Rounds, good enough for 35th in the region ... Appeared in six outdoor meets in her junior season ... Selected to the Pac-12 Winter Academic Honor Roll for the indoor track & field season.

2023

Competed in four races during the indoor track and field season, running the 60m hurdles, 400m and one 4x400m relay ... Recorded a season-best 8.82 in the 60m hurdles at the Dr. Sander Invitational ... Anchored the second-place 4x400m relay at the Dr. Sander Invitational (3:39.49) ... Appeared in seven races during the outdoor campaign ... UCLA's top 400m hurdler, she recorded a season-best mark of 59.85 at the Pac-12 Championships to place seventh in her heat.

2022

Competed in the 100m, 100mH, and 400mH ... Recorded a season best of 14.33 in the 100mH at the Chris Rinne Twilight meet (April 22).

High School

Lettered four years with Oaks Christian HS Track & Field ... Placed third and earned a PR of 14.59 in the 100m hurdles at the 2021 California State Track & Field Championships ... Finished in the top three in seven of the eight 100m hurdle races in which she competed in 2021 ... Competed in the 4 x 200 and SMR 100-100-200-400m at the 2021 Arcadia Invitational.



MARIE WARNEKE

Freshman
Middle Distance



AMIA WITT

Freshman
Jumps
Calabasas, Calif.
Calabasas HS



BELLA WITT

5-9 / Senior
Hurdles
Calabasas, Calif.
Calabasas HS
Georgia

Georgia (2022-24)

Spent three seasons at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. ... Runner-up in the 60mH at the 2024 New Balance Collegiate Showdown ... Third in the 200m dash at the 2024 Clemson Invite ... Competed at the 2023 SEC Championships in the 60mH ... Placed fourth in the 100mH at the 2022 FSU Relays.

High School

Attended Calabasas High School in Calabasas, Calif. ... Team captain as a junior and senior ... Ranked the No. 1 hurdler in California, and No. 3 nationally ... School record holder.

Personal

Born in 2003 ... Parents are Angela and Ray Witt ... Father played basketball at San Diego.