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UCLA MEN'S SOCCER SIGNS TOP-RANKED RECRUITING CLASS

Bruins to bring in 10 standouts for the 2013 season.

LOS ANGELES – UCLA head coach Jorge Salcedo has landed the top-ranked recruiting class in the country, signing seven standouts to National Letters of Intent and bringing in three talented transfers for the 2013 season.

The Bruins' latest class features five players ranked in the top 25 in College Soccer News's list of Top Recruits for the 2013 season, including the No. 1 overall player in the country. Two players competed for the U.S. at the 2011 FIFA U-17 World Cup, while another competed for New Zealand. Overall, seven players have experience playing with their respective Youth National Teams while five have earned NSCAA Youth Boys All-American honors. UCLA's 2013 class has been named the No. 1 class in the country by Top Drawer Soccer.

"Our 2013 recruiting class is comprised of very talented players," head coach Jorge Salcedo said. "There is some skill and technique, athleticism and experience, but above all it is a group that has a strong desire to be the best soccer players they can be. Our staff is very excited to work with each of them. This elite recruiting class is a byproduct of a lot of work from several individuals within our Athletic Department and I would like to sincerely thank them for their assistance throughout the process."

This is the fourth time that Salcedo has brought in the No. 1 ranked recruiting class in his tenure as UCLA head coach, signing the top-rated classes in 2004, 2006, 2010 and now 2013. The Bruins have also won six Pac-12 titles under Salcedo's leadership, have been to two College Cups (2006 and 2011) and have reached the NCAA Quarterfinals four times (2006, 2009, 2010 and 2011). Salcedo has also been named the Pac-12 Coach of the Year on four occasions and has produced 18 MLS Draft picks in his nine years as head coach.

UCLA Men's Soccer 2013 Signees

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (Previous School/Club Team)
Michael Amick	D	6-0	165	Sunnyvale, Calif. (The Harker School/De Anza Force)
Gregory Antognoli	F	6-0	165	Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial HS/California Odyssey)
Paul Arriola	F	5-7	140	Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei HS/Arsenal FC/LA Galaxy)
Edgar Contreras	D	6-0	185	Lamont, Calif. (Taft College)
Kevin De La Torre	F	5-9	150	Winchester, Calif. (Temecula Preparatory School/Chivas USA/Pateadores)
Michael Griswold	D/MF	6-3	185	San Diego, Calif. (Mt. Carmel HS/San Diego Surf)
Willie Raygoza	MF	5-8	140	South El Monte, Calif. (South El Monte HS/LA Galaxy)
Nathan Smith	D	5-10	140	Clovis, Calif. (Buchanon HS/California Odyssey/LA Galaxy)
Jordan Vale	MF	5-11	169	Auckland, New Zealand (Syracuse University/Waitakere United)
Gage Zerboni	MF/F	5-10	160	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente HS/West Coast Fútbol Club)

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Michael Amick
Sunnyvale, Calif. (The Harker School/De Anza Force)
Defender - 6-0, 165

Earned two varsity letters in soccer at The Harker School (San Jose, Calif.) under head coach Shaun Tsakiris, who played at UCLA from 1997-2000...ranked the No. 18 club player in the country by Top Drawer Soccer... also ranked No. 15 on College Soccer News's list of Top 150 Recruits for 2013...member of the U.S. U-18 National Team throughout 2012...competed for the U.S. at the 2012 Lisbon International Tournament in Portugal...also participated in the U.S. U-18 European training camp, earning caps in friendly matches against the Netherlands U-18 National Team, Borussia Dortmund's U-18 Academy team, Club Brugge's U-19 Team and Feyenoord Rotterdam's U-19 team...scored the game-winning goal against Borussia Dortmund and scored the USA's lone goal against Club Brugge...participated in two friendly matches against Canada in November of 2012, helping the U.S. earn a win and a draw against Canada's U-18 National Team...captained the De Anza Force Academy Team for three years...named to the U.S. Soccer U-15/16 Starting XI for the 2011-12 season...2012 NSCAA Youth Boys All-American.

