

Cori Close

Head Coach, 1st Season

UC Santa Barbara '93



Cori Close, who has coached in 15 consecutive NCAA Basketball Tournaments, was named head women's basketball coach at UCLA on April 21, 2011 by Athletic Director Dan Guerrero.

This is the first head coaching assignment for Close, who has worked as associate head coach or assistant on teams that have advanced to the NCAA Tournament in each of the last 15 seasons, won at least 20 games in 15 of the previous 16 seasons and won or shared a total of 11 conference championships.

"Cori has established herself as one of the top women's basketball associate coaches in the nation

and is certainly ready to take the next step," said Guerrero at the time of the hire. "Cori has enjoyed great success at Florida State and UC Santa Barbara, on the court, off the court and on the recruiting trail, and has a great vision for the future of our program. She will continue to build upon the foundation that has been established over the last few years."

"Cori is a great fit for UCLA," related Petrina Long, UCLA Sr. Associate Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator. "She has enjoyed great success throughout her career and possesses all the tools to keep our program at a high level. She is thrilled to be coming back to Westwood and we are excited to have her back."

Close, who served on the Bruin coaching staff in 1994 and 1995, returns to Westwood after spending the last seven seasons as associate head coach at Florida State University. Considered one of the top offensive minds in the game, Close helped guide the Seminoles into a nationally-recognized program in her time. FSU ranked among the nation's top 30 teams in scoring, field goal percentage and three-point field goal percentage the last two seasons.

Florida State advanced to the NCAA Tournament in each of coach Close's seasons in Tallahassee and won at least 20 games in all but one. Point guard play and offensive efficiency were strong points under Close's direction. FSU shot at least .418 from the field in each of the last seven seasons and hit over 37% of its three-point attempts the last two seasons, including a school-record 212 made three-point shots in 2010.

As FSU's offensive coordinator, Close was responsible for developing the offensive schemes that best suited the team's personnel. Her ability to prepare information and disseminate it to the student-athletes has been exemplary. In addition to her on-court tasks, Close was also instrumental in recruiting (she coached four first-team



All-ACC Freshman team selections and five players selected in the WNBA draft while at FSU) while also working with the school's marketing department in their efforts to promote the program.

This past season, Florida State posted a 24-8 record, finished third in the Atlantic Coast Conference with an 11-3 mark, was ranked No. 20 in the final ESPN/USA Today poll and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament after matching the program's best tournament seed ever at No. 3. The 2010 FSU squad captured a share of the ACC regular season championship, set a school record with 29 wins and advanced to the Elite 8 of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. Jacinta Monroe was selected in the first round of the WNBA draft, No. 6 overall, the highest of any FSU player.

The 2009 Seminole squad also won a share of the conference regular season crown and earned the highest seed into the NCAA Tournament in school history, at the time, at No. 3. The 2008 FSU team earned its highest regular season ranking ever in the polls to that point in time, at No. 18. In 2007, Florida State advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history and earned its highest ranking to that point, at No. 19, in the season's final national poll. In Close's initial season in Tallahassee, FSU posted its first 20-win campaign in 14 seasons.



The Basketball Staff

Close joined the FSU staff after serving nine seasons (1995-2004), the last three as associate head coach, at her alma mater, UC Santa Barbara, class of 1993. Some of her duties included overseeing skill development of the players, on-court offensive coaching, recruiting and scheduling. Under Close's coordination, UCSB undertook one of the most demanding non-conference slates in the country each season.

As UCSB's player development coordinator, Close significantly contributed to the mentoring, nurturing and motivation of the student-athletes. Her work led to such achievements as a 98 percent graduation rate, seven WNBA players, 15 professional players overseas, 12 Big West Conference MVPs, nine district All-Americans and one second-team All-American. Close was responsible for all offensive tactics, offensive instruction and game-time decisions which helped result in eight NCAA appearances, including three second round games and a trip to the Sweet 16, one NIT consolation championship and 10 Big West Conference regular season or tournament championships. The Gauchos landed three top-10 ranked recruiting classes during her tenure in Santa Barbara.

Close was also instrumental in fostering support and increasing revenue streams for the UCSB basketball program. She developed and implemented a comprehensive marketing plan, designed fundraising initiatives, coordinated speaking, community service and radio/television appearances and created a Fastbreakers booster program. Her efforts were rewarded in the women's hoops program becoming the largest revenue producer in the department of athletics.

Close began her collegiate coaching career at UCLA while serving in the role of the restricted earnings coach on the first staff of then-new head coach Kathy Olivier in the 1994 and 1995 seasons. She earned her Master's Degree in educational administration during her time at the University.

As a player, Close was a four-year starting point guard at UC Santa Barbara and captained the 1992 and 1993 teams which each advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. A native of Milpitas, CA, she was a 1993 first-team all-Big West selection and the MVP of the 1993 Conference Tournament. Close was the first player in school history to record more than 1,000 points and 500 assists for a career and ranked among the top 10 in seven Gauchos statistical categories. She averaged a school-record 8.3 assists per game in 1993 which was among the top 10 marks in the nation that season. On April 30, 2005, Close was inducted into the UC Santa Barbara Athletics Hall of Fame.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT CORI CLOSE

"Cori is one of the finest up-and-coming associate coaches in America. She has tremendous experience and everything you would want in a head coach. She has passion for her players, passion for the game, the university and the community. I can't think of anybody who would be a better fit for UCLA than Cori Close."

- Sue Semrau - Florida State Head Coach (1998 - present)

"Cori has always been close to the UCLA program, from her years working at UCSB and her relationship with Coach Wooden. I look forward to Cori continuing the ideal of being a Bruin, to doing your best and striving to bring a national championship back to UCLA."

- Ann Meyers Drysdale - UCLA Hall of Famer and four-time All-American; current General Manager of the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury

"Cori has as good a grasp on what the total college experience should be about as any coach in the country. Anyone who comes to UCLA to play for her will get everything possible, the total package, that the university has to offer. Somewhere, today, Coach Wooden is smiling because I know she kept in touch with him over the years."

- Mark French - UCSB Head Coach (1988-2008)



Close's Year-by-Year Results

Year	Rec.	School	Conf.	Finish	NCAA
2010-11	24-8	Florida State	11-3	3rd	2nd Rd.
2009-10	29-6	Florida State	12-2	T-1st	Elite 8
2008-09	26-8	Florida State	12-2	T-1st	2nd Rd.
2007-08	19-14	Florida State	7-7	5th	2nd Rd.
2006-07	24-10	Florida State	10-4	4th	Sweet 16
2005-06	20-10	Florida State	10-4	4th	2nd Rd.
2004-05	24-8	Florida State	9-5	4th	2nd Rd.
2003-04	27-7	UCSB	17-1	1st	Sweet 16
2002-03	27-5	UCSB	15-1	1st	2nd Rd.
2001-02	26-6	UCSB	16-0	1st	2nd Rd.
2000-01	22-9	UCSB	12-2	1st	1st Rd.
1999-00	30-4	UCSB	15-0	1st	1st Rd.
1998-99	26-4	UCSB	15-0	1st	1st Rd.
1997-98	27-6	UCSB	14-1	1st	2nd Rd.
1996-97	24-6	UCSB	14-1	1st	1st Rd.
1995-96	24-7	UCSB	14-2	1st	---
1994-95	10-17	UCLA	5-13	T-8th	---
1993-94	15-12	UCLA	10-8	5th	---
Totals	424-147	.743			

At Florida State: 166-64; At UCSB: 233-54; At UCLA: 25-29

Players Coached by Close in WNBA Draft

Year	Name	Round	Pick	Team
2010	Jacinta Monroe	1st	6	Washington Mystics
2009	Britany Miller	2nd	18	Detroit Shock
	Tanae Davis-Cain	3rd	37	Detroit Shock
	Mara Freshour	3rd	38	Seattle Storm
2005	Kristen Mann	1st	11	Minnesota Lynx
	Roneeka Hodges	2nd	15	Houston Comets
2004	Lindsay Taylor	2nd	26	Houston Comets
2002	Kayte Christensen	3rd	40	Phoenix Mercury
2001	Erin Buescher	2nd	23	Minnesota Lynx
2000	Stacy Clinesmith	2nd	30	Sacramento Monarchs

Career Highlights

- Coached in 15 straight NCAA Tournaments; advanced to at least the 2nd round in last 10 appearances
- Teams have advanced to 3 Sweet 16's and one Elite 8
- Teams won at least 20 games in 15 of last 16 seasons
- Teams have won or shared a total of 11 conf. titles
- Helped Florida St. win school record 29 games in 2010
 - Coached 10 players drafted by WNBA teams
- Helped lead Fla. St. to its highest national rankings ever



Coach Close helped lead Florida State into the NCAA Tournament in each of her seven seasons

Shannon Perry

Assistant Coach, 1st Season
Iowa '98



Shannon Perry joined the UCLA women's basketball coaching staff in May of 2011. She returns to Los Angeles after coaching at Duke for five seasons (2004-09). Perry was also an assistant at USC from 2000-04 and Iowa from 1999-2000.

