

# **Kathy Olivier**

Head Coach 15th Season (22nd overall at UCLA) UNLV '82

Since being named head coach of the Bruins on May 3, 1993, Kathy Olivier has energized the UCLA program. The former standout player at Cal State Fullerton and UNLV has helped to produce two Pac-10 Players of the Year, three Pac-10 Freshmen of the Year, a Pac-10 team championship, a Pac-10 Tournament Championship and a trip to the Elite Eight. She is the only current Pac-10 coach to have as many as three freshmen named first-team All-Conference performers. From 1998-2000, she guided UCLA to a school-best three-straight NCAA tournament appearances and had the Bruins in the NCAA tournament again in 2006.

Interest in UCLA women's basketball has taken off to new levels under Olivier. The only regular season crowds in Bruin history of over 7,000 fans have come out to support the Bruins during her tenure. In fact, the top 13 regular season crowds in school history have come with Olivier at the helm.

# **Career Highlights**

- •Coached UCLA to NCAA Tournament appearances in 2006, 2004, 2000, 1999 (Elite Eight), 1998
- •Guided UCLA to the 1999 Pac-10 Championship and the 2006 Pac-10 Tournament title
- •Coached two Kodak All-Americans and Pac-10 Players of the Year - Maylana Martin and Natalie Williams
- •Produced three Pac-10 Freshmen of the Year - Noelle Quinn, Maylana Martin and Erica Gomez

Recognized as an excellent recruiter, she has steadily built the program to reflect her own positive, upbeat and outgoing personality. In her 14 seasons as UCLA head coach, Olivier has posted a 216-193 overall mark, which includes six top-four Pac-10 finishes in the last 10 seasons. Her teams may favor a running game on offense, but defense is another Olivier strong point. Six of the all-time school top 10 marks for lowest opponent field percentages belong to Olivier-coached squads.

In 2007, Noelle Quinn became the first Bruin to total at least 1,700 points, 700 rebounds and 400 assists. Quinn, who earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors for a third season, finished her career ranked fourth on the all-time scoring list, eighth on the all-time rebound

list and seventh on the assist list. Lindsey Pluimer, who joined the 1,000-point, 500-rebound club, and Quinn each earned Academic All-District honors. The team played USC before 7,134 fans, the eighth-largest home crowd in Bruin history.

Olivier's 2006 squad finished the season strong, placing third in the Pac-10 regular season standings and then winning the Conference Tournament for the first time with wins on consecutive days over California, Arizona State and Stanford. The Arizona State victory gave Olivier her 200th career win. The Bruins advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and finished with a 21-11 record. Olivier coached three AP and WBCA/Kodak honorable mention All-Americans in Quinn, Nikki Blue and Lisa Willis. The trio also earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors, Quinn and Willis' second and Blue's fourth, which made her just fifth four-time first-team All-Pac-10 selection in conference history. Blue became the first Bruin player to lead the Pac-10 in assists, while Willis, the Pac-10 Tournament MVP, led the league in steals for the third-straight season. Quinn ranked third in the Pac-10 in scoring and second in rebounding. UCLA's 10-2 record in Pauley Pavilion (.833) was the highest home court winning percentage posted by a Bruin team since the 1980-81 squad went 15-2 (.882).

In 2005, Blue garnered her third straight first-team All-Pac-10 honors, and Willis earned first-team recognition for the initial time. The Bruins lost leading scorer and rebounder (at the time) Quinn to a knee injury midway through the season and finished sixth in the Pac-10 after posting non-conference wins over then-No. 4 ranked



Texas and then-No. 14 Purdue. Quinn earned honorable mention all-conference honors, and Lindsey Pluimer was named to the all-conference freshman team. The team set a school record for free throw shooting percentage (.717) and allowed opponents the fourth-lowest shooting percentage in school history (.400).

In 2004, Olivier's Bruins earned a NCAA Tournament berth and finished with a 17-13 overall record and a third-place Pac-10 finish. The team boasted the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, Quinn, and a pair of All-Conference performers in Quinn and Blue. A third player, Willis, earned honorable mention all-conference honors after leading the league in steals and made three-point shots. The Bruin team surrendered just 63.8 points per game, the third-lowest opponent scoring mark ever. The team also played its final home game of the season, a win over USC, before 8,094 fans, the third-largest crowd in school history.

Olivier led the 2003 Bruins to 12 conference victories, a total surpassed by only two other seasons in UCLA history. The 12 wins included five on the road, a total bettered by only one other school that season. Her team set a school record for free throw shooting (.716), and Blue became just the seventh freshman player in conference history to be named to the first-team All-Pac-10 team. Michelle Greco joined Natalie Williams and Rehema Stephens as Bruins who have led the Pac-10 in scoring in multiple seasons.

In 2002, Olivier guided a team which lost its two leading scorers during the season to the quarterfinal round of the Pac-10 tournament. The team finished with the sixth-best defensive shooting percentage in school history at .413. In 2001, she guided a team which was playing without eight of its top nine scorers from the previous season to a winning record at home in Pac-10 play and to wins over two nationally-ranked opponents. Greco became the fourth Bruin to lead the Pac-10 in scoring and was named first-team all-conference.

Olivier's 2000 squad earned a NCAATournament berth for the third straight year and set a school attendance mark for the home season with an average of over 3,700 fans. The team battled injuries all season and a schedule which saw them tangle with three of the eventual Final Four teams and two others which advanced to the Elite Eight. Maylana Martin became the second-leading scorer in Bruin women's basketball history during the year, and Janae Hubbard and Marie Philman each became members of the UCLA 1,000-point club. Martin also became just

the third player in Pac-10 history ever to be named to the all-conference team for four-straight seasons.

In 1999, Olivier guided her team to the school's firstever Pac-10 Conference championship and a best-ever Elite Eight finish in the NCAA tournament. A 26-8 record marked UCLA's first back-to-back 20-win seasons since a three-peat in the 1977-79 campaigns. The 26 wins were the most by a Bruin team since the 1981 squad went 29-7 and the third-highest in school annuls. The team set a school and conference record for shooting percentage in a game (.695) and went on to shoot .476 for the season, the best mark since 1984. The final ranking of No. 7 in the nation was the highest ever for a UCLA team in the USA Today coaches poll and the best finish in any poll since a similar ranking in the Associated Press poll in 1981. Olivier created such a positive energy around her team that an all-time school record crowd of 9,530 was on hand to witness a 94-53 home win over USC.

In 1998, she directed a Bruin team which featured two Pac-10 Freshmen of the Year to the school's best-ever conference finish at the time (second, 14-4) and the best winning percentage (20-9, .690) in 17 seasons. It was the first 20-win season for a Bruin team since its last NCAA team won 21 in 1992. The season also marked the first time a Bruin team had been ranked in the regular season Associated Press poll for more than a week's time since 1982-83.

Martin, the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year in 1997 and the Pac-10 Player of the Year in 1999, became just the third Bruin to score a total of over 1,000 career points after just two years. LaCresha Flannigan, 1996 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year Erica Gomez and Martin each earned first-team all-conference honors in 1999.

In addition to these fine players, as an assistant coach, Olivier had been instrumental in landing All-Everything two-sport standout Natalie Williams, recognized as the Pac-10's Athlete of the Decade in a 1996 vote of conference officials. Williams also brought home a gold medal as a member of the winning USA Women's Basketball team in 2000 in Sydney, Australia.

The dynamic Bruin coach originally joined the UCLA staff in the summer of 1986. In her seven seasons as an assistant, the team enjoyed five winning years and reached the NCAA Tournament in two of the final four years. In 1991-92, the Bruins compiled a record of 21-10 and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16.

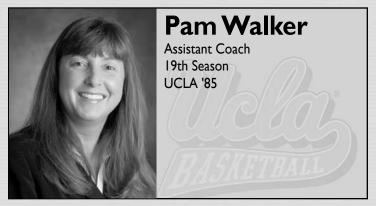
Olivier began her coaching career at her alma mater, UNLV, as a graduate assistant in 1981-82. Following one season at UC Irvine (1982-83), she was hired at USC and was on the Trojan staff for three years (1983-84 through 1985-86) as an assistant. USC, led by sophomore Cheryl Miller, won the NCAA title in Olivier's first year (1984) and reached the championship game in her third season (1986).

The former Kathy Ricks, Olivier was a standout player at Cal State Fullerton and then at UNLV.As a freshman (1977-78) at Fullerton, she averaged 15.6 points and 9.2 rebounds her first season and raised her scoring average to 19.3 as a sophomore. As a junior (1979-80) at UNLV, she earned All-America honors while averaging a team-high 16.3 points and 5.7 rebounds. In her final year (1980-81), she led the Rebels in scoring (20.2) and ranked second in rebounding (9.2). Olivier played high school basketball at Valencia HS in Placentia, CA.

Olivier comes from an accomplished athletic family. Her sister Mary Ricks played on UCLA's national championship softball teams in 1984 and 1985, and her brother Tom Ricks played on USC's baseball team from 1975-77. Olivier now coaches her daughter, Alexis, who is a sophomore on the Bruin squad.

	Olivier's Year-by-Year Results											
	Year		Pac-10 Record/Finish	NCAA Trny. Finish								
	2006-07	14-18	7-11/7th	_								
	2005-06	21-11	12-6/ 3rd	2nd Rd.								
	2004-05	16-12	10-8/ 6th	_								
	2003-04	17-13	11-7/T-3rd	Ist Rd.								
	2002-03	18-11	12-6/4th	_								
	2001-02	9-20	4-14/8th	_								
	2000-01	6-23	5-13/10th	_								
Ī	1999-00	18-11	12-6/4th	Ist Rd.								
	1998-99	26-8	15-3/T-1st	Elite 8								
	1997-98	20-9	14-4/T-2nd	2nd Rd.								
	1996-97	13-14	7-11/6th	_								
	1995-96	13-14	8-10/T-6th	_								
	1994-95	10-17	5-13/T-8th	_								
	1993-94	15-12	10-8/T-4th	_								
	Total	216-193										





UCLA graduate Pam Walker is in her 19th season as a member of the Bruin coaching staff. She begins her 15th season as a full-time assistant after performing the duties of the part-time position for the previous four years.

