

Valorie Kondos Field



Head Coach
16th Year
UCLA '87

Career Highlights

- 2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1997 NCAA Championships
- 2001, 2000, 1997, 1996 National Coach of the Year
- 2003, 2000, 1995 Pac-10 Coach of the Year
- 12 Pac-10 Championships
- 16 Regional Championships
- Coached 13 athletes to 25 NCAA Individual Championships
- Coached 41 athletes to 204 All-America honors

Year by Year Results

Year	Record	Pac-10	Reg'l	NCAA
1991	19-5	2nd	4th	—
1992	14-5	3rd	2nd	9th
1993	19-3	1st	1st	4th
1994	25-3	2nd	1st	5th
1995	26-5	1st	1st	4th
1996	15-6	4th	1st	2nd
1997	23-2	1st	1st	1st
1998	16-6	4th	2nd	5th
1999	20-5	1st	1st	5th
2000	25-5	1st	1st	1st
2001	23-2	2nd	1st	1st
2002	22-5	1st	1st	3rd
2003	19-2-1	1st	1st	1st
2004	15-5	2nd	1st	1st
2005	20-3	1st	1st	4th
Total: 301-62-1 (.828)				

With five NCAA titles in the last nine years and four in the last six years, UCLA head coach Valorie Kondos Field has positioned her Bruins as the premier program in collegiate gymnastics. Not only has she consistently recruited and coached some of the top talent in the world, but she has produced the results. In the past 10 years alone, Kondos Field has led UCLA to five NCAA titles and one runner-up finish, nine Regional titles and six Pac-10 championships.

In 2005, Kondos Field coached senior Kristen Maloney to the NCAA vault and beam titles and the Honda Award and freshman Tasha Schwikert to the NCAA all-around crown. The dynamic duo were ranked No. 1 and 2 in the all-around all season. The Bruins won Pac-10 and West Regional titles and placed fourth at the NCAA Championships. The team also produced in the classroom, posting a team GPA of 3.3 to rank first amongst UCLA teams.

During the summer of 2004, Kondos Field coached Kate Richardson to her second Olympic Games berth. Richardson became the first Bruin gymnast ever to compete at the Olympics as a collegian. Also, former Bruin Mohini Bhardwaj was named team captain of the U.S. silver-medal winning Olympic squad. Both Richardson and Bhardwaj qualified for the floor exercise finals at the Olympics, Richardson with a Kondos Field-choreographed routine.

Kondos Field's 2004 UCLA squad won its fourth NCAA title of the decade in record fashion, scoring an all-time NCAA Championships record 198.125 in front of a giddy home crowd in Pauley Pavilion. The Bruins scored higher than 49.5 on three events, including a meet-clinching 49.6 on balance beam in the fifth rotation. Kondos Field produced the Sports Illustrated On Campus National Gymnast of the Year in Jeanette Antolin, and the AAI American Award winner for national senior gymnast of the year in Jamie Dantzscher.

The 2003 Bruin squad took back the NCAA championship with a .55 victory over defending champion Alabama. The Bruins were dominant during the regular season, recording an unprecedented five 198+ team scores. They also made history by stopping the longest ever home court winning streak in any sport, defeating Utah at home for the first time in 23 years. Kondos Field was voted by her peers as the Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year, and Onnie Willis was awarded the Honda Award as the nation's top collegiate gymnast.

In 2002, Kondos Field's Bruins won the Pac-10 and Regional Championships and placed third at the NCAA Championships. Dantzscher emerged as the standout gymnast in the nation, earning a national record seven consecutive perfect 10s on floor exercise and capturing the NCAA all-around, vault and floor titles.

Kondos Field produced a rare back-to-back championship when her squad won the NCAA title in 2001. Needing near perfection on the balance beam in their last rotation, the Bruins delivered with a total of 49.575 to overtake host Georgia, 197.575-197.400. Individually, the Bruins fared extremely well at the Championships, as Willis became UCLA's first-ever NCAA all-around champion. In addition, Honda Award winner Bhardwaj captured her second title by winning the floor exercise, and Yvonne Tousek won UCLA's third uneven bars championship in four years. Every Bruin who competed at the NCAA Championships earned All-America honors, for a school-record total of 20, and Kondos Field was voted the NACGC National Coach of the Year for the fourth time in six years.

In 2000, Kondos Field led the Bruins to their second NCAA team title and earned National Co-Coach of the Year and Pac-10 Coach of the Year honors in the process. At the NCAA Championships, the Bruins, with freshmen competing half of the routines, hit 48 for 48 in team competition. In addition, Lena Degteva and Bhardwaj added two individual event titles. Kondos Field's Bruins also achieved in the classroom, as each gymnast recorded a 3.0 or higher GPA and a team average of 3.5 in the Winter 2000 quarter. Final grade totals for the 1999-2000 year had the gymnastics team with a 3.29 GPA, higher than UCLA's overall undergraduate average.

In both 1999 and 1998, she coached two Bruins to individual NCAA titles.

Nineteen-ninety-seven was a landmark year for Kondos Field, who repeated as National Coach of the Year after leading UCLA to Pac-10 and West Regional Championships and guiding the Bruins to a first-ever national championship. In winning the championship, Kondos Field's Bruins joined Utah, Georgia and Alabama as the only teams ever to win the NCAA title.

Kondos Field earned Coach of the Year honors for the first time in 1996 after leading her Bruins to a close second-place finish at the NCAA Championships.



After sharing head coaching duties with Scott Bull from 1991-1994 and earning West Regional Co-Coach of the Year honors in 1993, Kondos Field became UCLA's sole head coach in 1995 after Bull's departure. Kondos Field came into her own as a coach that year, earning conference and regional coaching honors and guiding her team to first-place conference and regional finishes. With a winning percentage of .830 as head coach, Kondos Field is UCLA's most successful gymnastics coach ever.

Since coming to UCLA as an assistant coach in 1983, Kondos Field has led the Bruins to 12 Pac-10 titles, 16 regional titles and five national titles. UCLA has advanced to the NCAA Championships 14 consecutive years with 13 Top 5 placings in those 14 years and is one of just two teams who have advanced to the NCAA Super Six Team Finals every year since its inception in 1993. At the regional level, Kondos Field's teams have finished no lower than fourth and have won the championship 12 of the last 13 seasons.