Perry helped bring in the No. 2 recruiting class in the nation in 2005, which included National High School Player of the Year Abby Waner. She also helped recruit the No. 3 recruiting class in the nation in 2007 with WBCA All-Americans Jasmine Thomas, Krystal Thomas and Karima Christmas, as well as the No. 5 class in 2008. Her duties on the Duke coaching staff included recruiting, practice instruction,

scouting and coaching guards. Perry coached five All-Americans at Duke, including future WNBA players Waner, Lindsey Harding, Alison Bales, Monique Currie, and Chante Black. She coached in the NCAA Tournament all five years at Duke, with the Blue Devils advancing to the Championship game in 2006. Duke captured Atlantic Coast Conference regular season championships in 2005 and 2007.

While at USC, Perry's responsibilities were national recruiting, practice instruction and academic liaison. She helped USC sign a Top 10 recruiting class in 2004. At Iowa, she was involved with daily practice instruction, coaching the post players, scouting, recruiting and monitoring academic progress of student-athletes.

Perry graduated in 1998 from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and communication studies, where she graduated with honors. She was a four-year letterwinner at Iowa from 1995-98 and was regarded as the team's leading defensive player throughout that time. She led the Hawkeyes to the 1997 Big Ten Tournament title and 1996 and 1998 regular season titles. Her teams advanced to the NCAA Tournament her final three seasons and made a trip to the Sweet 16 in 1996. Additionally, she was a three-time All-Big Ten Academic selection and received the 1998 Robin Roberts/WBCA Sports Communication Scholarship award and the 1998 NCAA Women's Enhancement Post-Graduate Scholarship award.

A Southern California native, Perry played basketball and volleyball at Cerritos HS.



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT SHANNON PERRY:

"Shannon is a wonderful addition to the UCLA family. She is not only an excellent recruiter, but she has tremendous knowledge of the game. I have no doubt she will help land some of the best players in the country and help develop them to their fullest potential. Shannon is an incredibly warm and caring person who runs her life with great class and integrity, and she will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the UCLA program and community."

— Gail Goestenkors, former Duke head coach and current University of Texas head women's basketball coach.

"Shannon will be an excellent fit for UCLA Women's Basketball. On the court, she is an excellent communicator. She uses her years of coaching and playing experience to relate to her players and the coaching staff. Her knowledge of both the guard and post positions makes her versatile on the staff. Off the court, Shannon has the amazing ability of impacting others. Her positive spirit and motivating nature are contagious. She is a perfect addition to the UCLA women's basketball staff."

— Krystal Thomas, former Duke player and current WNBA player



The Basketball Staff

Tony Newnan

Assistant Coach, 1st Season
UC Santa Barbara '92



Tony Newnan joined the UCLA women's basketball staff in May of 2011. He is a 20-year coaching veteran, with Pac-10 experience, known for his defense, who has worked with numerous players drafted by the WNBA over the years. Newnan has been a women's basketball assistant coach for the past eight seasons at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA. The Warriors have earned national NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) rankings and advanced to the NAIA Tournament in four of the past five seasons. In 2009, Westmont posted a school record 22 wins and has won at least 20 games in

three of the past four seasons.

From 2000-01, Newnan worked as an assistant women's basketball coach at Oregon State University. The Beavers entered post-season play (National Women's Invitation Tournament) for the first time in six seasons during that year and were led by the play of guard Felicia Ragland who was named the Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year in 2001. Ragland, who went on to be selected by the Seattle Storm in the 2002 WNBA draft, also earned District VIII Kodak All-America honors in both 2001 and 2002.

Newnan, who was the Associate Head coach at UC Santa Barbara in 1999-2000, served as a Gauchos' assistant from 1993-2000. The Gauchos captured six Big West conference titles during his tenure, set a school record with 30 wins in 2000 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000. A 1992 graduate of UCSB, Newnan embarked on his coaching career as a student assistant coach for the Gaucho women's team in 1990-93. He was then hired full-time the following season. During his years at UCSB, Newnan helped coach such future WNBA draft selections as Kayte Christensen, Erin Buescher and Stacy Clinesmith.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT TONY NEWMAN:

"What I remember most about Tony is that his energetic, excited style of coaching made you want to play even harder on the court. He teaches the game so well and explains everything so well. He helped me be a better player skill-wise and emotionally as well, helping instill a we-will-not-lose attitude. Tony definitely brought out the best of me. I would have done anything, including run through a wall, for him and the coaching staff."

- Stacy Clinesmith, former UCSB player and four-year WNBA player



"One of the great things about Tony is that he's a really good teacher. He has a unique and creative way of breaking down things so that it makes sense to each individual. I loved when coaches got in my face and pushed me. You can sense his passion and see how much he loves what he's doing. I've been away from UCSB for years, but I still call him once a year and thank him for my experience. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do to help us grow both on and off the court. Collegiate coaches bring players in as 17-18 year olds and adopt them as surrogate children, and I definitely feel like I grew so much with his help. I could not have been in the WNBA for seven years without him."

- Kayte Christensen, former UCSB player, seven-year WNBA player, current ESPN men's and women's basketball reporter/analyst

"I consider Tony Newnan to be one of the brightest basketball minds in women's basketball. His contributions to the success of our program at UCSB were immense. His 'feel' for game strategy, scouting, and substitution patterns is unsurpassed. Additionally, Tony is one of the best teachers of individual skill development that I have ever worked with. His ability to break down skills and motivate athletes to grow and improve is legendary among UCSB, and undoubtedly Westmont, players. Tony is also one of the most competitive people I have had as an assistant coach. He hates to lose and spreads that passion for success to everyone around him. He has a great mind, is an excellent teacher with a great competitive heart, and one of the finest human beings I know! Congratulations to the Bruin women's basketball family - you are fortunate to have him!"

- Mark French, former UCSB head coach



The Basketball Staff

Jenny Huth

Assistant Coach, 1st Season
Colorado '02



Jenny Huth, a highly decorated player who has represented her country in international play and has five years of Division I coaching experience, joined the Bruin coaching staff in May of 2011. She comes to UCLA after working in private business and as a high school coach the past two seasons following her marriage in 2010. Prior to that, she worked as an assistant women's basketball coach at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan from 2007-09. The Summit League team posted 20-win seasons in both years and a school-record 26 wins in 2008-09. Huth was responsible for recruiting, scheduling, scouting, camps, academics and public

outreach, in addition to her on-court duties.

From 2005-07, Huth served a three-year stint as a graduate assistant coach at Florida State University. The Seminoles put together three-straight 20-win seasons for the first time in school history and made three trips to the NCAA Tournament while she was on staff. She also worked with guard Roneeka Hodges, who went on to become the 15th pick in the 2005 WNBA draft. Huth helped with the Seminole guards, coached the scout team and coordinated the program's efforts with the Courtside Kids program. She earned her Master's degree in Recreation and Leisure Services Administration from FSU in 2007.

A standout player for Colorado from 1998-02, Jenny Roulier (Huth) was a three-time All-Big 12 Conference selection and helped guide the Buffaloes to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight in her senior season. She finished her career among the all-time top 10 at CU in career scoring with 1,399 points, three-point shots with 203 and three-point shooting percentage at .407.

Huth, whose cousin Rachelle Roulier played basketball at UCLA from 1988-91, was a member of Team USA's gold medal winning women's basketball team in the World University Games in 2001. After graduating from CU in 2002 with a degree in Communications, she played professionally for two seasons. She spent the 2002-03 season with Club Estudiantes, a First-Division team based in Madrid, Spain. In 2004, Huth played for the Colorado Chill of the National Women's Basketball League. She has also been involved with Athletes in Action and was a member of the 2003 fall tour.