In addition to her on-court coaching duties, Walker is responsible for scheduling, the video exchange program, scouting, monitoring of the players' academic progress, on-campus recruiting and travel arrangements for road games.

"Pam is someone who works incredibly hard and does all the little things behind the scenes to make this program successful," said UCLA head coach Kathy Olivier. "As a UCLA alum, a very successful high school coach, and a quality person, she is a great asset to this program."

During her tenure at UCLA, the Bruins have competed in the NCAATournament nine times, including an Elite Eight appearance in 1999. The Bruins also won a Pac-10 regular season title in 1999 and a Pac-10 Tournament title in 2006. Walker has coached two Pac-10 Players of the Year, four Pac-10 Freshmen of the Year, and six All-Americans.

Walker joined the Bruin staff prior to the 1989-90 season after four years as head girls' basketball coach at Hart High School (1986-89) in Newhall, CA. In her final season at Hart, she guided the school to the quarterfinals of the state championship tournament, the CIF 5-A Southern Section championship and the Foothill League title. She was also named CIF Coach of the Year that season. Several of her high school standouts continued their playing careers at the college level.

Prior to coaching at Hart, Walker served as head girls' basketball coach at St. Bernard's High School in Playa del Rey, CA (1984-85) and at Van Nuys High School (1982), where she directed the Wolves into the Los Angeles City championship game.

Walker, who graduated from UCLA in 1985 with a B.A. in Political Science, International Relations, earned her Master's degree in Education at UCLA in 1990. She has been married since 2004 to Larry Muir, who teaches history and is the head football coach at Valencia High School. Muir was a member of the UCLA football team from 1989-90. The couple live in Valencia with their beagle, Dee.

"What is greatness? Greatness is excellence, winning with class and doing it in a way that is infectious, inclusive and impassioned. It cannot be gotten to through shortcuts, though some achieve it faster than others. It involves hard work, sacrifice and an understanding that we is bigger than me and that every minute, every day, every practice and every game matters. It is about buying in - trusting your teammates and your coaches as much as you trust yourself. It's knowing that everyone has the same goal and the same desire to reach that goal. It's achieved by focusing on the little things while never taking your eyes from the larger prize. It's an understanding that there is nothing that "doesn't matter" - no game that's not important, no practice or conditioning session that doesn't require 100% of your energy and focus, and no teammate who can afford to be out of the mix. To expedite greatness, you need leadership from within and leadership from without. You need an unwavering loyalty to the team and a desire to do whatever it takes to make the team better."





Trisha Stafford-Odom
Assistant Coach
3rd Season
California '92

Trisha Stafford-Odom, a standout player at the University of California who went on to play professionally in the WNBA and overseas, joined the Bruin staff in July of 2005 after spending the previous three seasons as the head coach at Westchester High School.

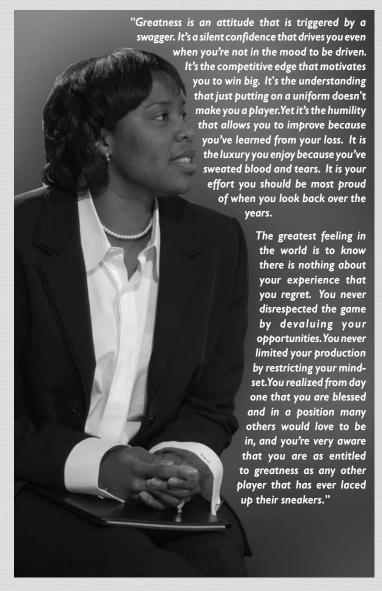
Stafford-Odom is the women's basketball recruiting coordinator and is responsible for the development of perimeter players. Her duties also include scouting, editing film and charting game statistics. She also serves as a liaison between staff and players.

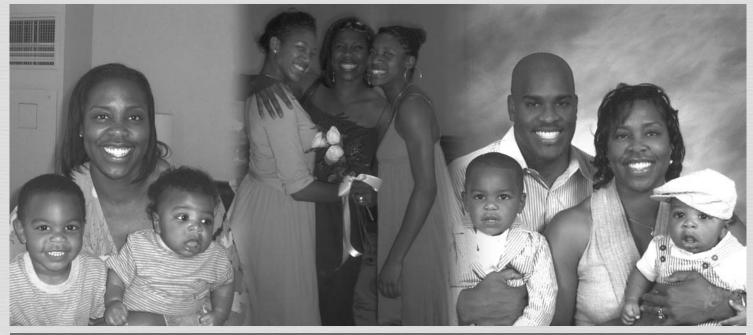
"Trisha made an impression on me when she was an excellent high school standout in Los Angeles," said UCLA head coach Kathy Olivier. "She has been a very successful player at every level - college, overseas and the WNBA. She has a personality that is contagious, and the qualities that she brings are very infectious."

Stafford-Odom, a Los Angeles native, is one of the all-time great players in the history of Cal basketball, ranking sixth on the all-time scoring list (1,530) and ninth on the all-time rebounding list (721) after her three-season career. She helped lead Cal into its first two NCAA Tournament appearances (1990 and 1992) and was selected to the school's 10-player All-Decade Team (1986-1996).

In 1991-92, she topped Cal and the Pac-10 in scoring (22.3 ppg) and also led the Golden Bears in rebounding (8.7). In the process, she posted one of only two 20-plus point scoring averages in school history. Her season total of 647 points was the third-most in school history. She was named an honorable mention All-American by Kodak and Basketball Times and a second-team selection by the Women's Basketball News Service for 1991-92. She earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors in '91-92 and '90-91. She is still listed in the school's top-10 career best lists in seven categories. In 1990, she was a member of the U.S. Junior National team and played in the 1990 U.S. Olympic Sports Festival and the 1993 World University Games.

Stafford-Odom played professionally in the WNBA in 2001 with the Houston Comets and in 2002 with the Miami Sol. She played in the ABL for San Jose and Long Beach and has also played professionally overseas in Italy, Spain, Israel, Brazil and Puerto Rico. She is married to DeWayne Odom, and they have two young sons, Amari and Trajen.







Maylana Martin Douglas is in her fourth season as an assistant coach at UCLA. This all-time great Bruin basketball player returned to Westwood in the summer of 2004 after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Portland in the 2003 season.

"The opportunity to be coaching at my alma mater means more to me than words can explain," Martin Douglas said. "I love being a Bruin! I take great pride in being able to coach young women who are now wearing the uniform that I so proudly wore during my career at UCLA. Best of all, I get to coach under Kathy Olivier, who is the reason I became a Bruin. Coach Olivier taught me so much as a player, and I continue to benefit from her basketball knowledge on a daily basis as one of her assistant coaches."

Martin Douglas, an All-American and four-year first team all-conference performer at UCLA from 1997-2000, helped lead the Bruins to three-straight NCAA Tournament appearances (1998, 1999, 2000). Her 1998-99 team advanced to the Elite Eight, the best finish for UCLA since 1978. Martin Douglas was voted the Pac-10 Player of the Year after leading UCLA to the 1999 Pac-10 Conference Championship and followed that up by leading the Pac-10 in scoring as a senior. She was named the 1997 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year and went on to become one of just four players to be selected all-conference for four straight seasons. She earned first-team Kodak All-America honors in 1999 and was a second team AP All-American.

Martin Douglas ranks second on the UCLA women's basketball all-time scoring list and fourth overall for Bruin men and women with 2,101 career points. She still ranks fourth on the all-time school list for career rebounds (935), blocks (96) and field goal percentage (.545). She is one of only two Bruin women to record over 2,000 points for her career, and she ended her career ranked sixth on the all-time Pac-10 Conference scoring list and eighth on the rebounding list.

"Maylana literally has grown up before my eyes," said UCLA head coach Kathy Olivier. "As an outstanding player here at UCLA, she took so much pride in doing things right. She brought that to the court and is now doing the same as a coach. The players know they are learning from one of the best."

The 10th selection in the first round of the 2000 WNBA draft by Minnesota, Martin Douglas went on to play two seasons with the Lynx and also played with the Charlotte Sting. Her basketball career was cut short due to a severe back injury.

As a prep star at Perris High School, under the tutelage of Coach Marvin Williams, she was Riverside County Player of the Year for four-straight years. In her senior season, she averaged 33 points and 18 rebounds a game and was a WBCA, Nike and Parade All-American. She represented her country as a captain on the gold-medal

"You expedite greatness through hard work. Everyone needs to be doing something to improve their game every single day! You can't sit back and wait for the spring to get stronger. The transformation into becoming a dominant basketball player started yesterday! You don't listen to doubters because doubters are always the ones to tell you that you're too small or too slow or too young. You listento your teammates. Your teammates help you expedite greatness. Your teammates push you to be your best - by scoring on you, d-ing you up and beating you in sprints. They also help you push through the line, pick you up after you take a charge, and jump on your back in celebration after you score an "and one!" Your teammates are your everything your biggest fans, your greatest competitors and the ones who will believe in you when the game is on the line."

winning USA Jr. National Team in 1997. She led the Jr. National Team in scoring and rebounding and was instrumental in the team being named "Team of the Year" by the United States Olympic Committee.

In addition to her on-court coaching duties, Martin Douglas' duties include recruiting, scouting, film editing and production, and post player development. She also serves as the Women's Basketball Camp Director during the summer.

Martin Douglas earned her B.A. in Sociology from UCLA in 2000 and her M.B.A. with a concentration in Management from Loyola Marymount University in 2007. She recently changed her name to Maylana Martin Douglas after marrying former USC and NFL player Rome Douglas on August 31, 2007. The Douglases have three dogs and currently reside in West Covina.