In addition, Kondos Field has coached 12 athletes to 25 NCAA individual titles, 41 athletes to 193 All-America honors and 22 gymnasts to 60 Pac-10 event titles. Her athletes have been awarded the Pac-10 Gymnast of the Year 14 times, including nine years in a row, and West Region Gymnast of the Year honors six of the past seven years. She has also coached four Honda Award winners - Jill Andrews, Bhardwaj, Willis and Maloney.

Kondos Field is recognized as one of the top beam and floor choreographers in the sport. Under her guidance, UCLA has formed a reputation of having the most unique and artistic routines in the nation. Kondos Field has choreographed 13 NCAA championship routines on beam and floor, including an unprecedented three consecutive on floor from Kim Hamilton. She also earned the Choreography of the Year Award at the 2004 Canadian National Championships for Richardson's floor exercise routine.

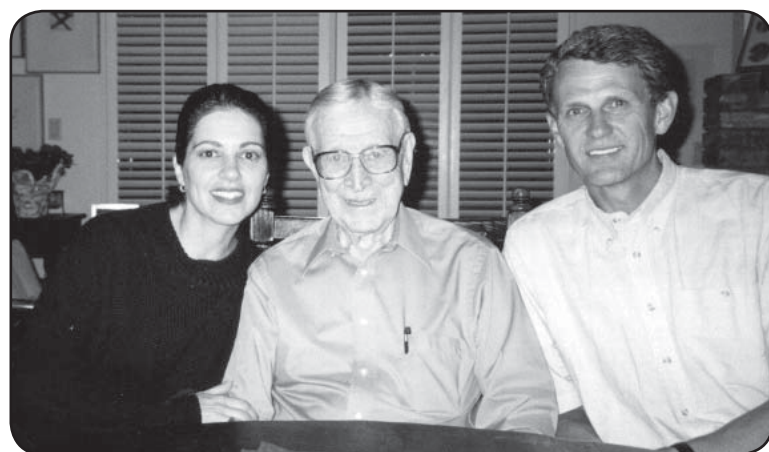
Kondos Field has also come to be recognized for her recruiting ability. Since becoming head coach, she has attracted to UCLA some of the top talent in the U.S. and abroad, including Olympians Mohini Bhardwaj, Kate Richardson, Tasha Schwikert, Kristen Maloney, Jamie Dantzcher, Yvonne Tousek, Stella Umeh and Luisa Portocarrero; and World Championships competitors Lena Degteva, Doni Thompson, Leah Homma, Jeanette Antolin, Holly Murdock and Ashley Peckett.

More impressively, however, under Kondos Field's tutelage, many of these top recruits went on to compete at the elite level both during and after their collegiate careers. Along with 2004 Olympians Richardson and Bhardwaj, Kondos Field coached Heidi MoneyMaker at the 1999 USA Championships. MoneyMaker, Bhardwaj and Degteva also competed at the 1999 World University Games, representing UCLA.

Kondos Field is a former professional ballet dancer who danced with the Sacramento Ballet, Capital City Ballet and Washington, D.C. Ballet. She got her start in gymnastics at Agilites in Carmichael, Calif. by playing the piano for floor exercise music. From there, she became a dance coach, and under the guidance of current University of Minnesota co-head coach Jim Stephenson, learned the fundamentals of the sport. She then moved on to UCLA as an assistant coach and choreographer in 1983.

Kondos Field, a 1987 UCLA graduate in history, is also a freelance choreographer with extensive experience in the entertainment and gymnastics fields. She has helped to create and choreograph Sea World's Summer Nights shows for the past 14 years, and in the summer of 1991, she choreographed a summer acrobatic festival held in Lennestadt, Germany.

Kondos Field is married to UCLA Associate Athletic Director Bobby Field.



Valorie Kondos Field with John Wooden and Bobby Field

What They're Saying ...

"The vibrant personality of Valorie carries over in her work with the young ladies under her supervision. It's no wonder that all of them are so enthusiastic about their sport."

- **John Wooden, Hall of Fame coach**

"I've known Val since she helped me on my floor exercise routine before the '84 Olympics. She has since become a good friend to me and my wife, Donna, a former Bruin gymnast. She represents UCLA with class and character both on and off the gym floor. Valorie is a great coach, but an even better person."

- **Peter Vidmar, UCLA '83, NCAA and Olympic champion**

"There were many reasons for why I chose to come to UCLA, but the most important one was Miss Val. From the moment I met her, I knew that she cared about me as a person and not just as an athlete. Throughout my four years of being on the UCLA Gymnastics team, Valorie emphasized qualities such as integrity, leadership and teamwork. What she cared about most was that we graduated far better people than we were starting out. What I realized was that by becoming the best person I can be, I also became the best athlete I can be. Valorie is the reason why UCLA Gymnastics has become the number one program in the nation."

- **Lena Degteva, UCLA '01, NCAA champion**

"Having known Valorie since the early '80's, I've been privileged to witness the evolution and maturation of a truly remarkable coach; from an unquestionably talented choreographer to a highly-respected and greatly admired head coach. Her ability to recruit the nation's most talented gymnasts year after year is not the key to her success. To the contrary, the 'advantage' of working with high-level talent often presents its own challenge. Elite athletes frequently come to college with 'baggage' (e.g., fatigue, nagging/chronic injuries, negative experiences), and Valorie's calm, nurturing, supportive approach - along with her foremost ambition to graduate self-sufficient, self-confident young women - allows these gymnasts to adjust to a collegiate environment and succeed anew within that arena. Valorie's ego never enters the mix. Her focus is always on the athletes, whose success she ultimately defines not by winning but by growth as well-rounded human beings."

- **Kathy Johnson Clarke, Olympic medalist**

"Coaching gymnastics is difficult, but it is extremely challenging at the collegiate level. Young gymnasts are suddenly faced with instant freedom and stringent academic demands. Valorie has been able to take gymnasts from diverse backgrounds and motivation levels and teach them to love the sport again. She is a passionate professional."

- **Dwight Normile, Editor, International Gymnast**

"I have a lot of respect for Valorie and her program. We enjoy competing against them because it always brings together two of the best teams in the country and is a positive experience for the athletes, the coaches and the fans."