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT JENNY HUTH:

"As a player, Jenny had this unique combination of talent, leadership and compassion for all of her teammates, but it was her infectious passion for the game that I admired so much. She is one of those players who was destined to be a coach. Jenny is not only great at one-on-one skill development, but she has the gift of encouraging and motivating everyone around her to be better. I had great respect for Jenny as my teammate, and I have no doubt that the players she coaches will not only reach their potential on the court, but they will leave UCLA better prepared for the bigger game of life."

- Ruth Riley, WNBA All-Star and Olympic gold medalist

"Jenny will be a tremendous asset to Cori and to UCLA. Passion for the game and energy level are trademarks of all great recruiters, and Jenny has no shortage of either. Her enthusiasm for the game will be infectious during practices, games and skillwork sessions. I am particularly thrilled to see Jenny join the Pac 12 Conference."

- Ceal Barry, former Colorado head coach

"Jenny isn't just good, she is spectacular. She has a gift for connecting and motivating college students but is also a great teacher of the game. She will have a major impact on the rapid growth of UCLA women's basketball."

- Sue Semrau, Florida State head coach



The Basketball Staff

Pam Walker

Director of Basketball Operations, 23rd Season
UCLA '85



Pam Walker, a UCLA graduate, is in her 23rd season as a member of the Bruin women's basketball staff. This is her fourth season working as the Director of Basketball Operations. She spent the previous 19 seasons at UCLA serving as an assistant coach.

Walker is responsible for scheduling, equipment, team travel, facilities, community service projects, monitoring of the players' academic progress, assisting with budgeting, camps and on-campus recruiting. She also oversees the managers and video intern and liaisons with marketing, development and sports information.

During her coaching tenure at UCLA, the Bruins competed in the NCAA Tournament seven times, including an Elite Eight appearance in 1999. UCLA also won a Pac-10 regular season title in 1999 and a Pac-10 Tournament title in 2006. Walker coached two Pac-10 Players of the Year, four Pac-10 Freshmen of the Year, and seven 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 HS in Playa del Rey, CA (1984-85) and at Van Nuys HS (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 HS. Muir was a member of the UCLA football team from 1989-90. The couple live in Valencia with their beagle, Dee.





#34 Corinne Costa

6-4 • Sophomore • Forward/Center
Brentwood, CA (Liberty HS)

Career Statistics

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	27-0	190/7.0	21-37	.568	4-7	.571	40/1.5	2	9	5	46	1.7
Pac-10	14-0	96/6.9	11-18	.611	1-3	.333	17/1.2	0	3	3	23	1.6

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 0-0 (.000).

Career Highs:

Points - 8 at Washington (12/31/10); **Rebounds** - 8 v. Montana State (12/5/10); **Assists** - 1 v. Temple (11/28/10); **Steals** - 1, last v. Washington (3/3/11); **Blocks** - 3 v. UC Santa Barbara (11/14/10); **FG Made** - 4 at Washington (3/3/11); **3-pt. FG Made** - na; **FT Made** - 2 at St. Mary's (12/12/10); **Minutes** - 17 v. Montana State (12/5/10)

UCLA Outlook:

- Has shown great improvement
- Has the ability to alter shots and be offensive threat inside
- Must get after it on the boards

2011:

- Saw action in 27 games off the bench
- Made 13 of her last 22 shots from the field (.591)
- Had season-high 8 points at Washington
- Pulled down high of 8 rebounds v. Montana State
- Recorded three blocked shots v. UC Santa Barbara

High School:

- Attended Liberty HS in Brentwood, CA
- Played for coaches Debbi Weil and Glenn Stonebarger on team which went 19-9 and finished second in Bay Valley League as a senior
- Led her team in scoring (15.0), rebounding (6.5) assists (1.6) and blocks (2.7)
- Served as team captain as a senior
- Had eight 20-point games and five games with at least 15 rebounds during her senior season

- Earned league MVP honors for both basketball and volleyball as a senior
- Also played volleyball (middle blocker) for coach Linda Ghilarducci; averaged 1.2 blocks per game and hit .374
- Averaged 14.2 points, 4.8 blocks and 8.8 rebounds per game as a junior

Personal:

- Full name: Corinne Lillie Costa
- Born on March 19, 1992 in Mountain View, CA
- Family: Parents: John and Rhonda Costa; sisters Danielle and Kylie
- Her biggest athletic thrill to date has been earning MVP in basketball and volleyball for her league as a senior



Returning Player Biographies



Getting To Know ... Corinne Costa

I wish I were better at: *Cooking*

Describe your team in one word: *Energetic*

Favorite athlete to watch in another sport: *Terrell Owens*

My first job was: *Babysitting*

My worst habits are: *Biting nails, cracking knuckles*

The best place I have traveled is: *Hawaii*

If I could change one thing in the game of basketball, it would be: *The distance of the court*

My pre-game superstitions or habits are: *Listening to music, cracking my back*

Favorite basketball player: *Chris Paul*

Guilty pleasure: *Ice cream!*

Favorite pre-game meal: *Pasta and bread*

Favorite quote/saying: *Greatness is earned, never awarded*

Most-played song on your iPod: *"Fancy" by Drake*

Favorite sports team: *Boston Celtics*

Something most people don't know about me: *I like to read*

On an off day I ...: *Listen to a certain playlist on my iPod*

One TV show I can't miss: *Teen Mom*

Another sport I would excel in is: *Volleyball*



#33 Jasmine Dixon

6-0 • Senior • Forward

Long Beach, CA (Rutgers/Long Beach Poly HS)

Career Statistics

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	31-28	813/26.2	146-276	.529	82-148	.554	227/7.3	47	18	74	374	12.1
'09-10	27-27	698/25.9	165-300	.550	80-155	.516	216/8.0	37	11	60	413	15.3
LA Totals	58-55	1511/26.1	311-576	.540	162-303	.535	443/7.6	84	29	134	787	13.6
'08-09 (Rutgers)	5-0	44/8.8	7-13	.538	2-5	.400	8/1.6	0	1	1	16	3.2
Totals	32-27	742/23.2	172-313	.550	82-160	.513	224/7.0	37	12	61	429	13.4
Pac-10	36-36	957/26.6	209-364	.574	104-201	.517	281/7.8	52	15	86	524	14.6

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 0-0 (.000); 2010 — 2-6 (.333), 2009 — 0-0 (.000), Totals — 2-6 (.333).

Career Highs:

Points - 31 at Oregon (2/27/10); **Rebounds** - 20 at Oregon (2/27/10); **Assists** - 5, last v. UC Santa Barbara (11/14/10); **Steals** - 6, last v. Washington State (3/5/11); **Blocks** - 3 v. LSU (12/28/10); **FG Made** - 11, last v. Arizona (1/29/11); **3-pt. FG Made** - 1, last v. Stanford (3/14/10); **FT Made** - 9 at Oregon (2/27/10); **Minutes** - 35 at Washington (1/23/10)

UCLA Outlook:

- Ruptured her achilles tendon in a September workout and is expected to miss the 2011-12 season
- Named to the Wooden Award Preseason Watch List
- Power player; able to take on taller players inside
- Can be a big factor on the boards and an asset at the defensive end

2011:

- Honorable mention AP All-American
- First-team All-Pac-10 Conference selection
- Honorable mention All-Pac-10 Defensive team
- Wooden Award Midseason Top 20
- Naismith Trophy Midseason Top 30
- At least two steals in 22 games
- At least three off. rebounds in 21 games
- 17th in Pac-10 scoring; 8th in rebounding; 4th in fg%; 3rd in steals (2.4); 4th in off. reb. (3.4); 14th in def. reb. (3.9)
- Invited to USA World University Games team trials

2010 (UCLA):

- Named All-Pac-10, as selected by coaches and media
- Named to Pac-10 All-Tournament team
- Ranked 18th in the nation in field goal percentage
- Led the Bruins in scoring (sixth in the Pac-10) and rebounding (seventh in the Pac-10)
- Also the team-leader in double-doubles (7), double-figure scoring games (23), 20-point scoring games (6) and double-figure rebounding games (8)
- Ranked second in the Pac-10 in FG% and offensive rebounds (3.37); third in steals (2.22)
- Led UCLA in scoring in 13 games and in rebounding 16 games, both team-highs