# The Basketball Staff



Jamila Veasley

Director of Basketball Operations/Video Coordinator 1st Season UCLA '04

Jamila Veasley is in her first season as Director of Basketball Operations at UCLA. The former Bruin player returned home to Westwood in the summer of 2007 after working the past few years as an insurance litigation paralegal at Dickstein Shapiro LLP. She is continuing to pursue her Master's degree in Humanities at Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Veasley, a four-year basketball letterwinner at UCLA from 2001-04, started 76 games in her career, including each game of her junior and senior seasons when the Bruins posted 35 wins. She was a member of some of the best defensive units in school history. In three of her seasons, UCLA limited opponents to a field goal percentage

which ranked among the all-time top 10 lowest marks (2004 - #6 .410; 2002 - #7 .412; 2003 - T-10th - .417). In 2004, the Bruins held the opposition to the third-lowest scoring average in school history (63.8 points per game). In the 2003 season, opponents scored at the fifth-lowest average (67.1).

In 2004, Veasley was a member of the Bruin team which advanced to the NCAA Tournament and tied for third in the Pac-10. In 2003, she served as a team co-captain on a squad which placed fourth in the conference. Veasley ranked seventh in the Pac-10 Conference in blocked shots with a 0.69 average. Her total of 20 blocked shots led the team and ranked, at the time, as the eighth-best mark ever by a Bruin junior.





Chris Jackson is entering his second season on the UCLA athletic staff and first as an administrative assistant for Bruin head coach Kathy Olivier and the UCLA women's basketball program. His main responsibilities include office management, recruiting and executive assistant duties for Olivier and her staff.

Jackson joined the UCLA Athletic Department in Spring 2006, working as offensive and special teams support for the 2006 football season. His favorite moment as a Bruin was being on the field at the Rose Bowl last year when UCLA upset USC, I 3-9. He graduated from UCLA in 2005 with a BA in Theater. As a student, he helped form The Red Carpet Foundation, a non-profit organization benefiting young people who face extraordinary medical challenges. After graduating, Jackson worked as a physical therapist assistant in Encinitas, rehabbing many athletes, including UCLA alum Brandon Chillar.

Jackson was born Aug. 11, 1982 in Frankfurt, Germany while his father Larry served in the Marines. He prepped at Rancho Buena Vista HS from 1996-2000. He is a member of the same fraternity (Beta Theta Pi) as John Wooden and UCLA Athletic Director Dan Guerrero.



Marvin Hamlin Team Manager



Melody Garcia Team Manager



# #3 | Moniquee Alexander 6-6 • Sophomore • Center • Harbor City, CA (Edison Academic Center)

Career	Statistics	S										
Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	Α	В	St	TP	Avg
'06-07	31-0	321/10.4	35-93	.376	28-63	.444	84/2.7	0	7	8	98	3.2
Pac-10	17-0	164/96	13-49	265	17-32	531	47/2 8	٥	3	5	43	2.5

## **UCLA Outlook:**

- •Tremendous athlete who can really get after it at the defensive end of the floor
- •Showed improvement across the board over the course of the 2007 season
- •Worked very hard this summer

- •Saw action in 31 games, all off the bench
- •Had one double-digit scoring game with 10 points at Arizona
- •Pulled down at least three rebounds in 14 contests
- •Played at least 10 minutes in 16 games with a season-high of 22 minutes, set four times
- •Had seven games with at least seven points scored
- •Best overall game was a 10-point, eight-rebound effort at Arizona
- •Scored eight points, grabbed six rebounds and was 4-4 from the foul line in 22 minutes at ASU
- •Played 22 minutes v. Stanford (h) and recorded seven points, six rebounds and two steals
- •Grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds and scored eight v. UCSB

- •Played her last two seasons at Edison Academic Center at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL, where she averaged 12 points, 10 rebounds, one steal and 1.5 assists per game as a senior
- •2005 Florida All-State selection
- •Played in the USA Youth Developmental Festival in 2005, winning a bronze medal

- •Co-MVP of the 2005 adidas Tournament of Champions and MVP of the 2004 adidas Shootout
- •Selected an adidas Top Ten Camp All-Star in 2005
- •Named an underclass All-Star in 2004
- •Attended Narbonne HS in Harbor City, CA in 2003 and 2002
- Played club basketball for FBC

## Personal:

3-point Shooting: 2007 — none.

- •Full name: Moniquee Nicole Alexander
- Nickname is Mo
- •Born on March 27, 1987 in Harbor City, CA
- •Family: Guardians Chris and Flaxie Lewis, sister Raven, brothers Jer'Vaughn Johnson and Brandon Alexander
- •Brother Jer'Vaughn plays basketball and brother Brandon plays football at San Diego
- •Cousin is Denver Broncos football player Daniel Graham, who won Super Bowl championships with New England in 2003 and 2004
- ·Hobbies include cooking, swimming and shopping
- ·Lists her biggest athletic thrill as going to college

## Career Highs:

Points - 10 at Arizona (1/20/07); Rebounds - 10 vs. UC Santa Barbara (11/12/06); Assists - none; Steals - 2, last vs. Stanford (12/22/06); Blocks - 2 vs. Stanford (12/22/06); FG Made - 5 at Arizona (1/20/07); 3-pt. FG Made - none; FT Made - 4 at Arizona State (1/18/07); Minutes - 22, last at Arizona (1/20/07)



## **Getting To Know ... Moniquee Alexander:**

The three words that would best describe me are: Funny, caring, outgoing

Nickname: Mo 2 the

My career aspirations are to: Do something with kids

My hero is: My grandmother

The person I admire most is: My uncle

My most prized possession is: My mumble doll from "Happy Feet"

When I played sports as a kid, I pretended to be: A Power Ranger

The best thing about our home games is: Family being there

My pre-game rituals are: Praying and listening to music

I am the best person on this team at: Making people laugh

The word that best describes this team is: Surprise

My proudest moment in basketball was: My performance in the Arizona game freshman year

My most memorable moment on the court as a Bruin was: When I took the ball from Courtney Paris

My favorite UCLA athlete, past or present, is: Noelle Quinn

Favorite UCLA event to attend: Bruin Bash

My campus hang-out is: In my room

My favorite class at UCLA so far was: Ethnomusicology CM 112 with Professor Dje Dje (African-American Music in California)

My hidden talent outside basketball is: Swimming

If I could play another sport at UCLA, it would be: Volleyball

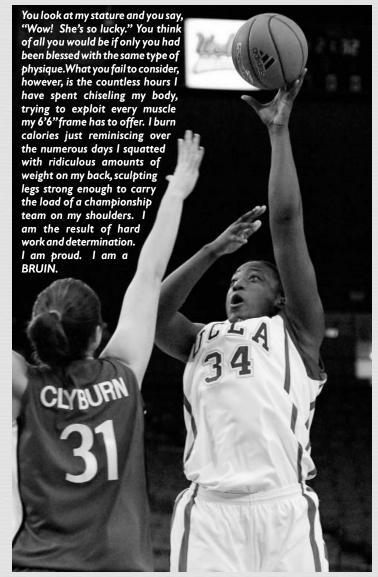
My advice to youngsters is: Never allow outside sources to stop you from achieving

If I had three wishes, I would wish for: My mother back, the boy I like and a degree

The greatest risk I've taken is: Leaving my high school to move to Florida

The phrase others think I say way too much is: "I mean seriously"

After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: A good person and player







# #2 Tierra Henderson

5-10 • Junior • Guard • Pasadena, CA (Muir HS)

Career	Statistics	S										
Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	В	St	TP	Avg
'06-07	32-31	811/25.3	64-190	.337	24-45	.533	116/3.6	89	3	67	164	5.1
'05-06	32-0	313/9.8	14-34	.412	8-28	.286	44/1.4	7	0	17	36	1.1
Totals	64-31	1124/17.6	78-224	.348	32-73	.438	160/2.5	96	3	84	200	3.1
Pac-10	36-17	681/18.9	51-138	.370	21-53	.396	100/2.8	54	2	45	132	3.7
3-point Shooting: 2007 — 12-43 (.279); 2006 — 0-2 (.000); Totals 12-45 (.267).												

## **UCLA Outlook:**

- •Tenacious defender and high-energy performer
- ·Has really developed her game

## 2007:

- •Starter in 31 of the team's 32 games
- •Played at least 20 minutes in 28 contests
- •Ranked fourth in the Pac-10 in steals (2.09/g)
- •Scored at least eight points in nine games
- •Had five double-digit scoring games
- •Scored a career-best of II points at Cal State Fullerton
- •Credited with at least three assists in 15 games
- •Handed out a career-best seven assists versus Washington State
- •Registered at least two steals in 16 games
- •Recorded a career-high seven steals vs. Gonzaga
- •Averaged 6.3 points, 4.3 rebounds, 3.8 assists over the last 11 games of the year
- •Member of Director's Honor Roll for Spring 2007

## 2006:

- •Came off the bench and saw action in all 32 games
- •Played at least 10 minutes in 16 games
- •Saw a season-high 19 minutes of action vs. Arizona State
- •Had a season-high four points in four different games
- •Handed out a season-best two assists at Arizona

## **High School:**

- •Averaged 16.6 points, 6.5 rebounds and 5.0 steals per game as a senior at Muir HS
- •Had nine 20-point games with a career-high of 31 points
- •Had a career-best eight steals in a game as a senior

- •Grabbed 12 offensive rebounds in a game during both her junior and senior years
- •Took 22 charges in one season
- •First-team All-CIF, All-Area, *Pasadena Star News* MVP and All-Pacific League after ranking 13th in the CIF Southern Section in steals (139) and 36th in scoring (466 points) in 2004-05
- •First-team all-league, all-area and all-state as a junior and second-team all-league as a sophomore
- •Named Best Defensive Player on her Cal Sparks club team and averaged 10 points and nine rebounds per game
- •Earned two letters on the Muir HS track and field team and also played on the volleyball and swimming teams

### Personal:

- •Full name: Tierra Monay Henderson
- •Born on May 6, 1987 in Pasadena, CA
- •Family: Parents Vynell and Elaine Henderson, sister Brittany
- •Admires WNBA standout Sheryl Swoopes
- •Biggest thrill in sports to date came in a third round CIF playoff game when she held Rosary HS's leading scorer under 10 points and scored a game-high point total herself
- •Majoring in Women's Studies