- **Bev Plocki, University of Michigan Head Coach**

"Val has been extremely successful with so many athletes over the years. I am always impressed with her calmness and the connection she has with her team."

- **Mary Lee Tracy, Former U.S. National Team Coach**

"You have to give Valorie credit for the strong program that she has put together at UCLA. I feel fortunate that I was able to be a part of the team so that I could watch and learn from Valorie. She has built the program into a model that others in the nation want to emulate."

- **Rhonda Faehn, University of Florida Head Coach and former UCLA gymnast**

Chris Waller



Assistant Coach

4th Year

UCLA '91

Career Highlights

- 2004 NACGC/W National Assistant Coach of the Year
- Coach of 2004 U.S. Olympic team captain Mohini Bhardwaj
- Two NCAA team championships in three years as UCLA Assistant Coach
- 1992 U.S. Olympian
- 1991 U.S. all-around champion
- *U.S. pommel horse champion from 1991-93
- *Inducted into USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2003
- *1989 NCAA pommel horse champion
- *1990 NCAA high bar champion
- *Member of UCLA's NCAA Championship team in 1987

Former UCLA All-American, NCAA Champion and U.S. Olympian Chris Waller is in his fourth season as an assistant coach for the UCLA women's gymnastics team.

Waller has brought nothing but success since returning to UCLA in 2003. In his first season on the Bruin staff, he helped guide the Bruins to the 2003 NCAA, Regional and Pac-10 Championships. He was also the acting head coach when UCLA snapped the longest home court winning streak in NCAA history for any sport, handing Utah its first home loss in 23 years. In 2004, he helped coach the Bruins to a repeat championship, won in record-setting fashion. He was also selected by his peers as the 2004 NACGC National Assistant Coach of the Year.

The success did not stop for Waller after the 2004 collegiate season. He coached former Bruin great Mohini Bhardwaj as she earned not only a spot on the U.S. Olympic team but the honor of team captain as well. Bhardwaj competed in the all-around for the USA in the team prelims and on three of four events at team finals, helping the USA win the silver medal. Bhardwaj had the eighth-highest all-around score in prelims and placed sixth in the floor exercise finals.

One of the United States' all-time gymnastics greats, Waller was a member of the National Team from 1989-97 and captured the U.S. all-around crown in 1991 and pommel horse titles from 1991-93. He was an all-around finalist at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona and took fifth on the pommel horse, just one-tenth of a point away from the gold medal. In addition, Waller placed in the Top 6 on the pommel horse at the 1993 World Championships and won three medals at the 1990 Goodwill Games and a team gold at the 1995 Pan American Games. He was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2003.

At UCLA, Waller earned four All-America honors and helped the Bruins capture the NCAA title in 1987. He also won individual titles on the pommel horse in 1989 and the high bar in 1990. Every year from 1989-1993, Waller won either a U.S. or NCAA national title.

Waller, who graduated from UCLA in 1991, has 15 years of prior coaching experience and was selected the 2002 Southern California Level 7 Male Coach of the Year. Waller also served as a member of the USA Gymnastics Executive Committee and the 2000 Olympic team selection committee and chaired the Athlete's Council.

Waller and his wife Cindy have two daughters, Alexandra and Lilia. He and Cindy founded GymJam Summer Camp in 1997 and have just become owners of their own gym, Waller's GymJam Academy, in Santa Clarita.



Marshall Nelson



Assistant Coach
2nd Year
Nebraska '00

Former Nebraska All-American and three-time NCAA champion Marshall Nelson begins his second season as a Bruin assistant coach.

Nelson was an assistant coach for the women's team at the University of Missouri in 2001 and also coached at Palmers Gym and Dance in Chicago. An aerial artist, he has performed on various shows at SeaWorld and with the Norwegian Cruise line. In the summer of 2005, Nelson played the part of Adam in the Crystal Cathedral's production of *Creation: Once Upon All Time* and worked as a stunt double on the feature film *Peaceful Warrior*.

During his four-year career at Nebraska, he won two NCAA titles on parallel bars (1997, 1998) and one on high bar (1997). He received MPSF Gymnast of the Year honors in 1998 and earned a total of six All-America honors on four events - vault, pommel horse, parallel bars and high bar. Nelson was a standout in the classroom as well, earning CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in 2000 and twice receiving NACGC Scholastic All-America acclaim. He earned his bachelor's degree in English in 2000.

A native of Greeley, CO, Nelson was a former U.S. Junior National Team member who trained at the Olympic Training Center. He was the runner-up in the all-around at the 1994 U.S. Winter Cup and was a five-year Junior Olympic team member and two-year Junior Elite Olympic team member.



Jennifer Sutton



Undergraduate Assistant Coach
Senior

Former team member Jennifer Sutton begins her first season as an undergraduate assistant coach.

Sutton was a member of the Bruins' 2003-05 squads. A walk-on, she worked her way into the lineup in 2004, competing on vault four times, with a high of 9.65. She earned NACGC/WScholastic All-America honors all three years and

was a member of the Bruins' NCAA Championship teams in 2003 and 2004.

Sutton won four CIF vault titles and four league all-around titles at Warren HS in Downey, CA. She was also a state and regional medalist at Lakewood YMCA. At the 2002 Level 9 Regionals, she placed fourth in the all-around and third on beam.

Sutton is a senior Physiological Science major and will be graduating with honors in Spring 2006.



Undergraduate Assistant Coach
Sophomore

After a shoulder injury forced her retirement in the summer of 2005, sophomore Lindsey VandenEykel has joined the UCLA coaching staff as an undergraduate assistant coach.

The former two-time junior national uneven bars champion competed for the Bruins in every meet in 2005 and recorded season-highs of 9.925 on uneven bars, 9.85 on balance

beam and 9.675 on floor exercise. She had two first-place finishes on uneven bars and placed fourth at the Pac-10 Championships.