- Earned her first Pac-10 Conference Player of the Week honor after recording career-highs with 31 points and 20 rebounds at Oregon; with 17 points at OSU

- Became just the second player in UCLA women's basketball history (joining Olympian Natalie Williams) to record a 30-point, 20-rebound outing and the first in 16 years

2009 (Rutgers):

- Played in the first five games of her freshman season
- Averaged 3.2 points and 1.6 rebounds in 8.8 minutes

High School:

- Attended Long Beach Poly HS; coach Carl Buggs
- Named first-team All-America by *Parade Magazine*, *USA Today*, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), EA Sports and ESPN HoopGurlz
- Averaged 14.1 points, 10.4 rebounds, 4.2 steals and 3.2 assists as a senior
- CIF Southern Section Div. I-AA Player of the Year as a senior
- 2008 Gatorade California Player of the Year; LA Times' Player of the Year
- Played in the 2008 McDonald's All-America Game
- Led HS to three straight California Div. I state titles
- Averaged 14.9 points, 9.5 rebs., 4.7 steals as a junior
- HS team ranked No. 2 in the nation in final USA Today poll following junior season
- Invited to '08 USA Basketball U18 National Team Trials
- Won bronze medal at '07 USA Youth Development Festival

Personal:

- Full name: Jasmine Dixon
- Born on April 19, 1990
- Family: Daughter of Sandra Dixon and Billy Brown; two sisters, Mahogany and Shyrl
- Favorite pro athlete is Allen Iverson
- Hobbies include cooking and sleeping
- Afro-American Studies major



Returning Player Biographies



Getting To Know ... Jasmine Dixon

I wish I were better at: *Expressing myself*

My hidden talent is: *I'm a really good cook.*

Describe your style of play in one word: *Aggressive*

Describe your team in one word: *Crazy*

The best place I have traveled is: *Italy*

If I could change one thing in the game of basketball:
You can't foul out!

Pre-game superstitions or habits: *Sleep and eat*

One thing I couldn't imagine living without is:
Family

Favorite basketball player: *Kevin Durant*

Favorite TV show: *The Game*

Favorite pre-game meal: *Pasta*

Favorite quote/saying: *To whom much is given, much is expected*

Favorite sports team: *Oklahoma City Thunder*

My internet home page is: *Google*

If I had to go on a reality TV show, it would be: *The Real World* because of the pure drama

What do I see myself doing in 10 years?: *Opening my own clothing store and clothing line.*

On an off day I: *Sleep in and watch movies*

Favorite sports movie: *Love and Basketball*

Word/phrase I say a lot: *"I'm hungry"*

Funniest person on the team: *Atonye Nyingifa*

Another sport I would excel in is: *Volleyball*

TV Show I will not miss: *Kardashians* or *The Game*

If I could be a freshman again, I would do this differently: *Have a better diet*

My favorite UCLA athlete to watch play is: *Sydney Leroux (women's soccer)*

#35 Rebekah Gardner

6-1 • Senior • Guard
Upland, CA (Ayala HS)



Career Statistics

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	32-11	671/21.0	93-218	.427	45-60	.750	106/3.3	32	10	40	254	7.9
'09-10	34-7	680/20.0	89-215	.414	35-42	.833	73/2.1	32	25	47	234	6.9
'08-09	31-1	424/13.7	44-127	.346	30-39	.769	55/1.8	10	5	19	136	4.4
Totals	97-19	1775/18.3	226-560	.404	110-141	.780	234/2.4	74	40	106	624	6.4
Pac-10	53-4	934/17.6	115-281	.409	52-66	.788	121/2.3	31	25	51	317	6.0

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 23-65 (.354); 2010 — 21-70 (.300); 2009 — 18-52 (.346); Totals — 62-187 (.332).

Career Highs:

Points - 19 v. Washington State (2/20/10); **Rebounds** - 8 at Oregon (2/10/11); **Assists** - 4 at LMU (12/3/10); **Steals** - 5 v. Washington State (2/20/10); **Blocks** - 4 v. Texas Tech (12/18/09); **FG Made** - 7, last at Oregon (2/10/11); **3-pt. FG Made** - 3, last at Washington (12/31/10); **FT Made** - 5, last at Washington State (1/2/11); **Minutes** - 31 at St. Mary's (12/12/10)

UCLA Outlook:

- Dynamic offensive mind-set who has extended her shooting range
- Can be a very good rebounder from guard position
- Must emerge as a vocal team leader

2011:

- Saw action in 32 games with 11 starts
- Played double-digit minutes in 31 games
- Made at least one three-pt. shot in 17 games

2010:

- Saw action in all 34 games and made seven starts
- Played at least 20 minutes in 19 games
- Scored a career-high 19 points (17 in the first half) and also had a career-best five steals to lead the team vs. Washington State
- Led team and ranked 14th in Pac-10 with 25 blocks
- Had a career-high four blocks vs. Texas Tech
- Third on the team with 21 three-point shots made
- Named to the honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic team

2009:

- Saw action in all 31 games with one start, at Arizona
- Played double-digit minutes in 20 games
- Scored 13 points in win over USC
- Tied for third on team with 18 three-point shots

High School:

- Attended Ayala HS in Chino Hills, CA and played for coach Mel Sims
- Her high school team was 2008 CIF Southern Section Runners-up (Division IIA)

- Team won '07 CIF So. Section Championship (Div. IIA)
- Named CIF Division IIA co-Player of Year in '07 (Div. IIA)
- Averaged 19.7 points, 8.1 rebounds, 3.9 steals and 3.1 assists as a senior
- Three-time Area MVP by the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*
- EA Sports second-team All-America
- Averaged 22.9 points and 9.1 rebounds as a junior
- Earned All-State honors
- Averaged 28.7 pts, 10.6 rebs and 2.9 assists as a soph.
- Four-time All-CIF and All-Sierra League selection
- Named to the first-team All-State freshman team
- Named to the *LA Times* All-Star team following her junior and senior seasons
- Team captain
- Broke her high school's record for scoring

Personal:

- Full name: Rebekah Jasmine Gardner
- Born on July 9, 1990 in Palm Springs, CA
- Family: Parents Enrique and Consuellen Gardner; has a sister, Rhema, now a sophomore on team
- Cousin Touissant Tyler played football at Washington and with the Saints (NFL)
- Admires Candace Parker of the LA Sparks
- Hobbies include swimming
- Her career objectives include becoming an ESPN announcer and a business owner
- Sociology major





Getting To Know ... Rebekah Gardner

My hidden talent is: *Singing*

My "Welcome to college moment" was: *Bruin Bash*

Describe your style of play in one word: *Silky*

Describe your team in one word: *Unique*

Favorite athlete to watch in another sport: *Serena Williams*

My worst habit is: *Nail Biting*

If I could change one thing in the game of basketball:
There would be a four-pointer

One thing I couldn't imagine living without is:
Basketball

The top things on my bucket list are: *Go to Germany
and marry Trey Songz*

Favorite basketball player: *Carmelo Anthony*

Favorite quote/saying: *You can't let praise or criticism
get to you. It's a weakness to get caught up in either
one. - John Wooden*

Most-played song on your iPod: *Anything by Trey
Songz, aka Trigga*

Favorite sports team: *Lakers*

Favorite song to sing in the shower or at karaoke:
"I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston

Something most people don't know about me: *I'm
not quiet like most people think I may be.*

My internet home page is: *Google*

If I had to go on a reality TV show, it would be:
*America's Next Top Model. If I didn't play basketball,
modeling would be something else that I would be
interested in doing.*

What do I see myself doing in 10 years?: *Making an
impact in the women's basketball realm along with work-
ing in the journalism business during the off season.*

My favorite meal to cook: *Salmon*

On an off day I ...: *Off day? What's that?*

Another sport I would excel in is: *Volleyball*

Favorite sports movie: *Remember the Titans*

Word/phrase I say a lot: *"That sucks!"*

Favorite UCLA athlete of all-time: *Kareem Abdul-
Jabbar*



#20 Rhema Gardner

6-1 • Sophomore • Forward/Guard
Upland, CA (Ayala HS)

Career Statistics

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	22-0	122/5.5	5-25	.200	12-22	.545	27/1.2	3	2	4	22	1.0
Pac-10	12-0	72/6.0	1-14	.071	5-7	.714	14/1.2	0	2	1	7	0.6

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 0-0 (.000).