## Career Highs:

Points - 11 at Cal State Fullerton (11/30/06); Rebounds - 8 vs. Gonzaga (11/24/06); Assists - 7 vs. Washington State (1/28/07); Steals - 7 vs. Gonzaga (11/24/06); Blocks - 1, last vs. Washington State (3/2/07); FG Made - 5, last at Oregon State (2/3/07); 3-pt. FG Made - 2, last vs. Arizona State (2/18/07); FT Made - 4 vs. Washington (1/26/07); Minutes - 35 at Oregon State (2/3/07)



## **Getting To Know ... Tierra Henderson:**

The three words that would best describe me are: Bold, funny, outgoing

Nickname: T

My career aspirations are to: Play overseas and attend graduate school

When I'm not playing basketball, you'll most likely see me: Shopping with my little sister

The person I admire most is: My dad

You won't see me without: My iPod

When I played sports as a kid, I pretended to be: Michael Jordan

I pattern my play after: Sheryl Swoopes and Gary Payton

I started playing basketball because: My dad wouldn't let me be a cheerleader

My pre-game rituals are: Listening to Whitney Houston

I am the best person on this team at: Defense

The word that best describes this team is: Sisterhood

My proudest moment in basketball was: Signing my letter-of-intent to UCLA

My most memorable moment on the court as a Bruin was: Winning the Pac-10 Tournament and jumping in Lindsey Pluimer's arms

My favorite UCLA athlete, past or present, is: Jackie Robinson

Favorite UCLA event to attend: Bruin Athletic Council Meetings

Best sporting event I've ever attended: 2006 UCLA vs. USC football game

What sets UCLA apart from other basketball programs is: The family atmosphere

One moment in history I wish I could have witnessed is: The Civil Rights Movement

My hidden talent outside basketball is: Singing well in the shower

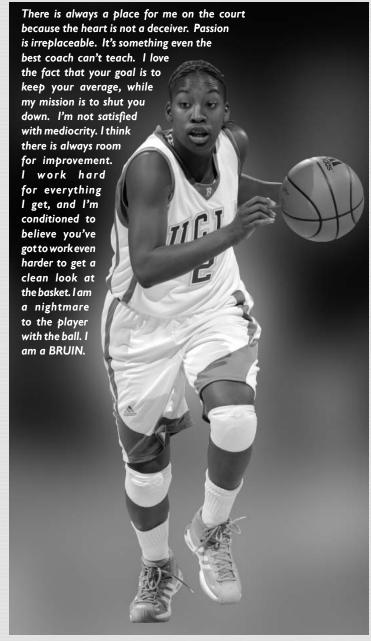
If I could play another sport at UCLA, it would be: Volleyball

My advice to youngsters is: Stay in school and follow the rules

If I could have three people over for dinner, it would be: Ray Allen, Whitney Houston and my dad's father, and we'd have catfish, french fries, spaghetti, hush puppies and a glass of root beer

One thing people may not know about me is: I am sensitive

After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: One of the best defensive players







# **#23 Chinyere Ibekwe**

6-4 • Junior • Center • Los Angeles, CA (Carson HS)

### Career Statistics

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Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	В	St	TP	Avg
'06-07	32-32	652/20.4	99-197	.503	48-95	.505	212/6.6	9	24	28	246	7.7
'05-06	32-0	398/12.4	64-124	.516	32-68	.471	120/3.8	2	14	12	160	5.0
Totals	64-32	1050/16.4	163-321	.508	80-163	.491	332/5.2	- 11	38	40	406	6.3
Pac-10	36-18	596/16.6	89-181	.492	48-95	.505	189/5.3	4	19	24	226	6.3
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## **UCLA Outlook:**

- •Athletic and aggressive post player who moves well on the court
- •Becoming more and more comfortable as an inside player
- •Showed steady improvement and growth throughout last season and is ready to take the next step as a player

### 2007:

- •Starter in all 32 games
- •Made her first career start in the opener against UC Santa Barbara
- •Had eight double-figure scoring games and six double-figure rebounding games
- •Recorded double-doubles vs. Gonzaga (21p, 11r) and California (13p, 12r)
- •Scored at least seven points in 17 games, with a career-high of 21 against Gonzaga
- •Grabbed at least eight rebounds in 12 games, with a career-high of 13 at Arizona State
- •Registered multiple blocked shots in six contests
- •Ranked sixth in the Pac-10 in offensive rebounds (2.78) and 11th in rebounding (6.6)
- •Finished the season by making 36 or her last 65 field goals (.554)
- •Her 212 rebounds led the team and ranked tied for eighth on the all-time UCLA list for sophomores
- •Her 24 blocked shots ranked fifth on the Bruins' all-time sophomore list

## 2006:

- •Came off the bench for all 32 games
- •Saw at least 10 minutes of action in 23 games
- ·Scored in double-digits in three games
- •Over the last 12 games of the season, scored 68 points (5.7 average), grabbed 49 rebounds (4.1), blocked nine shots (0.8) and made 29 of 55 field goals (.527)
- •Hit two big free throws with 27 seconds remaining in overtime to help clinch the Pac-10 Tournament title vs. Stanford, the Bruins' second win over the Cardinal that year
- •Had nine of her 14 blocked shots in the last 12 games of the season
- •Tied for the team lead with seven rebounds at Washington
- •Tied for the team lead with 11 rebounds vs. UC Irvine

## High School:

- •Averaged 23.2 points, 12.9 rebounds and 3.7 blocked shots en route to receiving first-team All-CIF City honors as a senior at Carson HS
- •Had 11 20-point games, including a high of 30 points in a win over Banning HS
- •Ranked fifth in the LA City in points (348) and blocked shots (56) and 13th in rebounds with 193, including 96 offensive boards
- •McDonald's All-America nominee
- •All-City MVP, first-team All-South Bay and Marine League MVP
- •Participated in the 2004 adidas All-America camp
- Averaged 19 points and 15 rebounds as a junior, 15 points and 12 rebounds as a sophomore and 10 points and 10 rebounds as a freshman
- •Averaged 20 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks for club team OGDL

## Personal:

- •Full name: Chinyere Christy Ibekwe
- •Nickname is Rey Rey
- •Born on December 2, 1987 in Los Angeles, CA
- •Family: Parents Augustine and Agatha, older brothers Onyekachi (played basketball at Long Beach State from 2004-06 and earned an NFL contract as a rookie free agent with San Francisco in 2006) and Ekene (played basketball at Maryland from 2004-07), and younger sister Ify (freshman basketball player at Arizona)
- •The athletes she admires most are her two brothers, and she patterns her style of play after former NBA star Dennis Rodman
- •Lists her biggest athletic thrill in sports as signing her letter-of-intent with UCLA
- ·Hobbies include modeling, dancing and acting
- •Major is Afro-American Studies with a history concentration

## Career Highs:

Points - 21 vs. Gonzaga (11/24/06); Rebounds - 13 at Arizona State (1/18/07);

Assists - 2, last vs. Sacramento State (1/28/07); Steals - 3 at Tennessee (11/16/06);

Blocks - 3 vs. Gonzaga (11/24/06); FG Made - 9 vs. Gonzaga (11/24/06); 3-pt. FG

Made - none; FT Made - 6 at Cal State Fullerton (11/30/06); Minutes - 32 vs. Arizona State (3/3/07)



## **Getting To Know ... Chinyere Ibekwe:**

The three words that would best describe me are: Beautiful, strong, loving

One thing few people know about me is: I am a Nigerian Princess from Umaka, Nigeria

My hidden talents outside of basketball are: Braiding hair, modeling, dancing and acting

I chose my jersey number #23 because: I love Michael Jordan. He is the greatest player ever.

The member of the UCLA basketball team that I would like to trade places with for a day is: Jamila Veasley because she has experienced this already and she's a great leader. I can learn a lot from her.

Favorite UCLA event to attend: The UCLA Fashion Show (I'm in it) and the Big Dance

The word that best describes this team is: Fast

I chose UCLA because: Kathy Olivier never gave up on me and still hasn't. She has seen something in me and had faith. I love her for that.

The best thing about UCLA is: The support system

The most important thing I have learned at UCLA is: That I can't do it myself

Most proudest moment in basketball was: Signing my letter-of-intent and winning the Pac-10 Tournament

My all-time UCLA women's basketball starting five would be: Nikki Blue, Lisa Willis, Noelle Quinn, myself and Amanda Livingston

My heroes are: My parents Agatha and Austin Ibekwe

The people I admire most are: My siblings Onye, Ekene and Ify Ibekwe

I started playing basketball because: My brothers always did, so I tried it and loved it.

I pattern my play after: Kevin Durant

Best sporting event I've ever attended: UCLA vs. USC men's basketball game

If I could play another sport at UCLA, it would be: Volleyball and track

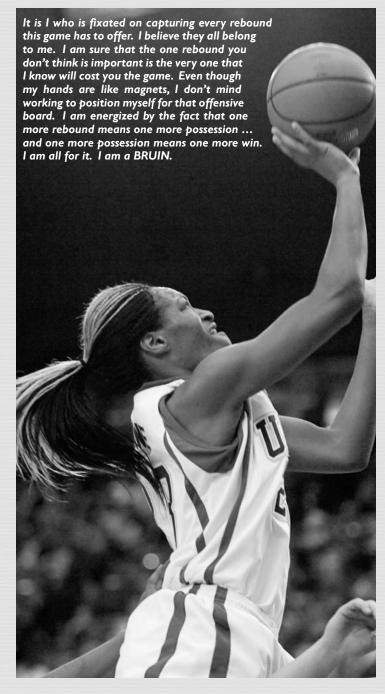
My career aspirations are to: Go to the WNBA and become a famous supermodel

The greatest risk I've taken is: Getting into the ocean in Hawaii

My most prized possession is: My Bible

You won't see me without: My earrings, my purse and my hair done

After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: The first female to dunk in Pauley  $\,$ 







# **#5 Alexis Olivier**

5-8 • Sophomore • Guard • Seal Beach, CA (Los Alamitos HS)

**Career Statistics** 

Year G-Gs Min/Avg '06-07 Pac-10 none

3-point Shooting: 2007 — none.