VandenEykel, an undeclared major with an interest in acting and dancing, hails from Plano, TX and trained at WOGA. She was a three-year U.S. National Team member and a member of the U.S. gold-medal team at the 2000 International Team Championships. She had stellar international results, placing first on bars and beam and fourth in the all-around at a USA vs. France meet in St. Etienne, France in 2000 and winning the all-around and beam at the 2000 Como Cup in Italy. She was also the runner-up on vault and bars and placed third on beam, fourth in the all-around and fifth on floor at the 1999 Canberra Cup in Australia.

Lindsey VandenEykel Ashley Martin



Team Manager
Junior

Former team member Ashley Martin begins her second year as team manager after a back injury forced her to retire from competitive gymnastics.

Martin was a member of UCLA's 2004 NCAA Championship team. After injury cut her season and career short prior to the start of the season, Martin remained on the squad

and assisted Bruin head coach Valorie Kondos with choreography duties and managerial tasks.

Prior to attending UCLA, Martin was an accomplished Level 10 gymnast, qualifying to the National Championships five times (1999-2003), the Regional Championships seven times and the State meet 10 times. In 2003, she captured the balance beam title at the State Championships in Oregon, and in 2000, she was the Regional beam champion. She placed 13th on beam at the 2001 National Championships. Martin captured the all-around, vault, bars and floor state titles in 2000. She trained at Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC) Gymnastics.

Ashley Peckett



Junior

5-1

Mississauga, ON

Canada

Gymnastics Mississauga

Port Credit Secondary

Career Highlights

- Two-time NACGC Scholastic All-American
- 2005 honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic selection
- 2002 Canadian national beam champion
- Two-time World Championships competitor for Canada
- Four-year Canadian national team member

Best Marks

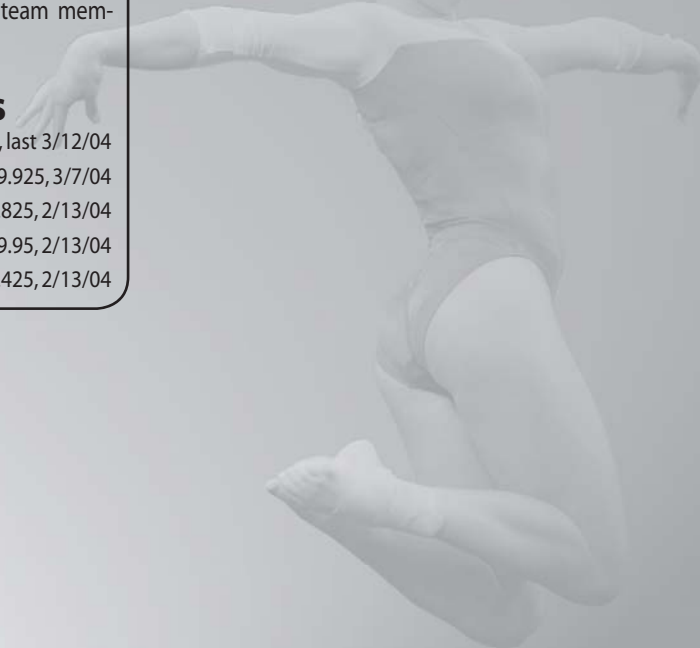
V.....	9.95, last 3/12/04
UB.....	9.925, 3/7/04
BB.....	9.825, 2/13/04
FX.....	9.95, 2/13/04
AA.....	39.425, 2/13/04

2005 — Competed on at least two events in all 16 meets ... Averaged 9.812 on vault with a season-high of 9.9 set at the NCAA Super Six Team Finals ... Has scored 9.8 or higher on vault in nine of 13 meets ... Placed second on vault on Jan. 14 at Oregon State with a 9.85 ... Recorded season-bests of 9.8 on bars on both nights of the NCAA Championships and at the Pac-10 Championships ... Tied for sixth on bars at the West Regionals ... Competed on beam five times with a high of 9.75 at Arizona State ... Scored season-bests of 9.8 on floor five times, including both nights of the NCAA Championships ... Earned a third-place showing on floor on Jan. 17 against Nebraska ... Placed third in the all-around at Oregon State with a 38.575 ... NACGC Scholastic All-American with a 3.71 GPA ... Honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic.

2004 — Competed in all 16 meets ... Emerged as one of UCLA's top vaulters, scoring a career-high 9.95 twice and averaging 9.89 in her last seven meets and 9.867 overall for the season ... Ranked 25th nationally on vault with an RQS of 9.91 ... Set a career-high on bars with a 9.925 Mar. 7 vs. Michigan ... Averaged 9.806 on the year on bars ... Earned career-bests of 9.825 on beam in her last two times competing (Feb. 13 and Feb. 20) ... Recorded a career-high on floor at Cal with a 9.95 ... Held a season average of 9.842 on floor ... Competed in the all-around at Cal on Feb. 13 and scored a career-best 39.425 ... NACGC Scholastic All-American with a 3.55 GPA.

Club — Four-year Canadian national team member ... 2002 national balance beam champion ... Member of the 2002 and 2001 World Championship teams ... Qualified for the all-around finals at World Championships in 2001 and competed in all four events in 2002 ... Placed sixth in the all-around and won a silver medal on bars and bronze medals on vault and floor at the 2003 national championships ... Placed second at the 2001 Canadian Championships in the all-around and beam, fifth on bars and sixth on vault ... Second in the all-around at the 2001 World Championship Trials ... Won the all-around, vault and bars and placed second on beam at the 2000 Elite Canada ... Placed fourth in the all-around at the 1999 Elite Canada ... Made the floor exercise finals at the 1999 Bluewater International, her first international competition ... Placed 11th in the all-around at her first senior Canadian Championships in 1999 ... Trained at Gymnastics Mississauga under coaches Alex Bard, Craig Smith, Svetlana Degteva and Olga Dudchenko.

Personal — Admires former Bruin and Canadian national champions Stella Umeh and Lena Degteva ... Hobbies include shopping ... Describes her biggest athletic thrill as having younger athletes in her gym look up to her ... Parents: John and Carol Peckett ... Has a younger sister, Christina ... Full name is Ashley Joelle Peckett ... Born May 23, 1984 in Mississauga, ON ... Physiological Science major.