Career Highs:

Points - 4, last at Oregon (2/10/11); **Rebounds** - 4 v. Hawaii (12/19/10); **Assists** - 2 v. Hawaii (12/19/10); **Steals** - 1, last v. Oregon (1/15/11); **Blocks** - 1, last v. Oregon (1/15/11); **FG Made** - 1, last at Washington State (1/2/11); **3-pt. FG Made** - na; **FT Made** - 4 at Oregon (2/10/11); **Minutes** - 14 v. Oregon (1/15/11)

UCLA Outlook:

- Most improved player due to her hard work over the summer
- Brings quickness and length to the lineup to force defensive deflections
- Explosive, versatile athlete who must get on the boards

2011:

- Saw action in 22 games off the bench
- Scored season-high four points v. Hawaii and at Oregon
- Had season-high 4 rebounds v. Hawaii

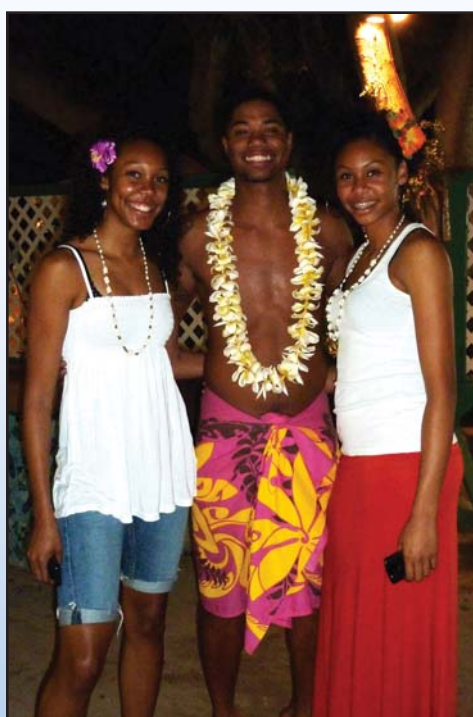
High School:

- Attended Ayala HS in Chino Hills, CA
- Played for Mel Sims on team which won Sierra League Championship as a senior
- Averaged 8.8 points, 5.4 rebounds and 1.8 blocks per game as a senior
- Had best senior game of 26 points, 16 rebounds vs. St. Lucy's
- Team lost to Santa Monica HS in the CIF Southern Section semifinals as a senior
- Team lost in 1st round of So. California state regional championship as a senior
- Recorded seven double figure scoring games and nine games with seven or more rebounds as a senior

- Averaged 12.9 points, 11.1 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game as a junior
- Played club basketball with FBC

Personal:

- Full name: Rhema Florestine Gardner
- Born on January 21, 1992 in Palm Springs, CA
- Family: Parents: Enrique and Consuellen Gardner; older sister Rebekah, is a senior on the team
- Lists Dwight Howard as the athlete she most admires
- Her biggest athletic thrill to date has been winning the CIF title her freshman year in high school
- Hobbies include reading and swimming
- Speaks German



Returning Player Biographies



Getting To Know ... Rhema Gardner

I wish I were better at: *Singing*

Describe your style of play in one word: *Attacking*

If I could change one thing in the game of basketball, it would be: *Everyone would be able to dunk*

My pre-game habits are: *Sleeping/Praying*

One thing I could not imagine living without is: *My bible*

Favorite basketball player: *Dwight Howard*

Guilty pleasure: *Pedicures every week*

Favorite pre-game meal: *Peanut butter and jelly sandwich*

Favorite quote/saying: *"Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there." - John Wooden*

Most-played song on your iPod: *"I Wanna Be Down" by Brandy*

Favorite sports team: *Lakers*

Favorite sports movie: *Coach Carter*

On an off day I ...: *Sleep!*

Funniest person on the team is: *Thea Lemberger*

One TV show I can't miss: *America's Next Top Model*

Another sport I would excel in is: *Volleyball*

Favorite UCLA athlete of all-time: *Kareem Abdul-Jabbar*



#1 Thea Lemberger

5-7 • Freshman • Guard

Santa Monica, CA (Santa Monica HS)

Career Statistics

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	14-0	108/7.7	2-19	.105	3-5	.600	3/0.2	9	1	5	8	0.6
Pac-10	7-0	45/6.4	1-10	.100	2-2	1.000	2/0.3	2	0	2	5	0.7

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 2-19 (.105).

Career Highs:

Points - 3 v. Washington State (3/5/11); **Rebounds** - 2 v. Cal (2/18/11); **Assists** - 4 v. UC Santa Barbara (11/14/10); **Steals** - 2 v. Montana State (12/5/10); **Blocks** - na; **FG Made** - 1, last v. Washington State (3/5/11); **3-pt. FG Made** - 1 v. Washington State (3/5/11); **FT Made** - 2 v. Cal (2/18/11); **Minutes** - 19 v. Montana State (12/5/10)

UCLA Outlook:

- Has great leadership qualities
- Smart, heady player who provides plus shooting from the perimeter
- Her offensive game can help set up others on the attack

2011:

- Saw action in 14 games off the bench; sat out 13 games due to a leg injury
- Scored best of three points v. Wash. State; four assists v. UC Santa Barbara
- Played high of 19 minutes v. Montana State

High School:

- Attended Santa Monica, CA HS and played four seasons for coach Marty Verdugo
- Led her team in scoring (18.3), assists (3.3) and steals (1.8) as a senior
- Connected on 48 three-point shots as a senior
- Scored at least 20 points in 13 games as a senior, including 31 vs. Palos Verdes HS
- Made 79% of her free throw and 46% of her field goal attempts
- Team won the CIF Div. IA championship and Ocean League championship as a senior (first CIF champ, in any sport, for her HS)

- Named CIF Div. IA Player of the Year and MVP of the Ocean League as a senior
- Named to first-team Jewish Sports Review HS All-America team in 2009-10
- Helped team to Southern California state regional tourney semifinals as a senior
- Averaged 16.5 points, 3.7 assists, 2.3 steals per game as a junior
- Made 57 three-point shots as a junior
- Her team advanced to the CIF Div. 4 semifinals as a junior
- Named Ocean League Most Outstanding Player and All-CIF as a junior

Personal:

- Full name: Thea Rose Lemberger
- Born on May 26, 1992 in Santa Monica, CA
- Family: Parent: Nance Rosen; has two older brothers: Logan and Camryn
- Lists NBA standout Kobe Bryant as the famous athlete she most admires
- Biggest athletic thrill: winning Nike Nationals with Cal Swish club in summer '09
- Hobbies include going to the beach, hanging out, basketball
- Pre-Psychology major



Returning Player Biographies



Getting To Know ... Thea Lemberger

I wish I was better at: *math*

Favorite athlete to watch in another sport: *Clay Matthews*

My first job: *Working a scoreboard*

My worst habit is: *Biting my nails*

Best place I have travelled: *Cabo*

Top three things on my bucket list: *Visit each continent, hot air balloon ride, skydive*

Favorite basketball player: *Kobe Bryant*

Favorite TV show: *Entourage*

My guilty pleasure: *Chick-fil-a*

Favorite pre-game meal: *Fettucini*

If you have to go on a reality tv show, which would it be: *America's Next Top Model - I would want to hear Tyra Banks critique me*

What do you see yourself doing in 10 years: *Coach, sports psychologist*

Pre-game superstition or habit: *Dancing*

On an off day I....: *Sleep*

Most played song on my ipod: *"Juicy" by Biggie*

Favorite song to sing in the shower: *"Dangerously in Love" by Beyonce*

Favorite sports movie: *He Got Game*

Favorite UCLA athlete of all-time: *Ann Meyers*



#11 Atonye Nyingifa

5-11 • Redshirt Junior • Forward
Torrance, CA (Redondo Union)

Career Statistics

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	33-27	851/25.8	114-221	.516	63-87	.724	179/5.4	38	10	56	291	8.8
'09-10	Medical Redshirt											
'08-09	31-16	620/20.0	73-157	.465	41-61	.672	152/4.9	20	11	40	188	6.1
Totals	64-43	1471/22.9	187-378	.495	104-148	.703	331/5.2	58	21	96	479	7.5
Pac-10	36-31	876/24.3	109-223	.489	64-81	.790	189/5.3	34	11	52	283	7.9

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 0-1 (.000); 2009 — 1-2 (.500); Totals — 1-3 (.333).