## **UCLA Outlook:**

- •Brings a great attitude to the court each day
- ·Loves to play the game

## 2007:

- •Saw action in three games
- •Played but did not score vs. Washington State (Pac-10 Tournament), Sacramento State and UC Santa Barbara
- •Earned a spot on the Director's Honor Roll all three quarters

## **High School:**

- •Played at Los Alamitos HS for coach Tanarah Chen
- •Averaged 6.0 points, 3.0 rebounds and 1.0 assist per game in 18 starts as a senior
- •Earned her team's Top Scholar award, the Most Improved Player award, the Coach's award and the Hustle Award

## Personal:

- •Full name: Alexis Katherine Olivier
- Nickname is Ali
- •Born on June 15, 1988 in Los Angeles, CA
- •Family: Parents James and Kathy Olivier
- •Mother is the head coach of the Bruins and was an All-American at UNLV
- •Aunt Mary Ricks played softball at UCLA
- •Uncle Thomas Ricks played baseball at USC
- •Uncle John Olivier played water polo at UC Irvine
- •Lists her biggest athletic thrill as her high school beating Fountain Valley HS at the buzzer
- •The athlete she most admires is former Bruin and current WNBA player Nikki Blue
- •Hobbies include basketball, shopping and hanging out with family and friends

## Career Highs:

Points - none; Rebounds - none; Assists - none; Steals - none; Blocks - none; FG Made - none; 3-pt. FG Made - none; FT Made - none; Minutes - 2 vs. Sacramento State (11/25/06)



## **Getting To Know ... Alexis Olivier:**

The three words that would best describe me are: Friendly, intelligent, adaptable Nickname: Ali

I chose my jersey #5 because: It's a team number - 5 people play on the court

My hidden talent outside of basketball is: Riverdancing and baking

One interesting thing not many people know about me is: I'm into fashion

You won't see me without: Mascara

When I'm not playing basketball, you'll most likely see me: With friends & family

The word that best describes this team is: Multi-dimensional

I am the best person on this team at: Encouraging others

My proudest moment in basketball was: Playing for my mom

My most memorable moment on the court as a Bruin was: The first time I put on my jersey

I chose UCLA because: I was born a Bruin

Favorite UCLA event to attend: Sports and the Spring Fashion Show

Best sporting event I've ever attended: The 2006 UCLA-USC football game

My campus hang-out is: The steps by the Wooden Center

I was most star-struck while meeting: Dean Cain

If I could play another sport at UCLA, it would be: Tennis

My favorite song to karaoke to is: "My Humps" by Black Eyed Peas

Favorite book: Harry Potter

Favorite TV show: Project Runway

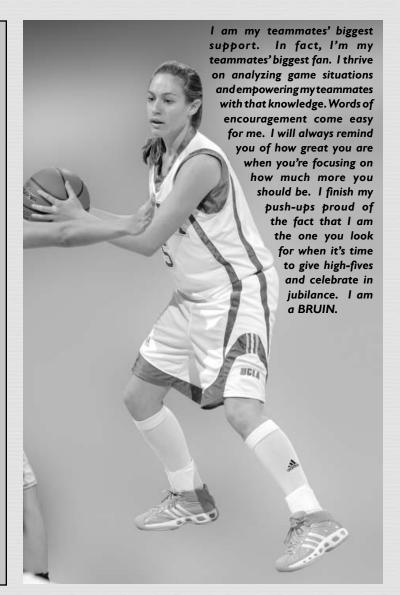
Best quote: "Make it work" - Tim Gunn

My coolest job was: The "Fashion Board" internship with Nordstrom

If I could have dinner with three people, it would be with: Heidi Klum, Will Farrell and Ben Franklin, and we would be eating sushi

Ten years from now, I'd like to be: Traveling the world

The reason I love basketball is: All the action







# #14 Lindsey Pluimer 6-4 • Senior • Forward • San Clemente, CA (San Clemente HS)

Career	Sta	tis	tics
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Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	В	St	TP	Avg
'06-07	32-32	1146/35.8	186-381	.488	94-115	.817	183/5.7	58	27	33	495	15.5
'05-06	32-32	998/31.2	131-270	.485	70-88	.795	174/5.4	47	16	22	339	10.6
'04-05	28-28	891/31.8	115-267	.431	41-54	.759	180/6.4	17	17	27	284	10.1
Totals	92-92	3035/33.0	432-918	.471	205-257	.798	537/5.8	122	60	82	1118	12.2
Pac-10	54-54	1779/32.9	247-548	.451	122-152	.803	311/5.8	66	49	61	644	11.9
3-point S	Shooting:	2007 — 29-7	7 (.377); 20	06 — 7	27 (.259);	2005 — I	13-43 (.302);	Totals 4	9-147 (	333).		

## **UCLA Outlook:**

- •Well-schooled in the fundamentals, comfortable inside or out on the perimeter and has shooting range to the three-point line
- •Improved her shooting percentages in both free throws and from the field, as well as her points and assist averages, last year
- •Enters her senior season ranked fourth on UCLA's all-time list for free throw percentage (.798) and eighth for blocked shots (60) and was the 23rd UCLA player to join the 1,000-point club

## 2007:

- •Starter in all 32 games and begins her senior year with 92 straight career starts •Second-team CoSIDA Academic All-America All-District VIII and first-team Pac-10 All-Academic selection
- •Named to both in-season All-Tournament teams (at Hawaii scored 14 vs. Gonzaga, 27 vs. Sacramento St., 15 vs. Texas Tech; at New Mexico - scored 22 vs. New Mexico and 16 vs. Delaware St.)
- •Ranked in the Top 10 in Pac-10 in six stat categories: ninth in scoring (15.5), fifth in free throw % (.817), ninth in offensive rebounds (2.44), 10th in field goal % (.488), 10th in blocked shots (0.84), sixth in minutes played (35.8)
- •Scored in double figures in last 13 games of year and in 22 of the last 23 contests
- •Had five 20-point games and scored in double digits in 29 of the 32 games
- •Pulled down at least five boards in 20 games
- •Set career-highs for total points, total rebounds, assists, blocked shots, steals, field goal shooting %, free throw %
- •Recorded two double-doubles (18 points/career-high 13 rebounds vs. Washington State; 23 points/11 rebounds vs. UC Santa Barbara)
- •Recorded her 1,000th career point and 500th career rebound (16th player in school history to do so) in game at Oregon
- •Scored a career-best 27 points vs. Sacramento State
- •Had multiple blocked shots in six contests
- •Played at least 30 minutes in all but two contests
- •Connected on multiple three-point shots in seven games
- •Made a career-best four three-pointers at Cal State Fullerton

## 2006:

- •Starter in all 32 games
- •Third-team CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 and first-team Pac-10 All-Academic
- •Tied for fourth in the Pac-10 in free throw% (.795) and was eighth in field goal%
- •Had 20 double-digit scoring games
- •Recorded a season-best 19 points, along with a team-best seven rebounds and a then career-high four steals at Washington
- •Shot .542 from the field (58-107 fg) in the last 13 games of the season
- •Scored 16 points and played tough interior defense in the Pac-10 Tournament title clash with Stanford
- •Scored 17 points at Oregon and clinched the win with two late free throws
- •Her offensive rebound basket with 12 seconds to play sent the game to overtime against Cal, leading to a Bruin win in extra time
- •Led UCLA in rebounding in eight games with a high of 12 rebounds vs. Washington, and had at least five rebounds in 17 contests
- •Played at least 25 minutes in 27 games

- Starter in all 28 games
- •Scored in double figures in 10 Pac-10 games and in 14 games overall
- •UCLA posted an 11-3 record in games in which she scored in double figures
- •At the time, her 17 blocks and 180 rebounds each ranked ninth on UCLA's all-time freshman lists
- •Led the team in rebounding in 11 games, including a season-high 11 vs. Stanford
- •Recorded a double-double with 16 points and a team-high 11 rebounds at USC
- •Recorded UCLA's first 10 points and 21 overall in win over Washington
- •Registered her first career double-double at Stanford with 10 points/10 rebounds
- •Led the team with 16 points at Ohio State and 22 at Pepperdine

## High School:

- •McDonald's, Parade Magazine and Street & Smith's All-American
- •Broke nine school records, including points scored with 2,684, at San Clemente HS and had her jersey #15 retired in 2005



- •Led her team to four consecutive CIF-Southern Section I-A titles
- •Three-time CIF-Southern Section I-A Player of the Year and Coast League MVP
- •Three-time Orange County Player of the Year
- •Nike Tournament of Champions MVP and a three-time Nike All-American
- •Played in the 2004 McDonald's All-American game and adidas All-American game
- •Scored a school-record 42 points in a CIF-Southern Section Division I-A playoff semifinal playoff win and scored the winning basket against Hart HS in the I-A championship game her senior year
- •Averaged 24.6 points, 4.3 assists, 2.7 steals, 4.8 blocks and 10.3 rebounds during her senior season
- •As a junior, she averaged 21.8 points, 10 rebounds and 4.3 blocks a game
- •Played for the California Swish club team, which posted a 318-3 record
- •Earned a bronze medal in the U.S. Olympic Festival

### Personal

- •Full name: Lindsey Paige Pluimer
- •Born on July 3, 1986 in Lakewood, CA
- •Family: Parents Rick and Pam, brother Landon and sister Lauren
- •Brother Landon is a freshman basketball player at Vanguard University, where his father Rick also played
- •Lists her biggest athletic thrill as winning the Pac-10 Tournament
- •Communication Studies major

## Career Highs:

Points - 27 vs. Sacramento State (11/25/06); Rebounds - 13 vs. Washington State (1/28/07); Assists - 4, last at Stanford (2/22/07); Steals - 5 at Washington State (12/29/06); Blocks - 3, last vs. Washington (1/26/07); FG Made - 12 vs. Sacramento State (11/25/06); 3-pt. FG Made - 4 at Cal State Fullerton (11/30/06); FT Made - 8 at Arizona (1/20/07); Minutes - 44 vs. California (12/20/06)

## **Getting To Know ... Lindsey Pluimer:**

The three words that would best describe me are: Perfectionist, hard-working, determined

Nickname: Plum

The member of the UCLA basketball team I would like to trade places with for a day is: Allison Taka so I could learn more about her culture

My all-time UCLA women's basketball starting five would be: Ann Meyers, Nikki Blue, Noelle Quinn, Maylana Martin and myself because I would want to play with them!