Kate Richardson



Senior

5-0

Coquitlam, BC

Canada

Abbotsford Twisters

Port Moody HS

Career Highlights

- 2004, 2000 Olympian
- 2003 NCAA bars, beam champion
- 9-time first-team All-American, 2004 second-team All-American on beam
- 2003 Pac-10 all-around, floor champion
- 2003 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year
- 2-time CoSIDA Academic All-American
- 3-time NACGC Scholastic All-American
- First Canadian woman ever to qualify for event finals on floor exercise at the Olympics, placing seventh in 2004
- Placed 15th in the all-around at the 2000 Olympic Games
- 2002 Commonwealth Games all-around, beam champion
- 2001, 1999 World Championships team member

Best Marks

V	10.0, 1/25/04
UB	9.975, 1/17/05
BB	10.0, last 2/1/04
FX	10.0, last 3/20/04
AA	39.85, 1/10/04

2005 — CoSIDA second-team Academic All-American and first-team Pac-10 All-Academic ... NACGC Scholastic All-American for the third-straight year ... Earned first-team All-America honors on beam and floor to improve her career All-America total to 10 ... Placed fourth on beam and 12th on floor at the event finals ... All-Pac-10 selection on vault, beam and floor ... Competed more than half of the season with a functional rupture of the ulnar collateral ligament on her thumb, an injury suffered during warmups at Stanford on Feb. 18 ... Despite the injury, she still competed on and won three events with a 9.925 on vault, 9.9 on beam and 9.925 on floor ... Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for Feb. 7-13 after winning the all-around with a season-best 39.625 and placing first on vault (season-high 9.95) and bars and second on beam and floor ... Scored a career-high 9.975 on bars and won the all-around vs. Nebraska ... Had 12 individual victories, including six on beam and two in the all-around.

Summer 2004 — First female gymnast ever to make an Olympic team while competing for UCLA ... Made history by becoming the first Canadian woman to qualify for event finals on floor exercise at the Olympic Games and was only the second to make any event final at the Olympics ... Placed seventh at floor finals with a score of 9.312 ... Qualified for the all-around finals for the second straight Games by placing 14th (37.224) and finished 18th in the finals ... Fourth at the Olympic Trials and fifth at Nationals.

2004 — First-team All-American in the all-around (tied for fourth), vault (ninth) and bars (third) and a second-team honoree on beam ... Averaged 39.606 in the all-around, 9.925 on vault, 9.902 on bars, 9.873 on beam and 9.908 on floor ... Had 23 individual wins, including three in the all-around and a team-best nine on beam ... Posted 44 scores of 9.9 or higher and 24 scores of 9.95 or higher in 56 routines ... Scored six perfect 10s - one on vault, two on beam and three on floor ... Pac-10 floor champion for the second-straight year, scoring a perfect 10 ... Scored a career-high 39.85 in the all-around in the season opener vs. Utah ... Named Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week in back-to-back weeks (Jan. 18-25 and Jan. 25-Feb. 1) ... Third-team CoSIDA Academic All-American ... Second-team Pac-10 All-Academic selection with a 3.74 GPA in Physiological Science ... NACGC Scholastic All-American with a 3.76 GPA for the year.

2003 — NCAA beam champion with a winning mark of 9.938 and bars co-champion with a 9.9 ... Placed third at the NAAs in the

all-around (39.525) ... First-team All-American on bars, beam, floor and all-around ... NCAA Regional beam co-champion ... Pac-10 all-around and floor champion ... Pac-10 Freshman of the Year ... All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around, vault, beam and floor ... NACGC Scholastic All-American with a 3.85 GPA ... Ranked second on the team with 19 individual wins ... Competed a team-high 61 routines, including 15 all-around appearances ... Averaged 39.407 in the all-around with four victories and 10 scores of 39.5+ ... Set a UCLA freshman record in the all-around with a 39.825 at the Pac-10 Championships ... First Bruin gymnast ever to score multiple 10.0s on beam with perfect marks on Jan. 19 and Feb. 16 ... Averaged 9.917 on beam with a team-high 12 win ... Earned her first 10.0 on floor on Feb. 2 and added a second at the Pac-10 meet ... Averaged 9.858 on floor ... Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for Jan. 27-Feb. 2.

Club—2000 Canadian Olympian who placed a Canadian all-time best 15th in the all-around ... 2002 Commonwealth Games all-around and beam champion ... Placed 16th in the all-around at the 2001 World Championships and 19th at the 1999 Worlds ... First on beam and fourth in the all-around at the 2001 Visa American Cup ... Won the all-around, vault, bars and beam and tied for second on floor at the 2001 Canadian National Championships ... Gymnastics Canada Female Athlete of the Year for 2002 and 2001 ... First on vault at the 2000 Nationals and in the all-around at the Olympic Trials ... Helped lead her team to a gold medal at the 1999 Pan American Games ... Silver medalist in the all-around in her senior international debut at the 1998 China Motor Cup ... Balance beam champion at the 1998 Junior Pan Am Championships ... All-around, bars, beam and floor junior national champion in 1998 ... Coached by David Kenwright at Abbotsford Twisters.

Personal — Biggest athletic thrill was winning the team competition unexpectedly in front of a Canadian crowd at the 1999 Pan American Games ... Hobbies include downhill skiing ... Admires Ekaterina Lobaznyuk of Russia and Andreea Raducan of Romania ... Parents: Charlie and Sarah Richardson ... Has a younger sister, Tessa ... Full name is Kate Richardson ... Born June 27, 1984 in Vancouver, BC ... Physiological Science major.



Jordan Schwikert



Sophomore

5-4

Las Vegas, NV

Gymcats

Centennial HS

Career Highlights

- 2005 second-team All-American on beam
- All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around
- Third in the all-around at the NCAA West Regionals
- Two-time U.S. National Team member

Best Marks

V	9.925, 4/22/05
UB	9.925, 1/17/05
BB	9.925, 1/17/05
FX	9.875, last 4/22/05
AA	39.5, last 3/19/05

2005 — Second-team All-American on beam ... All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around ... Placed third in the all-around at the West Regionals ... Averaged 39.092 in 13 all-around appearances with a high of 39.5 vs. Florida and at the Arkansas quad ... Scored a 39.4 in her first collegiate meet at Utah, scoring 9.8 or better on all four events ... Earned career-best marks on three events on Jan. 17 against Nebraska, scoring 9.925 on bars and beam and 9.875 on floor ... Averaged 9.821 on vault with a career-high of 9.925 set in the NCAA Super Six Team Finals ... Scored a career-high 9.875 on floor in six meets, including the NCAA Regionals and the NCAA Super Six ... Averaged 9.835 on floor and 9.795 on bars ... Earned her first career victory at the Arkansas Quad, tying for first on uneven bars with a 9.85 ... Posted 21 Top 3 finishes, including six in the all-around and five on bars and vault ... Placed second in the all-around Jan. 14, Jan. 17 and Feb. 18.