Career Highs:

Points - 18 v. Oregon State (3/13/09); **Rebounds** - 12 v. Arizona (1/29/11); **Assists** - 4 at Arizona (2/24/11); **Steals** - 5, last v. Washington State (3/5/11); **Blocks** - 2 at LMU (12/3/10); **FG Made** - 7, last at Cal (1/22/11); **3-pt. FG Made** - 1 v. Stanford (2/27/09); **FT Made** - 6, last v. Washington (3/3/11); **Minutes** - 37 v. Montana (3/19/11)

UCLA Outlook:

- Often in the right place at the right time
- Has quick hands and versatility
- Must be an active player on the boards

2011:

- Appeared in all 33 games with 27 starts
- Pulled down career-best 12 rebounds v. Arizona
- T-19th in Pac-10 rebounding; 5th in fg%; 9th in off. reb. (2.4)
- Upped both her field goal and free throw shooting %

2010:

- Granted a medical redshirt after sitting out the season to rehab her knee which had been injured during USA Basketball Trials in May of 2009

2009:

- Saw action in all 31 games, starting final 16 contests
- Named to the All-Pac-10 Tournament squad
- Selected to Pac-10 All-Freshman squad
- Led team in rebounding in Pac-10 only games (5.6)
- Averaged 7.7 points, 6.1 rebounds in 16 starts
- Played double-digit minutes in 27 games
- Invited to USA Women's Basketball Trials in May '09

High School:

- Attended Redondo Union HS in Redondo Beach, CA; played for Marcelo Enriquez
- Scored 2,192 points in her prep career

- Averaged 21.2 points and 12.2 rebounds as a senior
- Set school rebounding record as a senior
- CIF Co-Player of the Year following senior (Div. IA) and freshman (Div. IIA) years
- Won two CIF So. Sect. championships ('08 - IA; '05-IIA)
- Played/started each game in four-year varsity career
- Won four straight league titles
- EA Sports first-team All-American
- Named second-team All-State by Max Preps as a senior and first-team All-State by Cal-Hi Sports as a junior
- Averaged 16.8 pts, 11.7 rebs and 1.4 bks as a junior
- Named *Daily Breeze* Player of the Year as a junior
- Averaged 18.8 pts, 11.7 rebs and 1.3 bks as a soph.
- Named *Daily Breeze* Player of the Year as a freshman at age 14, the youngest player ever to receive the honor
- Earned MVP honors in the 2006 and 2007 End of the Oregon Trail Tournaments
- Also a member of the track team (high jump, long jump, triple jump and 200m)

Personal:

- Full name: Atonye Jennifer Nyingifa
- Born on December 8, 1990
- Family: Parents Jerry and Tracy Nyingifa; brother, Onate; sisters Amiete, Inara, Courtney
- Admires professional tennis player Serena Williams
- Hobbies include cooking, biking and basketball
- Sociology major





Getting To Know ... Atonye Nyongifa

My-hidden talent is: *Singing. I'm also double-jointed at the hip.*

Describe your style of play in one word: *Versatile*

Describe your team in one word: *Versatile*

Favorite athlete to watch in another sport: *Serena Williams*

My worst habit is: *Procrastination*

The best place I have traveled: *Nigeria*

If I could change one thing in the game of basketball, it would be?: *For boys and girls to play together*

My pre-game superstitions or habits are: *Eat, sleep, put gear on in order, pray*

One thing I couldn't imagine living without: *Family*

Favorite TV show: *The Hills*

Guilty pleasure: *White chocolate*

Favorite pre-game meal: *Grilled chicken and baked potato*

Most-played song on your iPod: *Trey Songz*

Favorite sports team: *Lakers*

Favorite song to sing in the shower or at karaoke: *Yolanda Adams*

Something most people don't know about me: *I am a germaphobe*

My Internet home page: *Apple*

If I had to go on a reality TV show, which would it be and why?: *The show would be "Basketball Players" so people can see the daily lives of college basketball players*

What do I see myself doing in 10 years?: *I will have a job in counseling, have a family, and loving life*

On an off day I ...: *Relax in my room and go home to see family*

Word/phrase I say a lot: *What the...*

Funniest person on the team is: *Thea Lemberger*

Another sport I would excel in is: *Volleyball*

Favorite thing to Cook: *Corn Bread*

People who have influenced me most: *My family and my high school coaches*

Returning Player Biographies



#2 Jackie Shepard

5-10 • Sophomore • Guard
Atherton, CA (Menlo School)

Career Statistics

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	6-0	10/1.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0/0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
'09-10	10-0	15/1.5	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2/0.2	0	0	0	4	0.4
Totals	16-0	25/1.6	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2/0.3	0	0	0	4	0.3
Pac-10	11-0	18/1.6	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1/0.1	0	0	0	2	0.2

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 0-0 (.000); 2010 — 0-0 (.000); Totals — 0-0 (.000).

Career Highs:

Points - 2, last v. Oregon (1/28/10); **Rebounds** - 1, last v. Washington State (2/20/10); **Assists** - na; **Steals** - na; **Blocks** - na; **FG Made** - 5 v. Oregon (1/28/10); **3-pt. FG Made** - 1, last v. Oregon (1/28/10); **FT Made** - na; **Minutes** - 3 v. Hawaii (11/19/10)

UCLA Outlook:

- Has great knowledge of the game
- Comes to work each day
- Someone who always puts the team first

2011:

- Saw action in six games off the bench

2010:

- Saw action in 10 games off the bench
- Scored a basket in games vs. Oregon and Hawaii

High School:

- Attended Menlo School in Palo Alto, CA and played for coach John Paye
- League MVP and *San Mateo Journal* Player of the Year as a senior
- Scored a school-record 51 points in game as a senior
- Set school single-season scoring mark with 766 points as a senior (24 ppg)
- Ranks second on her school's all-time scoring list
- Named first-team all-league as a junior and senior
- Served as team captain as a junior and senior
- Also earned all-league honors in softball

Personal:

- Full name: Jacqueline Blain Shepard
- Born on Sept. 17, 1990 in Stanford, CA
- Family: Parents: Rod and Laurie Shephard; has one sister: Alexandra
- Lists San Francisco Giant pitcher Tim Lincecum as the famous athlete she most admires
- Her grandfather, Jack Shepard, was a catcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates
- Dad played baseball at Princeton
- Hobbies include reading, traveling and movies
- Majoring in Global Studies



Returning Player Biographies



Getting To Know ... Jackie Shepard

I wish I were better at: *Organization*

My "Welcome to college moment" was: *My first practice in a UCLA uniform*

Describe my style of play in one word: *Grinding*

Describe my team in one word: *Tough*

Favorite athlete to watch in another sport: *Tim Lincecum, SF Giants Pitcher*

The best place I have traveled: *Kenya, Africa*

My pre-game superstitions or habits: *Napping and listening to music*

One thing I couldn't imagine living without: *My family*

One thing on my bucket list: *Go to Italy*

Favorite basketball player: *Kevin Durant*

Favorite TV show: *Entourage*

Guilty pleasure: *Getting manicures and pedicures*

Favorite pre-game meal: *Spaghetti*

Favorite quote/saying: *"If you aren't first, you're last"*

Most-played song on your iPod: *"Ain't No Sunshine" by Bill Withers*

Favorite sports team: *San Francisco Giants*

Favorite song to sing in the shower or at karaoke: *"Party in the USA"*

Something most people don't know about me: *I am a huge homebody*

Your internet home page: *Yahoo! News*

If I had to go on a reality TV show, which would it be?: *Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader*

What do I see myself doing in 10 years?: *Working in Private Equity (hopefully!)*

On an off day I ...: *Sleep, get my nails done and catch up on school work*

Favorite sports movie: *Remember the Titans*

Funniest person on the team is: *Jasmine Dixon*

Another sport I would excel in is: *Softball*

Favorite UCLA athlete of all-time: *Baron Davis*



#23 Markel Walker

6-1 • Junior • Guard/Forward
Philadelphia, PA (Schenley HS)

Career Statistics

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	33-21	882/26.7	101-228	.443	74-115	.643	179/5.4	105	11	57	280	8.5
'09-10	34-27	825/24.3	141-294	.480	81-112	.723	255/7.5	88	10	68	366	10.8
Totals	67-48	1707/25.5	242-522	.464	155-227	.683	434/6.5	193	21	125	646	9.6
Pac-10	36-28	906/25.2	112-260	.431	84-119	.706	229/6.4	99	9	63	312	8.7

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 4-18 (.222); 2010 — 3-13 (.231); Totals — 7-31 (.226).