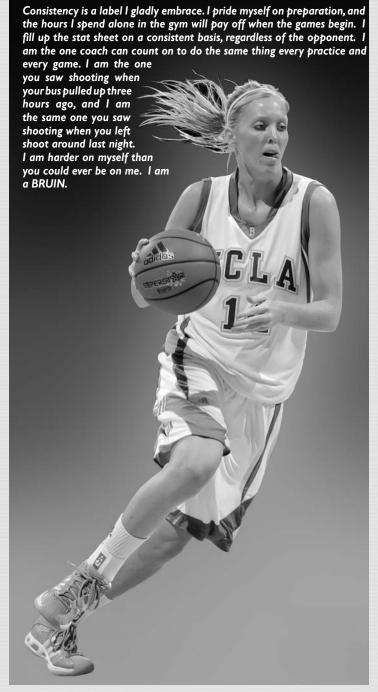
If I could have dinner with three people, it would be with:  $\it Hillary\ Clinton\ Mother\ Theresa\ and\ Nelson\ Mandela$ 

One moment in history I wish I could have witnessed is: Seeing Dr. Martin Luther King speak

One interesting thing not many people know about me is: I'm passionate about human rights

Ten years from now, I'd like to be: A mother and a college professor after I'm finished playing basketball

After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: Someone who took pride in her academics and her game







# #10 Allison Taka

5-8 • Sophomore • Guard • Culver City, CA (Culver City HS)

Career	<b>Statistics</b>

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Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	Α	В	St	TP	Avg
'06-07	8-0	26/3.3	0-3	.000	4-4	1.000	1/0.1	2	0	0	4	0.5
Pac-10	1-0	1/1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0.0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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## **UCLA Outlook:**

- ·Hard-working player
- Excellent passer
- •True point guard

## 2007:

- •Saw action in eight games
- •Scored two points vs. Washington State at the Pac-10 Tournament
- •Recorded one assist at UC Irvine and at UC Riverside
- •Scored her first career points vs. Gonzaga
- •Earned a spot on the Director's Honor Roll all three quarters

- •Played at Culver City HS for coach Jack Nakanishi
- •Averaged 16.1 points, 5.5 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.9 steals per game as a senior
- •Led the league in assist average her senior season
- ·Served as team captain as a junior and senior
- •Named the 2006 Ocean League Most Outstanding Player
- •First-team All-Ocean League as a junior
- •First-team All-Pioneer League selection as a sophomore and second-team as a
- •Had 11 20-point games, including a career-high of 30 points in a win over Banning
- •Played club basketball for Hoop4Life

## Personal:

- •Full name: Allison Fumie Taka
- •Born on July 30, 1988 in Los Angeles, CA
- •Family: Parents Gary and Karen Taka, brother John
- •Both parents attended UCLA, and her mother Karen works on campus
- •Two cousins and an aunt and uncle also attended UCLA
- ·Lists her biggest athletic thrill as signing her letter-of-intent with UCLA
- •The athlete she admires most is Phoenix Suns point guard Steve Nash
- •Patterns her style of play after former UCLA point guard Natalie Nakase
- ·Hobbies include listening to music, drawing and photography

Points - 2, last vs. Washington State (3/2/07); Rebounds - 1 vs. UC Santa Barbara (11/12/06); Assists - 1, last at UC Irvine (12/4/06); Steals - none; Blocks - none; FG Made - none; 3-pt. FG Made - none; FT Made - 2, last vs. Washington State (3/2/07); Minutes - 6 at Cal State Fullerton (11/30/06)



## Getting To Know ... Allison Taka:

The three words that would best describe me are: Hard-working, focused, caring

One interesting thing not many people know about me is: I'm trying to teach myself how to play the guitar

My career aspirations are to: Get into a profession which I am passionate about and will challenge me

My hidden talent outside of basketball is: Playing the flute

Nickname: On the team, it's Taka; at home, it's Al or Alli

When I'm not playing basketball, you'll most likely see me: Studying

My hero is: My dad

My advice to youngsters: Always work hard to accomplish your dreams; you never know what will happen!

The best advice I ever received was: "Never be satisfied," in the sense that you can always work harder and achieve more

I chose my jersey #10 because: When I first started to play basketball when I was six, I chose to be #10 because I thought that being ten years old was a cool age. I was never #10 after that, and I thought it would be fitting to begin my college career with the number I got started in.

Pre-game rituals: Take a quick nap then get to the gym early to shoot around

The member of the UCLA basketball team that I would like to trade places with for a day is: Mo, so I could experience what it's like to be so tall!

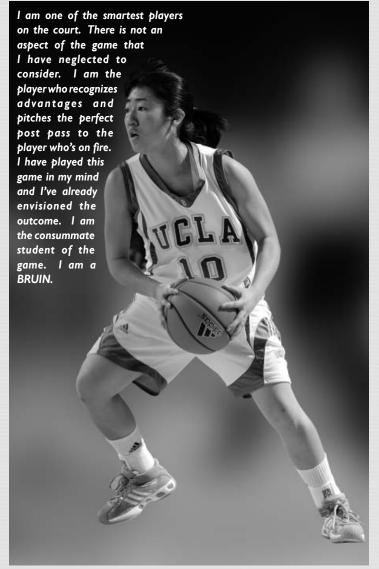
After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: A hard worker and a good teammate

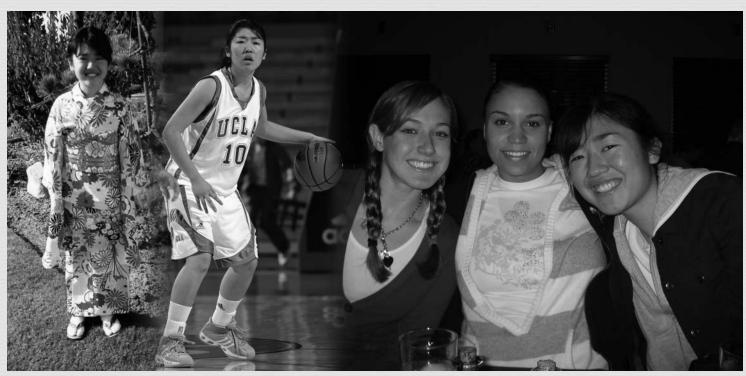
My most memorable moment off the court as a Bruin was: Doing a dance routine with the team at the Big Dance

The best lesson I have learned so far in college is: There are many different kinds of people and personalities in the world; you can't change how they act, but you can control how you carry yourself

My coolest job was: Being an assistant coach for a girls team in the organization where I first started playing

The reason I love basketball is: It's fun (it's really that simple)







# **#13 Erica Tukiainen**

6-0 • Sophomore • Guard • Los Angeles, CA (Windward HS)

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Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	Α	В	St	TP	Avg
'06-07	32-0	344/10.8	32-87	.368	13-29	.448	39/1.2	14	3	15	88	2.8
Pac-10	18-0	207/11.5	21-60	.350	9-22	.409	22/1.2	8	2	9	59	3.3
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## **UCLA Outlook:**

- ·Versatile all-around player
- •Hard worker and excellent student
- ·Sees the court well and has good outside range

### 2007

- •Saw action off the bench in all 32 games
- •Hit 11 of 27 shots from three-point range (.407) and made multiple three-point shots in three contests
- $^{\bullet}\text{Had}$  two double-digit scoring games with 12 points vs. Cal and 11 points vs. USC
- •Scored at least seven points in seven games
- •Pulled down at least two rebounds in 11 games, with a season-high of five against Stanford
- •Played at least 10 minutes in 17 games, with a high of 21 vs. Arizona
- •Her 12 points, including six in a 30-second span, and defense (two big steals) keyed the comeback win at home over Cal
- •Earned a spot on the Director's Honor Roll all three quarters

## High School:

- •Led her Windward HS teams to a combined 93-18 record, four league titles, a State Championship appearance and a CIF 4A title in 2006
- •Averaged 17.5 points, 10.0 rebounds, 4.5 steals, 4.0 assists and 2.5 blocks per game as a senior and was named league MVP, CIF Player of the Year, first-team All-State and honorable mention All-American by McDonald's and Nike
- •Scored a career-high 32 points against Carondelet HS and had 28 points and 13 rebounds against Marlborough HS in the 2006 season
- •League MVP, first-team All-CIF, honorable mention All-State and McDonald's All-

## American in 2005

- •Averaged 19 points, 12.5 rebounds, 4.5 steals and 3.0 blocks as a sophomore and earned first-team all-league and All-CIF acclaim
- As a freshman, averaged 18.5 points and 11.0 rebounds per game while earning firstteam all-league and second-team All-CIF honors
- ·Also earned high school letters in volleyball, track and field and cross country
- •Played for the Nike Swish Club team (black) and was named all-tournament at the Nike Tournament of Champions in Arizona at the Oregon Trail AAU Tournament in 2005
- •Member of Finland's National Team for 15-18 year-olds from 2000-02 and competed in the World Youth Championships and the European Championship Tournament for 18-and-unders

### Personal:

- •Full name: Erica Simone Tukiainen
- •Born on January 7, 1987 in Helsinki, Finland
- •Family: Mother Leena Tukiainen, brother Daniel
- ${}^{\bullet}\textsc{Lists}$  her biggest athletic thrill as having a very successful senior season in high school
- •Admires NHL hockey player Teemu Selanne of the Anaheim Ducks
- ·Hobbies include reading, listening to music and hanging out with family
- ·Can speak the Finnish language
- •Physiological Science major whose career objective is to become a doctor

## Career Highs:

Points - 12 vs. California (12/20/06); Rebounds - 5 vs. Stanford (12/22/06); Assists - 2, last at California (2/24/07); Steals - 2, last at California (2/24/07); Blocks - 1, last vs. Arizona State (3/3/07); FG Made - 4, last vs. USC (1/13/07); 3-pt. FG Made - 2, last vs. USC (1/13/07); FT Made - 3 vs. Oregon (1/7/07); Minutes - 21, vs. Arizona (2/15/07)



## **Getting To Know ... Erica Tukiainen:**

The three words that would best describe me are: Caring, curious, hard-working

My hidden talent outside of basketball is: Making photo collages

Nickname: E, E-Lat, E-Money

When I'm not playing basketball, you'll most likely see me: In the library studying

My hero is: My mother

My most prized possessions are: Pictures of my family and loved ones

The best advice I ever received was: My parents' words of wisdom and encouragement - "Believe in yourself!"