Club — Trained at Gymcats under coach Cassie Rice ... Two-year (2001-02) U.S. National Team member ... Qualified for the 2002 USA Championships but had to withdraw with a back injury ... Third in the all-around and on floor and second on beam at the 2002 American Classic ... Placed seventh in the all-around, fourth on vault and bars, sixth on beam and seventh on floor as a junior at the 2001 USA Championships ... Earned bronze medals on vault and floor and placed eighth in the all-around in the junior division at the 2001 U.S. Classic ... Represented the U.S. at the 2002 GYMnix in Canada and placed first in the all-around and on bars ... Competed at Level 10 in 2004 and was the runner-up in the all-around and on bars in her division at the Level 10 National Championships ... Also placed third on floor, fourth on beam and eighth on vault at the same meet ... 2004 Level 10 Region 1 uneven bars champion ... Also placed second in the all-around, third on vault and beam and fourth on floor at the Region 1 Championships ... Won the 2004 Nevada state all-around and uneven bars championships and placed second on beam and third on vault and floor.

Personal — Older sister Tasha, the reigning NCAA all-around champion, is also a sophomore on the UCLA Gymnastics team and was a member of the 2000 U.S. Olympic team ... Says it was a dream of hers to attend UCLA since her sophomore year in high school ... Biggest athletic thrill was competing on podium in front of thousands of people at the USA Championships ... Parents: Shannon Warren and Joy Schwikert ... Born August 15, 1986 in her hometown ... Biology major whose career objective is to be an orthodontist.



Tasha Schwikert



Sophomore
5-2
Las Vegas, NV
Gymcats
Centennial HS

Career Highlights

- 2005 NCAA all-around champion
- First-team All-American on all four events and the all-around
- NCAA West Region all-around, vault, bars and floor champion
- Pac-10 all-around, bars champion
- Pac-10 Freshman of the Year
- All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around, vault, bars and floor
- 2000 U.S. Olympian and 2004 Olympic alternate
- 2003 World Championships gold medalist
- Won six U.S. National titles

Best Marks

V.....	9.975, 3/6/05
UB.....	10, last 3/26/05
BB.....	9.975, 1/17/05
FX.....	10, last 3/6/05
AA.....	39.825, 3/6/05

2005 — NCAA all-around champion ... Scored a 39.725 to become the first freshman since 2001 to capture the title ... Only gymnast in 2005 to earn first-team All-America honors on all four events and the all-around ... Tied for third on bars and fifth on beam at the event finals ... Pac-10 Freshman of the Year ... West Regional all-around, vault, bars and floor champion ... Recorded the highest all-around total at all of the regional meets, scoring 39.725 ... Pac-10 all-around co-champion and uneven bars champion ... Won the uneven bars with a perfect 10 ... All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around and on vault, bars and floor ... Ranked second in the nation most of the season in the all-around, as well as No. 1 on floor and bars ... Averaged 39.522 in 15 all-around appearances and scored a career-high and national season-best 39.825 on Mar. 6 against Florida to set a new UCLA freshman record ... Scored four perfect 10s - two each on floor and bars ... Second on the UCLA squad with 29 individual victories, including a team-high eight on floor and the all-around ... Also had seven wins on bars, four on vault and two on beam ... First on the squad with 56 Top 3 placements, including 15 on bars in 15 meets ... Scored 9.9 or higher on 37 of 60 routines (62%) and 9.8 or higher on 53 of 60 routines (88%) ... Averaged over 9.825 on every event - 9.893 on vault, 9.903 on bars, 9.847 on beam and 9.878 on floor ... Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for Jan. 9-17 after winning the all-around and floor at Oregon State and scoring a perfect 10 on bars and 9.975 on beam against Nebraska.

Club — Member of the 2000 U.S. Olympic team and an alternate at the 2004 Games ... Two-time U.S. national all-around champion (2001, 2002) ... Captain of the 2003 World Championships gold medal team ... Also earned a team bronze medal at the 2001 World Championships and placed fifth in the all-around and on beam and eighth on floor exercise ... Eight-year national team member ... Has won six national titles in her career - 2004 uneven bars; 2002 all-around, bars and floor; 2001 all-around, beam ... Runner-up in the all-around at the 2003 USA Championships ... Gold medalist in the all-around, beam and floor and a silver medalist on bars at the 2002 Pacific Alliance Championships ... All-around, bars and beam champion at the 2002 Visa American Cup ... Gold medalist in the all-around and bars and silver medalist on vault, beam and floor at the 2001 Pan American Games ... Placed ninth at the 2000 Olympic Trials ... Placed fourth in the all-around and tied for second on beam at the 2000 Visa American Cup ... Ninth in the all-around, fourth on vault and fifth on uneven bars at the 1999 USA Championships ... Made her international debut in 1998, placing second on floor in the junior division at the City of Popes in France ... Trained at Gymcats under coach Cassie Rice.

Personal — Biggest athletic thrill was being a part of the 2003 U.S. World Championship team that became the first U.S. team in history to ever win the gold medal at the World Championships ... Admires Olympic gold medalist Catalina Ponor of Romania, as well as her club coach Cassie Rice ... Hobbies include shopping, hanging out with friends and listening to music ... Father Shannon Warren was a collegiate basketball player, and mother Joy Schwikert was a professional tennis player ... Younger sister Jordan is also an All-American sophomore gymnast at UCLA ... Born November 21, 1984 in Las Vegas, NV ... Undeclared major who is seeking a career in broadcasting ... Worked as a color analyst on the WCSN internet broadcast of the 2005 World Gymnastics Championships.