Gregory Antognoli
Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial HS/California Odyssey)
Forward - 6-0, 165

Transfer from Cornell University who will enter the 2013 season as a freshman...attended San Joaquin Memorial High School (Fresno, Calif.), scoring 20 goals as a freshman playing on varsity...named a first-team All-Valley selection as a freshman...ranked No. 94 on College Soccer News's list of Top 150 Recruits for 2012...four-star recruit by Top Drawer Soccer...invited U.S. U-18 National Team training camp at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. in Nov. 2010...member of the 2011 SuperElite tour of Europe...competed at the 2010 Milk Cup in Northern Ireland...scored 56 goals in 3 ½ seasons of USSF Development Academy play with club team California Odyssey...currently playing for the Fresno Fuego of the USL Premier Development League...member of ODP Cal-North State Team (2006-07) and Region IV Team (2008 Costa Rica roster).

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Paul Arriola
Chula Vista, Calif. (Mater Dei HS/Arsenal FC/LA Galaxy)
Forward - 5-7, 140

Ranked as the No. 1 overall recruit in the country by College Soccer News...also ranked No. 8 recruit in the country by Top Drawer Soccer...two-time NSCAA Youth Boys All-American (2011-12)...2012 NSCAA Youth Boys Player of the Year...consistent member of the U.S. National Team, competing for the U.S. U-14, U-15, U-17 and U-18 National Teams...started in both of the U-18's Friendly matches against Canada in November of 2012, recording an assist in the team's 2-2 draw in the second leg...earned a cap in a European Friendly match against the Club Brugge U-19 Academy Team in September of 2012, playing all 90 minutes...played for the U.S. at the 2011 U-17 World Cup in Mexico, starting three matches and recording an assist while helping the team reach the Round of 16...was on the U.S. roster for the 2011 U-17 CONCACAF Championship, but did not see game time due to a nagging injury... competed for the U.S. U-17 95's at the 2011 Mondial Minimes Montaignu Tournament in Montaignu, France...joined the U.S. U-17 Men's National Team Residency program in the fall of 2010...played in one match for the U.S. U-17's in 2010 against Turkey at the Nike International Friendlies...competed for club teams Chula Vista Rangers U-8 through U-16, Arsenal FC U-16/18 and LA Galaxy U-18.

Edgar Contreras
Lamont, Calif. (Taft College/Arvin HS)
Defender - 6-0, 185

Transfer from Taft College who will enter the 2013 season as a junior...attended Taft for two years, playing under head coach Angelo Cutrona...named the CVC Defender of the Year and was a second-team NSCAA All-American while at Taft...attended Arvin High School (Arvin, Calif.), playing soccer under head coach Mauricio Lobos and football under head coach Edgar Mares...earned All-League honors in soccer at Arvin.

Kevin De La Torre
Winchester, Calif. (Temecula Preparatory School/Chivas USA/Pateadores)
Forward - 5-9, 150

Attended Temecula Preparatory School (Winchester, Calif.), earning a varsity letter in 2009-10...earned Team MVP honors after leading Riverside County with 30 goals...2012 NSCAA Youth Boys All-American...ranked as the No. 37 recruit in the country according to Top Drawer Soccer...also ranked No. 21 on College Soccer News's list of Top 150 Recruits for 2013...member of the U.S. U-17 Men's National Team...competed for the U.S. U-17 95's at the 2011 Mondial Minimes Montaignu Tournament in Montaignu, France...leading goal scorer for the U.S. at the Mondial Minimes Montaignu Tournament...competed for club teams Chivas USA Academy and Pateadores...participated in the 2010 Sum Cup with Chivas USA...helped lead Chivas USA to a third-place finish at the 2011 Generation Adidas Cup, winning the Golden Boot and setting a record for most goals in the competition with nine...scored eight goals in 21 games for Pateadores in 2011-12 and six goals in 12 games in 2012-13...led Pateadores U-15/16 a fifth place finish at the 2012 U.S. Soccer Development Academy Finals Week.