I chose my jersey #13 because: No one dares to challenge lucky #13

Pre-game rituals: Listening to music, reading and focusing on specific goals

The member of the UCLA basketball team that I would like to trade places with for a day is: I'd love to trade places with Taka to taste her mother's authentic Japanese food.

The word that best describes this team is: Potential

I am the best person on this team at: Telling corny jokes

After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: A fun, caring and hard-working teammate

My proudest moment in basketball was: Joining the Bruin family

My most memorable moment off the court as a Bruin was: Our team performance at the Big Dance

The best thing about UCLA is: The diversity and the unique people you meet

What sets UCLA apart from other basketball programs is: The quality of people on the team

The best thing about our home games is: The band and fans!

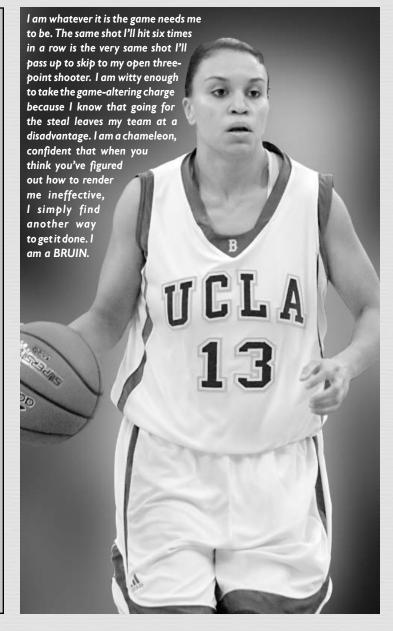
The reason I love basketball is: It teaches me so many life-long lessons

Favorite quote: "Happiness is not a station you arrive at but a manner of traveling."

If I could have dinner with three people, it would be with: *Phil Jackson, Barack Obama and John Wooden* 

If I had three wishes, I would wish for: Good health for my friends and family, happiness and financial stability

If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be: Time







# **#24 Candice Brown**

6-3 • Freshman • Forward • Riverside, CA (Bishop Amat HS)

You may think I don't care, but you've never been so wrong. You may believe there's nothing that motivates me. I'm one of the most passionate people you don't know. You may be searching for something that moves me. I know that I'm driven by what's inside. You may believe I want praise for my performance. I'd prefer you critique me on my production. You're certain I was given everything I have. Relax for one moment ... and I'll take what's yours too! You've struggled to make me fit your mold. I'm more concerned with the finished product. You believe some interesting things. I believe in winning. I am a BRUIN.

### **UCLA Outlook:**

- •Has good knowledge of the game
- •Comes from a successful high school program and knows what it takes to win

## **High School:**

- •Member of three CIF Southern Section Championship teams and two CIF State championship teams at Bishop Amat HS
- •Honorable mention Street & Smith's All-American
- •Three-year first-team All-CIF and all-league selection
- •Led her team to four State Finals appearances
- •At the 2007 State Regional final, held in Pauley Pavilion, she recorded 13 points, 18 rebounds and seven blocked shots in 30 minutes of action.
- $\,$  Averaged 12.7 points and 9.1 rebounds as a senior and earned second-team All-State and Del Rey League MVP honors
- •Averaged 12.5 points, 7.6 rebounds and 2.3 blocked shots per game as a junior
- •2006 CIF Southern Section III-A Co-Player of the Year and All-State selection
- •Played club ball with fellow Bruin freshmen Nina Earl and Darxia Morris at FBC, which won the 2006 adidas Tournament of Champions
- •2006 adidas Top Ten All-Star

## Personal:

- •Full name: Candice Therez Brown
- •Born on January 28, 1989 in Los Angeles, CA
- •Family: Parents Kerry Brown and Teri Tillman, brother Xavier, sister Morgan
- ·Hobbies include shopping, lounging and networking
- English major
- •Career objective is to become an entertainment lawyer

## **Getting To Know ... Candice Brown:**

The three words that would best describe me are: Beautiful, ambitious, sincere

One interesting thing about myself that people may not know: I very much enjoy the arts

Nickname: Candi or Sunshine

My advice to youngsters: Enjoy life while the opportunities present themselves, dance as if it was your last dance, sing like you know every word, and smile as if you are in front of a million cameras

The person I would most like to play one-on-one against is: David Beckham

Favorite book: Zen and the Art of Happiness

My heroes are: My father and my grandpa Will

I chose my jersey #24 because: It was my father's number, as well as Kobe Bryant's

You won't see me without: A purse or my nails done

One moment in history I wish I could have witnessed is: The Prince concert at the Super Bowl

If I had three wishes, I would wish for: To be the Queen of England, to own every place considered to be a paradise, and for world peace

After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: Someone with rather bold and driven ambitions





# #21 Doreena Campbell

5-10 • Freshman • Guard • Alexandria, VA (Thomas A. Edison HS)

I am the modern-day journeywoman. I have no problem migrating to the opportune situation. My quest for excellence has led me here, and, trust me, nothing I do is without purpose. I have the vision of an eagle with the heart of a lion. I am able to do whatever it takes for my team to win. I am determined. I am a BRUIN.

### **UCLA Outlook:**

- ·Has excellent fundamentals
- •Can play either the point or off-guard positions

### High School:

- •Led her Thomas A. Edison HS team to a four-year record of 104-9, four district titles, two regional titles and a state runner-up finish during her prep career
- •Finished her career ranked No. 5 in Virginia high school history in scoring with 2,237 points and No. 2 in assists with 566 assists
- •Scored in double figures in all 113 high school games
- •Three-time team captain
- •Two-time EA Sports first-team All-American
- •Averaged 19.7 points, 7.2 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 4.3 steals a game as a senior and led the National District in scoring with 413 points
- •Scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in a Virginia AAA quarterfinal playoff game and added 23 points in the state semifinal victory
- •First-team all-region, all-state and all-area selection as a junior and senior
- •2006 District Player of the Year
- •As a sophomore, earned first-team all-state and all-region honors and was the MVP of the National District Tournament
- •As a freshman, earned honorable mention all-state and All-Met honors and was named the district's Rookie of the Year and selected to the first-team All-Defense team
- $\bullet$  Averaged 22 points, 5.3 assists and seven rebounds for the Potomac Valley Virginia Cardinals that finished ninth at the AAU Junior Nationals

## Personal:

- •Full name: Rachael Doreena Campbell
- •Born on July 3, 1989 in Wiesbaden, Germany
- •Family: Parents James and Regina Campbell, brothers Jeremy and James
- •Admires former NBA and college great "Pistol" Pete Maravich
- •Hobbies include watching movies, playing the guitar, fishing and boating
- •Member of the National Honor Society
- •Interested in a career in medicine and is looking to major in Chemistry

# Getting To Know ... Doreena Campbell:

The three words that would best describe me are: Cool, kind, relaxed

Nickname: Doe

One interesting thing about myself that people may not know: I went to South Korea for three weeks

I started playing basketball because: My dad introduced me to the sport

I chose my jersey #21 because: My dad wore it

The best thing about UCLA is: The basketball team

The word that best describes this team is: Energetic

The most important thing I have learned at UCLA so far is: To help and depend on one another

The one thing I would change about college basketball is: The pace of the game - I would speed it up

If I could play another sport at UCLA, it would be: Water polo

Ten years from now, I'd like to be: An orthopedic doctor

On my days off, you'll likely find me: Watching movies and relaxing

My most prized possession is: My Vespa

You won't see me without: My cell phone

Favorite food: Maryland blue crabs

The song that gets the most play on my iPod is: "Fast Car" by Tracy Chapman





# **#I Nina Earl**

6-1 • Freshman • Forward • Pomona, CA (Diamond Ranch HS)

I lead the pack in conditioning so I am always an option in transition. I am the one who welcomes the challenge of stopping your leading scorer. If you could pin-point what drives me, you could bottle it and make millions. If you could read my mind, you'd know why I think every play is crucial. I put into it what everyone wants to get out of it. I expect greatness. I am a BRUIN.

### **UCLA Outlook:**

- •Versatile player who knows how to score in different ways
- •Mentally tough player

## **High School:**

- •Totaled 2,291 points, 906 rebounds, 298 assists and 544 steals in four years at Diamond Ranch HS
- •Averaged 21.6 points, 6.7 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 3.8 steals and 1.1 blocks as a senior
- •Two-time CIF Player of the Year and Cal Hi Sports All-State selection; a three-time league MVP
- •MVP of the CIF vs. City All-Star game
- •Led her team to the 2007 CIF title game, where she scored 35 points
- ·Scored at least 20 points in 16 games
- •Averaged 19.0 points, 7.2 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 3.8 steals and 1.5 blocks as a junior and earned Street & Smith's and Rise Magazine honorable mention All-America honors •Led her team to the 2006 CIF 3AA championship
- •As a sophomore, averaged 20.6 points, 9.8 rebounds and 4.7 steals per game
- •Started 27 games as a freshman and averaged 15 points and seven rebounds
- •Played club basketball for FBC, which won 2006 adidas Tournament of Champions
- •Lettered one season in track and field, competing in the 4x400 relay and 400m

## Personal:

- •Full name: Nina Ann-Marie Earl
- •Born on January 16, 1989 in Upland, CA
- •Family: Parents Michael Earl and Jennifer Lyons, brothers Michael, Jonathan and Benjamin
- •Cousin is former UCLA football great Kenny Easley
- •Lists her biggest athletic thrill as winning the 2006 CIF 3AA Championship
- •Has baked an award-winning caramel cake
- •Hobbies include shopping, listening to music and playing basketball
- •Knows American Sign Language
- •Interested in Business-Economics as a possible major

# Getting To Know ... Nina Earl:

The three words that would best describe me are: Accepting, loyal, lovable

One interesting thing about myself that people may not know: I used to play soccer, and I was actually pretty good

I am the best person on this team at: Hula Dancing!