Michelle Selesky



Junior

5-6

San Juan Capistrano, CA

NGTC

Aliso Niguel HS

Career Highlights

- 2006 UCLA team co-captain
- 2-time NACGC Scholastic All-American
- Earned a career-best 9.7 at Cal State Fullerton in 2004
- Two-time Level 10 State qualifier

Best Marks

FX.....9.7, 2/20/04

2005 — NACGC Scholastic All-American with a 3.75 GPA ... Competed on vault and floor at Arizona State and Cal State Fullerton ... Recorded a season-best 9.525 on floor at Fullerton ... Learned a Yurchenko layout full vault.

2004 — NACGC Scholastic All-American with a 3.64 GPA ... Walk-on gymnast who competed twice on floor exercise ... Set her career-best with a 9.7 at Cal State Fullerton ... Also competed on floor at Arizona.

Club — Level 10 State Championships qualifier in 2002 and 2003 ... Qualified to the 2001 Level 9 Regionals ... Placed sixth on vault at the 2001 Level 9 State Championships ... Fourth on floor exercise and sixth in the all-around at the 2000 Level 8 Regionals ... Runner-up on vault in 2000 at the Level 8 State meet ... First on vault and third on bars at the 2002 Golden State Challenge ... Trained at the National Gymnastics Training Center under coaches Debra Hutchinson, Zin Kinolik and Nikolai Dorochenko ... Earned the 2003 Most Inspirational Award and 2002 Most Determined, Most Inspirational and Hardest Worker Awards ... Winner of her club's Top Gun Award in 2000.

High School — Competed one year of high school gymnastics at Aliso Niguel HS ... Set a school record with a 9.8 on floor exercise to capture the CIF Championship as a freshman ... Also placed second in the all-around ... Named the team's Most Valuable Gymnast.

Personal — Biggest athletic thrills are winning the 2000 CIF team championship and becoming a member of the UCLA Gymnastics team ... Hobbies are going to the beach, dancing, acting, being with friends and family and playing with her Great Dane ... Parents: Kenneth and Mai ... Has an older sister, Eilea ... Full name is Michelle Mai Selesky ... Born February 18, 1985 in San Juan Capistrano, CA ... Political Science major who is interested in a career in international relations or in the entertainment industry.



Courtney Walker



Junior

5-2

Santa Monica, CA

All-Olympians Gymnastics

Santa Monica HS

Career Highlights

- All-around winner at Cal State Fullerton dual meet 2/11/05
- Scored career-high 9.8 on bars at NCAA Super Six
- Nine-time Level 10 State champion
- Three-time Level 10 Regional champion

Best Marks

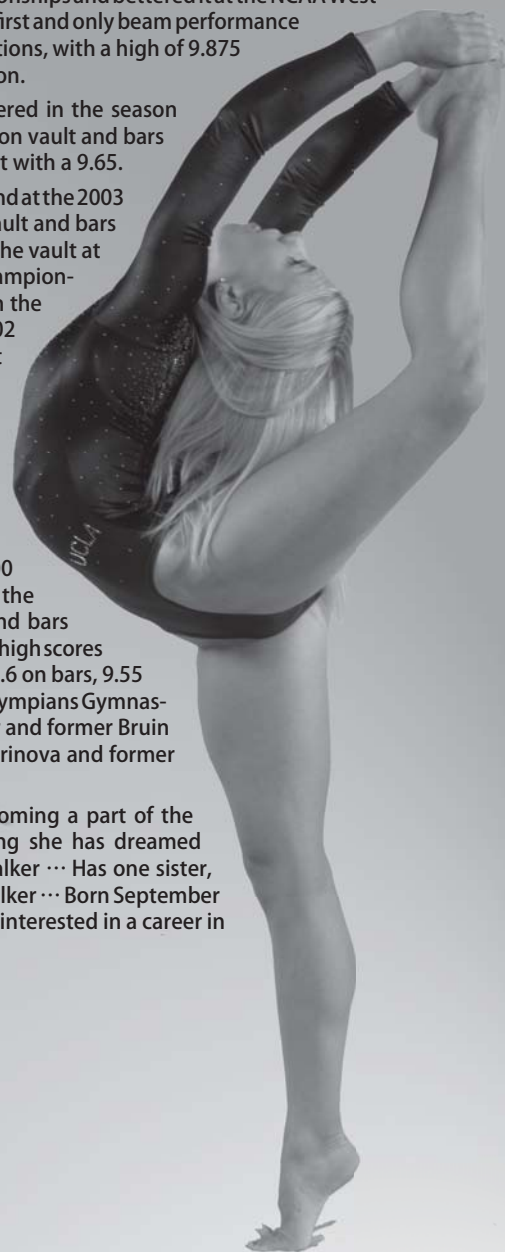
V.....	9.85, 1/23/05
UB.....	9.8, 4/22/05
BB.....	9.3, 2/11/05
FX.....	9.875, 1/23/05
AA.....	38.15, 2/11/05

2005 — Had a career meet at the NCAA Super Six, scoring a personal-best 9.8 on bars and adding a 9.825 on floor ... Recorded a victory in her first all-around competition, scoring 38.15 at Cal State Fullerton on Feb. 11 ... Scored a career-high 9.85 on vault on Jan. 23 ... Set a then-career-high on uneven bars with a 9.75 at the Pac-10 Championships and bettered it at the NCAA West Regionals with a 9.775 ... Scored a 9.3 on her first and only beam performance ... Averaged 9.675 on floor in eight competitions, with a high of 9.875 set Jan. 23 ... Placed third on floor at Fullerton.

2004 — Hampered by an ankle injury suffered in the season opener and competed just once since then, on vault and bars at Cal State Fullerton ... Placed third on vault with a 9.65.

Club — Runner-up on vault and 14th all-around at the 2003 Level 10 Nationals ... Won the all-around, vault and bars titles at the 2003 State Championships and the vault at the Regional meet ... At the 2002 Level 10 Championships, she placed sixth on bars and eighth in the all-around ... Won the bars title at the 2002 Regionals and the vault and beam crowns at the State meet while placing second in the all-around ... Qualified for the 2001 Level 10 Nationals after placing third in the all-around and first on bars at the Regional meet ... All-around, vault, beam and floor champion and bars silver medalist at the 2001 State meet ... Level 9 Western National bars champion and all-around and beam runner-up in 2000 ... Also won the all-around and bars titles at the 2000 Regionals and the all-around, vault and bars crowns at the State Championships ... Career-high scores were 37.9 in the all-around, 9.675 on vault, 9.6 on bars, 9.55 on beam and 9.65 on floor ... Trained at All-Olympians Gymnastics under UCLA assistant coach Chris Waller and former Bruin assistant Milo Johnson, as well as Galina Marinova and former UCLA star Jim Foody.