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Michael Griswold
San Diego, Calif. (Mt. Carmel HS/San Diego Surf)
Defender/Midfielder - 6-3, 185

Attended Mt. Carmel High School (San Diego, Calif.) for four years from 2009-13, earning a varsity letter in 2012...has captained Mt. Carmel a 13-4-1 record and a No. 4 ranking in the section in 2012-13...broke the Mt. Carmel single-season record for goals, scoring 27 goals with six games still to go in 2012-13...also holds the Mt. Carmel record for career goals with 65...three-year varsity captain for Mt. Carmel...also competed in track and field at Mt. Carmel...broke the 36-year old school record freshman record in the 800m...competed for the San Diego Surf Academy for four years, playing in 90 matches...named team captain of the Surf U-16's in 2010-11... second-leading scorer in 2011-12, scoring six goals for the Surf U-18's.

Willie Raygoza
South El Monte, Calif. (South El Monte HS/LA Galaxy)
Midfielder - 5-8, 140

Attended South El Monte High School (South El Monte, Calif.) for four years (2009-13), earning two varsity letters in soccer...led the team in goals his freshman year in 2009...rated as the No. 9 club player in the country by Top Drawer Soccer...also ranked No. 13 on College Soccer News's list of Top 150 Recruits for 2013... member of the U.S. U-18 Men's National Team in 2012...trained with the U.S. U-18's in January in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and again from March to April in Carson, Calif...competed for the LA Galaxy Youth Academy Team...named team captain of both the LA Galaxy U-16 and U-18 squads...captained the Galaxy to the 2011 U-15/16 U.S. Soccer Development Academy National Championship, scoring the game-winning goal in the Finals...also won the SoCal Division Championship with the Galaxy U-18's in 2012...helped lead LAFC Chelsea to the 2010 U-14 Dallas Cup.

Nathan Smith
Clovis, Calif. (Buchanon HS/California Odyssey/LA Galaxy)
Defender - 5-10, 140

Attended Buchanon High School in Clovis, Calif...led club team California Odyssey to two national championships...rated as the No. 25 club player in the country by Top Drawer Soccer... also ranked No. 5 on College Soccer News's list of Top 150 Recruits for 2013...three-time NSCAA Youth Boys All-American... consistent member of the U.S. U-17 National Team, earning 23 caps...competed for the U.S. U-17's at the 2011 FIFA U-17 World Cup, playing in two matches and helping the U.S. reach the Round of 16...helped lead the U.S. U-17's to the 2011 U-17 CONCACAF Championship, scoring the game-winning goal in the final against Canada...goal against Canada was nominated for 2011 U.S. Soccer Goal of the Year...member of the U.S. U-17 Residency Program from 2009-11...also competed for the U.S. U-15 National Team...competed for club teams California Odyssey and LA Galaxy...led California Odyssey to back-to-back runner-up finishes at the 2009 and 2010 U.S. Soccer Development Academy U-15/16 Finals Weeks...helped lead the LA Galaxy U-17 Academy Team to the 2011 Generation Adidas Cup...currently competes for the LA Galaxy U-18 Academy Team.

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Gage Zerboni

San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente HS/West Coast Fútbol Club)

Midfielder/Forward - 5-10, 160

Attended San Clemente High School (San Clemente, Calif.) for four years, earning a three varsity letters in soccer under head coach Mike Pronier...captained San Clemente to the 2011 California State Championship and the No. 6 ranking in the country in 2012...scored 21 goals and recorded 12 assists in 2012, earning South Coast League MVP and first-team All-Orange County honors...set San Clemente records for most assists in a season (18-2013), most goals in a game (4-2012), most assists in a game (3-2012), and most career assists (38)...was the top scorer in Orange County as a senior in 2013 (25 goals)...also competed for the West Coast Futbol Club (Boys U-10 through U-18)...has been the captain of the West Coast Futbol Club for the last seven years...captained West Coast to the 2009 and 2010 California State Cup...also led West Coast to the 2009 State Championship and 2009 National Championship...sister McCall played soccer at UCLA for four years from 2005-08.

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