I chose UCLA because: It has the full package

The person I would most like to play one-on-one against is: Dwyane Wade

When I'm not playing basketball, you'll most likely see me: In bed or in some place that has food

The people I admire most are: My parents

I chose my jersey #I because: My favorite NBA player is Tracy McGrady, and his number is I. Plus how can you go wrong with the number I? Everyone strives to be number I, but I already have it!

You won't see me without: My phone

The word that best describes this team is: Focus

If I had three wishes, I would wish for: Money, to live happily-ever-after, and for 100 more wishes

My favorite UCLA athlete, past or present, is: Kenny Easley

The best thing about UCLA is: It's the first school to 100 NCAA Championships

I started playing basketball because: I always watched my brothers and dad play, and that's what inspired me to go out and play myself





# **#3 Darxia Morris**

5-8 • Freshman • Guard • Pasadena, CA (Muir HS)

I am the quintessential point guard. You can't convince me that we are not supposed to win. Winning is in my blood, and composure runs through my veins. I've prepared myself for every situation and attack that comes my way. If you play me too close, I'll go by you. If you choose to give me room, I'll elevate and hit the jump shot. I am ready for the challenge. I am a BRUIN.

## **UCLA Outlook:**

- •Explosive player who likes to push the ball up the court
- •Expected to play the point

### **High School:**

- •Member of three league championship teams at John Muir HS
- •Averaged 14.9 points, 5.4 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 4.2 steals as a senior
- •Two-time first-team All-CIF selection
- •Pasadena Star-News Player of the Year in 2007
- •MVP of Monrovia Tournament and all-tournament at Ayala Christmas Tournament
- •Won the three-point contest at the Pasadena Star-News All-Star game
- •As a freshman, her team finished as the CIF runner-up
- •Played club basketball for FBC, which won 2006 adidas Tournament of Champions
- •Named MVP of the 2006 California Classic
- •Participated in the Elite 100 Superstar Camp, adidas Top Ten All-America Camp, EA Sports National Camp and the Deep South Classic
- ·Lettered in softball one season as an outfielder

## Personal:

- •Full name: Darxia Zenobia Morris
- •Born on October 9, 1989 in Pasadena, CA
- •Family: Parents Darrell Morris and Angela Myles, sister Dareishia
- •Lists her biggest athletic thrill as signing her letter of intent and fulfilling her dream of playing Division I basketball
- •Admires former NBA great Michael Jordan
- •Hobbies include listening to good music and hanging out with friends

# **Getting To Know ... Darxia Morris:**

The three words that would best describe me are: Competitive, goofy, lovable

Nickname: Rexy

My hidden talent outside of basketball is: Drawing

My hero is: My mom

The person I admire most is: My sister

The member of the UCLA basketball team that I would like to trade places with for a day is: Moniquee Alexander so I could be taller and be able to dunk

The word that best describes this team is: Family

I am the best person on this team at: Seeing the floor

My favorite UCLA athlete, past or present, is: Baron Davis

What sets UCLA apart from other basketball programs: The team bonding

Favorite quote: "I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying"

My pregame rituals are: Listen to music and imagine what I will do in the game

My proudest moment in basketball is: When my high school team beat Rosary my freshman year to go to CIF

One moment in history I wish I could have witnessed was: When Michael Jordan hit the winning shot over Bryon Russell to beat the Utah Jazz in the NBA Finals

If I could play another sport at UCLA it would be: Football, softball

After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: A legend





# #4 Christina Nzekwe

6-4 • Freshman • Forward • Seattle, WA (Chief Sealth HS)

I'm the blue collar worker you were told no longer exists. I am determined to show you I am much better than you ever expected me to be. Yes, you told me I'm good, but I'm doing what it takes to be great. Contrary to what you may believe, I have never doubted my own abilities. It just so happens that I am now on a platform to accomplish every goal you never even knew I had set. I'll sustain because I see the finish ahead. I'm already on track. I am a BRUIN.

## **UCLA Outlook:**

- •A hard-working team player with a great attitude who can fill multiple roles
- •Product of a very successful prep program

### **High School:**

- •Played with fellow Bruin freshman Regina Rogers at Chief Sealth HS, winning two State titles in 2005 and 2006
- ·Averaged 10 points and 11 rebounds as a senior
- •Scored 15 points in the State 3A championship game
- •As a junior, was named to the Washington State 3A All-Tournament team
- •Ranked third in the 2006 3A Tournament with a 12.0 rebound average and was fourth with averages of 4.0 steals and 2.0 blocks
- •First-team 3A All-State by Associated Press and second-team All-State by the Seattle Times as a junior
- •Selected Metro League MVP in 2006
- •Had a quadruple-double in a 2005 game, recording 17 rebounds, 10 points, 11 assists and 12 steals
- •As a freshman, was named All-Tournament at the Oregon City HS Tournament and helped her team with the high school division
- $^{\circ}$ Lettered in volleyball as a blocker one season and lettered in track & field for three seasons, running the 200m and 400m

## Personal:

- •Full name: Christina I Nzekwe
- •Born on March 17, 1989 in Lowell, MA
- •Family: Mother Barbara Nzekwe, brother Sylvester
- •Lists her biggest athletic thrill as just getting the chance to go to college and having the opportunity for an education as well as to compete in a sport
- •Admires WNBA player Tamika Catchings
- •Hobbies include math and going to the movies
- •Interested in a career in engineering/sports analysis

# Getting To Know ... Christina Nzekwe:

The three words that would best describe me are: Shy, athletic, reserved

One interesting thing about myself that people may not know: I like to watch the Food Channel

The person I admire most is: My mother

The member of the UCLA basketball team that I would like to trade places with for a day is: Lindsey Pluimer because I want to see how it feels like to be a leader on a college basketball team

The word that best describes this team is: Tenacious

My proudest moment in basketball was: When I got a quadruple-double

My favorite UCLA athlete, past or present, is: Noelle Quinn

If I had three wishes, I would wish for: To dunk, have peace on earth and to create a family

When I'm not playing basketball, you'll most likely see me: In my room or outside doing something productive

My most prized possession is: My basketball

After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: A humble person who worked hard at everything that she put her mind to

If I could play another sport at UCLA it would be: To play with the men's basketball team





# #34 Regina Rogers 6-3 • Freshman • Center • Seattle, WA (Chief Sealth HS)

I am the player who defies all of your assumptions. Your coach has already told you to use your quickness against me. You've already decided that without power my game would be nothing. Go ahead .. believe that if you want. But don't be mesmerized when my footwork catches you off-guard and I hit the cutter that you never saw coming. I am more than what you think I am. I am a BRUIN.

### **UCLA Outlook:**

- ·Has good size and hands and quick feet
- •Product of a very successful prep program

### **High School:**

- •Played with fellow Bruin freshman Christina Nzekwe at Chief Sealth HS, winning State championships in 2005 and 2006
- •MVP of the 2006 State Tournament
- •Averaged 16 points, 14 rebounds and six blocks per game as a senior
- •Reserve on the McDonald's All-America team and a first-team All-Metro selection
- •Team captain for Washington in the state of Oregon vs. Washington game
- •Averaged 15.6 points, 9.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocks per game in 2006
- •Named the Seattle Times 3A Player of the Year and the Tacoma News Tribune High School Player of the Year in 2006
- •MaxPreps All-American, Student Sports Junior All-American, first-team all-state and first-team All-Metro in 2006
- •As a sophomore, earned State tournament honors and Seattle P-I All-Star acclaim •End of Oregon Trails MVP and third-team All-Metro as a freshman

## Personal:

- •Full name: Regina Ann Rogers
- •Born on November 16, 1988 in Rochester, MI
- •Family: Father Reggie Rogers, mother Sheila Winston, stepfather Edward Winston, twin brother Reginald Rogers, sister Amanda Rogers
- •Father Reggie played basketball and football at the University of Washington and was a first-round draft pick of the Detroit Lions in the NFL
- •Uncle Don Rogers was a consensus All-American at UCLA in 1983 and was a firstround draft pick of the Cleveland Browns in the NFL
- •Uncle Chester Dorsey played basketball at the University of Washington and is the school's all-time leader in career assist average
- •Admires NBA player Dwyane Wade
- ·Hobbies include movies, basketball and hanging out with friends

# **Getting To Know ... Regina Rogers:**

The three words that would best describe me are: Funny, interesting, the skyway's

Career aspirations: To own my own business or be a sportscaster

Nickname: G-G Beans or G

My heroes are: My mother Sheila Winston and grandmother Cora Dorsey

The person I most admire is: My twin brother Reggie Rogers

My proudest moment in basketball is: Winning State and being MVP with all my family there

One moment in history I wish I could have witnessed is: The Civil Rights Move-

The person I would most like to play one-on-one against is: Dwyane Wade

I chose my jersey #34 because: I have worn #34 ever since I started playing and they called me Baby Shaq

You won't see me without: My phones

The word that best describes this team is: Diverse

I am the best person on this team at: Beasting and being stronger than people

The best advice I ever received was: Stay strong, don't let anyone get you down

My favorite UCLA athlete, past or present, is: Donald Rogers and Regina Rogers

After my UCLA career, I'd like to be remembered as: One of the greatest and funniest to be around