Career Highs:

Points - 24 at Arizona State (1/3/10); **Rebounds** - 14, last v. Oregon (1/28/10); **Assists** - 8, last at LMU (12/3/10); **Steals** - 8 v. Hawaii (11/19/10); **Blocks** - 2, last at Arizona State (2/26/11); **FG Made** - 11 at Arizona State (1/3/10); **3-pt. FG Made** - 1, last v. Stanford (3/12/11); **FT Made** - 7, last v. Arizona (3/6/10); **Minutes** - 37 at Notre Dame (11/18/10)

UCLA Outlook:

- Capable of playing any position on the court
- A very good passer
- Understands the game and is a capable defender

2011:

- Saw action in all 33 games with 21 starts
- Had at least three assists in 20 games
- Scored season-high 18 points at Oregon State
- Pulled down season-best 13 rebounds at Oregon
- Led team with 105 assists
- Hon. Mention All-Pac-10 Academic team
- 15th in Pac-10 fg%; 8th in assists (3.2); T-19th in rebounding; 15th in ft%; 10th in assist/turnover ratio (1.0)

2010:

- Named to the All-Pac-10 team in a vote of the media
- Named to Pac-10 All-Tournament team
- Named to the all-conference All-Freshman team and honorable mention All-Defensive unit
- Had at least seven rebounds in 23 games
- Ranked eighth in the conference in rebounding (7.5); seventh in fg percentage; 12th in assists (2.59), fifth in steals (2.00), eighth in offensive rebounds (2.79) and eighth in defensive rebounds (4.71)
- Earned her first Pac-10 Conference Player of the Week honor after a 17-point/14-rebound effort vs. Oregon and a 16-point/10-rebound game vs. OSU
- Recorded six double-doubles

- Led UCLA in scoring in eight games and in rebounding in 14 games
- Scored in double-figures in 20 games and had double-digit rebound games seven times

- Registered a career-high 24 points at Arizona

High School:

- Attended Schenley HS in Pittsburgh, PA; played for coach Debbie Lewis
- Invited to USA Basketball Trials for U19 World Championship Team in May 2009
- Team was 45-10 in her two seasons at Schenley, 30-2 in the City League games
- Averaged 25.6 pts, 14.7 rebs and 6.1 assists as senior
- First-team 2009 Parade Magazine All-American
- McDonald's All-American and played in the 2009 McDonald's All-America game
- Selected to play in the 2009 WBCA All-America game at the Final Four
- Rated No. 4 HS player in nation-ESPNU HoopGurlz
- Selected first-team all-state by AP as a senior
- 2007-08 Pennsylvania Gatorade Player of the Year
- Averaged 16.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 6.6 assists per game as a junior

Personal:

- Full name: Markel Walker
- Born on Nov. 7, 1990 in Philadelphia, PA
- Family: Mother: Marcella Walker; brother: Marquise Walker; sisters: Marshay and Mercedes Walker
- Athlete she admires is her sister Mercedes, who played basketball at Pitt and is now playing overseas
- Hobbies include watching movies
- Afro-American Studies major



Returning Player Biographies



Getting To Know ... Markel Walker

I wish I were better at: *Singing*

My hidden talent is: *Playing football*

Describe my style of play in one word: *Unique*

Describe my team in one word: *Hard-working*

Favorite athlete to watch in another sport: *LeBron James*

My pre-game superstitions or habits: *Listening to music*

One thing I couldn't imagine living without: *Family*

Favorite basketball player: *My sister Mercedes Walker*

Favorite TV show: *Martin*

Guilty pleasure: *Take-out food*

Favorite pre-game meal: *Grilled baked potato*

Favorite quote/saying: *God won't give you more than you can handle*

Most-played song on your iPod: *Wale*

Something most people don't know about me: *I love children*

Your internet home page: *Apple*

If I had to go on a reality TV show, it would be: *Life as a Walker because my family is hilarious*

What do I see myself doing in 10 years?: *Having a family and settling down with someone.*

On an off day I ...: *Sleep*

Favorite sports movie: *Love and Basketball*

Word/phrase I say a lot: *Bye girl go to sleep*

One TV show I can't miss is: *Law and Order*

Funniest person on the team is: *Atonye Nyingifa*

Another sport I would excel in is: *Football*

Person who has influenced me most: *My sister*

Favorite thing to cook: *Chicken*

I chose my uniform number because: *It was the number of the best players—Michael Jordan and LeBron James*

If I could trade places with another person for a day it would be: *My mother because I want to understand how difficult it is being a single mom*



#5 Mariah Williams

5-4 • Junior • Guard

Colorado Springs, CO (Regis Jesuit HS)

Career Statistics

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	28-0	309/11.0	15-50	.300	10-21	.476	12/0.4	28	0	14	41	1.5
'09-10	33-6	489/14.8	27-80	.338	14-22	.636	26/0.8	48	0	20	69	2.1
Totals	61-6	798/13.1	42-130	.323	24-43	.558	38/0.6	76	0	34	110	1.8
Pac-10	31-6	430/13.9	28-82	.342	17-31	.548	19/0.6	43	0	14	75	2.4

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 1-5 (.200); 2010 — 1-9 (.111); Totals — 2-14 (.143).

Career Highs:

Points - 15 v. Oregon (1/28/10); **Rebounds** - 3 at Notre Dame (11/18/10); **Assists** - 8 v. Hawaii (11/19/09); **Steals** - 3 last at Hawaii (12/19/10); **Blocks** - na; **FG Made** - 5 v. Oregon (1/28/10); **3-pt. FG Made** - 1, last v. Arizona State (1/27/11); **FT Made** - 4 v. Oregon (1/28/10); **Minutes** - 24 v. Oregon State (1/30/10)

UCLA Outlook:

- Will set the pace for the team at both ends of court
- Has to handle the ball and know who needs to touch it on offense
- Big plus for on-ball defensive pressure

2011:

- Saw action in 28 games off the bench
- Played double-digit minutes in 16 games
- Had season-high 8 points v. Oregon, at Wash. St.
- Handed out season-high of five assists v. Oregon
- Three steals v. Hawaii

2010:

- Played double-digit minutes in 29 games
- Averaged 4.7 ppg, 1.8 apg and shot 52% fg (11-21) in six games as a starter
- Had six games with at least three assists
- Totaled a career-high 15 points vs. Oregon
- Passed for a career-best eight assists vs. Hawaii

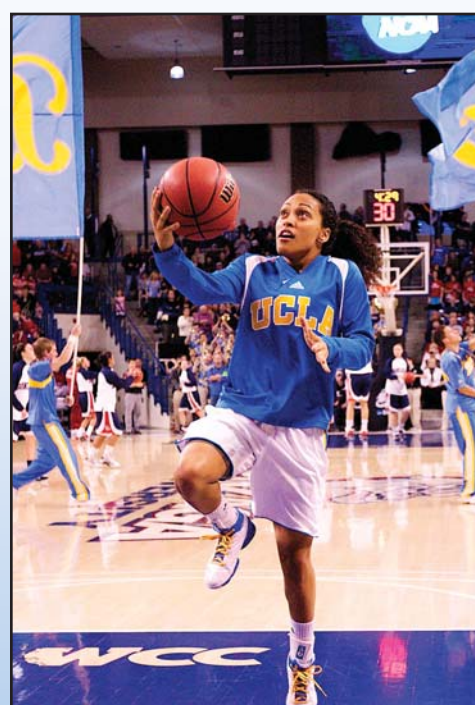
High School:

- Attended Regis Jesuit HS in Aurora, CO; played for coach Carl Mattei
- Helped lead her team to its first-ever state championship in 2008-09

- Named first-team Class 5A All-State
- Picked to the *Denver Post's* All-Colorado Team
- Honorable mention selection for the 2008-09 WBCA All-America game
- Averaged 11.8 pts, 6.4 assists and 3.2 stls as a senior
- All-State selection as a junior when she averaged 11.5 points, 4.2 assists, 3.3 steals
- Shot 60% from field and 43% from three-point range
- Helped to lead her team to four straight final four state tournament appearances
- Played for the Mile Hi Magic club team

Personal:

- Full name: Mariah Williams
- Born on Oct. 14, 1990 in Colorado Springs, CO
- Family: Parents: Larry Williams and Tawnia Alarcon; has three sisters: Tasha, Aspen and Alexia
- Lists NBA point guard Chris Paul as the famous athlete she most admires
- Her biggest athletic thrill to date has been winning the HS State title as a senior
- Hobbies include poetry
- Political Science major





Getting To Know ... Mariah Williams

I style my game after: *Chris Paul*

If I were stuck on a deserted island, the three things I would have to have with me are: *Bible, laptop, basketball*

My teammates would describe me as: *mini, small, tiny, little one, etc.*

My favorite TV stations are: *Animal Planet, History Channel, Discovery Channel*

My favorite quote is: *"Trust in the Lord, with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5*

If I could trade places with anyone for a day, it would be with: *Nate Robinson, so I could bang on a 7-footer*

If I were given a paid-for shopping spree: *I would spend it on whatever my mom wanted*

My idea of a perfect day: *Wake up in Pauley, play games all day, then go to sleep in Pauley*

Something people don't know about me: *I like poetry*

I chose my number because: *My lovely teammate Nina Earl already had the #1, and my dad was #5, so I decided to go with that*

Newcomer Biographies



Alyssia Brewer

6-3 • Senior • Forward

Sapulpa, OK (Sapulpa HS / Tennessee)

Career Statistics (Tennessee)

Year	G-Gs	Min/Avg	Fg-Fga	Pct.	Ft-A	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	A	B	St	TP	Avg
'10-11	20-7	199/10.0	23-56	.411	11-24	.458	52/2.6	13	13	8	57	2.9
'09-10	34-13	734/21.6	150-279	.538	48-81	.593	201/5.9	31	40	15	348	10.2
'08-09	33-0	522/15.8	73-178	.410	48-79	.608	143/4.3	27	22	21	194	5.9
Totals	87-20	1455/16.7	246-513	.480	107-184	.582	396/4.6	71	75	44	599	6.9

3-point Shooting: 2011 — 0-0 (.000); 2010 — 0-0 (.000); 2009 — 0-1 (.000);

Tennessee Career Highs:

Points - 23 v. George Washington (12/1/09); **Rebounds** - 15 v. Auburn (3/7/09); **Assists** - 4 v. Vanderbilt (1/17/10); **Steals** - 3 at Gonzaga (12/30/08); **Blocks** - 4 v. Kentucky (2/25/10); **Minutes** - 35 v. Arkansas (2/4/10).

UCLA Outlook:

- Will provide size in the paint; an inside presence
- Should be a major contributor
- Has a year to get acclimated to coach Close's system

Tennessee:

- Played three seasons at Tennessee; averaged 6.9 ppg and 4.6 rpg
- Saw action in 87 games with 20 career starts
- As a junior, she underwent achilles tendon surgery in September, 2010 and then returned to play in 20 games
- As a sophomore, she earned SEC Conference 6th Woman of the Year honors and was named MVP of the SEC Conference Tournament
- Averaged 14.7 ppg, 5.7 rpg and hit over 70% of her shots in the Tournament
- Scored a career-best 23 points v. George Washington
- Made her first career start against Texas and totaled seven rebounds, four points
- As a freshman, she had seven double-digit scoring games and recorded double-doubles versus Louisiana Tech (16/12r) and Auburn (11/15r)
- Named to 2008 USA Women's U18 National Team
- Named to 2007 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival

High School:

- Attended Sapulpa HS in Sapulpa, Ok
- Parade Magazine All-American (second team); helped West team win the 2008 McDonald's All-America game
- 2008 USA Today 3rd team All-Amer.; 2008 Oklahoma Gatorade Player of the Year
- Led her 2007 HS team to 6A state title and won MVP honors
- Two-time Frontier Conference Player of the Year
- 1st-team Orange County Register All-County team as a senior
- Averaged 9.7 ppg as a junior when team went 31-3 and was ranked No. 3 in the nation and No. in the state

Personal:

- Full name: Alyssia D. Brewer
- Born on July 2, 1990 in Tulsa, OK
- Family: mom, Shelley Brewer; siblings Sophie and Devin
- Lists WNBA standout Sheryl Swoopes as the famous athlete she most admires



Newcomer Biographies



#0 Moriah Faulk

5-10 • Freshman • Guard

Santa Monica, CA (Santa Monica HS)

UCLA Outlook:

- Has a great sense for the game
- Strong guard with ability to get on the boards
- Smooth offensive player with a pull-up jumper

High School:

- Attended Santa Monica, CA HS for her junior and senior years
- Played two seasons for coach Marty Verdugo
- Averaged 13.7 points per game as a senior for team which went 23-10
- Connected on 25 three-point shots as a senior
- Scored in double-digits in 23 games
- Made 25 three-point shots as a senior
- Averaged 9.9 points, 4.9 rebounds per game as junior for team which went 28-7
- Connected on 28 three-point shots as a junior
- Helped lead team to CIF Div. IA title and to the semifinals of Southern California state regional tournament as a junior

Personal:

- Full name: Moriah Faulk
- Born on Jan. 15, 1993 in Arizona
- Family: Joseph Faulk and Kimberly Coleman; has one brother, Montgomery
- Lists NBA standout Kobe Bryant as the famous athlete she most admires
- Biggest athletic thrill is just competing on a daily basis





#25 Alexis Perry

5-7 • Freshman • Guard
Cerritos, CA (Brea Olinda HS)

UCLA Outlook:

- A leader, she knows who needs to get the ball and when
- Plays with toughness on the defensive end of the floor
- Playing at her dream school

High School:

- Attended Brea Olinda HS in Brea, CA
- Averaged 10.0 ppg, six rebounds and two steals per game as a senior when team went 31-2 and was ranked No. 4 in the nation and No. 2 in the state
- Had two of her highest scoring games against top teams in the state; 22 points in CIF State Div. II championship game against Mater Dei, 19 in regular season game vs. Long Beach Poly HS
- Honorable mention All-State selection by Max Preps as a senior
- L.A. Times All-Area team as a senior
- 1st-team Orange County Register All-County team as a senior
- Averaged 9.7 ppg as a junior when team went 31-3 and was ranked No. 3 in the nation and No. in the state

Personal:

- Full name: Alexis (Lexi) Chanel Perry
- Born on January 28, 1993 in Bellflower, CA
- Family: Anthony and Robyn Perry; brother Anthony, Jr. and sister, Arin
- Lists NBA standout Kobe Bryant as the famous athlete she most admires
- Biggest athletic thrill to date has been winning Nike TOC as a prep senior
- Hobbies include shopping, hanging out with her sister and playing basketball





#10 Kacy Swain

6-3 • Freshman • Forward
Los Angeles, CA (St. Bernard's HS)

UCLA Outlook:

- Strong and powerful athlete
- Working hard to become more efficient offensively
- Must utilize her physical tools on the defensive end of the floor

High School:

- Attended St. Bernard's HS in Playa del Rey, CA for her senior season
- Played for coach Bo Carona
- Rated as the No. 25 player in the nation and No. 9 forward by ESPNU Hoop Gurlz
- Averaged 11.3 points, 3.2 blocks, 10.3 rebounds and 2.2 steals as a senior
- Had 15 double-digits scoring games; 16 double-digit rebounds games as a senior
- Team advanced to the state championship game
- Averaged 12.7 points, 4.2 blocks, 7.1 rebounds, 1.4 steals as a junior at Chaparral HS in Temecula, CA
- Had 22 double-digit scoring games as a junior
- Received an invitation to the U16 USA Basketball trials
- Served as team captain her junior and senior seasons

Personal:

- Full name: Kacy Royall Swain
- Born on Sept. 30, 1993 in New York, NY
- Family: George and Leigh Swain; has one older sister, Sydnee
- Lists former Bruin tennis standout Arthur Ashe as the famous athlete she most admires
- Biggest athletic thrill to date was defeating a team which had knocked her team out of the CIF championship on the way to winning the Southern Section title
- Hobbies include photography