Personal — Biggest athletic thrill was becoming a part of the UCLA Gymnastics team, which is something she has dreamed of for five years ... Parents: Rich and Jan Walker ... Has one sister, Ashley ... Full name is Courtney Elizabeth Walker ... Born September 11, 1984 in Tyler, TX ... History major who is interested in a career in physical therapy.



The Freshmen



Clockwise from left: Alyssa Kitasoe, Janelle Dantzcher, Kristina Comfote, Jalyne Dantzcher, Melissa Chan, Ariana Berlin. Not pictured: Maranda Smith

Ariana Berlin



Club — Trained at SCEGA under coaches Tim Garrison, Kathy Straight and Meredith Paulicivic ... All-around champion and uneven bars runner-up at the 1999 Western National Championships ... Earned Level 10 status and was training for elite before injuries from a serious car accident forced her retirement in 2001.

Personal — Accomplished b-girl (breakdancer) ... Became the youngest person ever to join renowned dance troupe Culture Shock of San Diego ... Has performed as a dancer and b-girl the last three summers for Sea World San Diego ... Describes her biggest athletic thrill as "being able to be a part of such an accomplished gymnastics team" ... Admires former Bruin All-American Jeanette Antolin ... Full name is Ariana Alyse Berlin ... Parents: Howard and Susan Berlin ... Has an older brother, Matthew ... Born October 29, 1987 in San Diego ... Undeclared major.

Freshman

5-2

Del Cerro, CA

SCEGA

Patrick Henry HS



Melissa Chan



Freshman
5-1
Los Gatos, CA
Airborne
Los Gatos HS

Club — Three-time Level 10 National all-around and vault champion at Airborne Gymnastics under coaches Melanie Ruggiero and Justin Howell ... Won the 2004 Level 10 national all-around, vault and beam titles (Senior C) and nearly swept the Region 1 Championship meet, placing first in the all-around, vault, beam and floor ... In 2003, she won the all-around and placed second on vault and bars at Level 10 Nationals (Senior A) and won the all-around, vault and beam at Regionals ... 2000 U.S. Junior National Champion on vault ... U.S. Junior National Team member after placing eighth in the all-around at the 2000 USA Championships ... Also placed fourth on beam and fifth on floor at the Championships ... Member of the USA team that placed first at the Pontiac International Team Challenge ... Took first place on vault and second on floor in the USA vs. France meet in Paris ... Five-time Level 10 Regional all-around and beam champion and a four-time vault and floor champion.

Personal — Hobbies are shopping, talking on the phone and hanging out with friends ... Full name is Melissa Magen Chan ... Parents: Doug and Diana Chan ... Has a younger brother, Chris ...

Aunt Janie Fong is a UCLA alumnae ... Born November 21, 1986 in Stanford, CA ... Business-Economics major whose career objective is to own her own company.



Kristina Comforte



Freshman
5-4
Burr Ridge, IL
Illinois Gymnastics Institute
Lyons Township HS

Club — Placed sixth in the all-around at the 2005 U.S. Championships to earn her third consecutive National Team berth ... Finished fifth on vault and 20th in the all-around at the 2004 U.S. Championships ... In 2003, she was the Region 5 Elite Athlete of the Year after placing 11th in the all-around, second on vault and eighth on bars at the U.S. Championships ... Won the vault title at the Trophee Massilia in France, beating two-time Olympic champion Elena Zamolodchikova ... Competing in the junior division in 2002, she won the vault title and placed 11th in the all-around and fifth on floor at the U.S. Championships ... Claimed the vault crown and was 13th in the all-around at the 2002 U.S. Classic ... Placed 15th in the all-around at the 2002 and 2001 American Classics ... Level

10 National all-around champion in 2001 and also placed third on bars and beam and fifth on vault and floor ... Was the Region 5 Level 10 champion in the all-around, vault and floor and the Illinois State champion on vault, bars and floor ... Trained at Illinois Gymnastics Institute under coach Todd Gardiner.

Personal — Her biggest athletic thrill so far has been signing with UCLA ... Hobbies are hanging out with friends, shopping, and watching The OC ... Admires Chicago Cubs second baseman Todd Walker ... Full name is Kristina Diane Comforte ... Parents: Victor and Kathy Comforte ... Has an older brother, Victor ... Born April 9, 1987 in Hinsdale, IL ... Hopes to major in communication studies.



Jalynne Dantzscher



Freshman

5-2

San Dimas, CA

SCEGA/Champion Gymnastics

San Dimas HS

Club — Won the 2004 Level 10 national all-around and floor exercise titles (Senior A) ... Placed second in the all-around and first on bars and floor at the Region 1 Championships and first in the all-around at the State meet ... In 2002, earned a Top 20 finish at the USA National Championships as a junior and placed fourth on floor ... Placed seventh in the all-around at the 2002 American Classic.

Personal — Took courses at Mt. SAC and at Citrus College in order to graduate from high school a year early ... Hobbies are all sports, shopping and hanging out with friends ... Admires basketball player Kobe Bryant because he always plays to win ... Her biggest athletic thrill was signing her letter-of-intent to compete at UCLA ... Full name is Jalynne April Dantzscher ... Parents: John and Joyce Dantzscher ... Has two older brothers, Jeremy and Johnny, and four sisters, Jennifer, Jamie, Joanne and twin sister Janelle ... Janelle, who is younger by two minutes, is also a freshman gymnast at UCLA ... Jamie was a member of the 2000 U.S. Olympic team and was a three-time NCAA champion at UCLA ... Born December 26, 1987 in Lancaster, CA ... History major.



Janelle Dantzscher



Freshman

5-3

San Dimas, CA

SCEGA/Champion Gymnastics

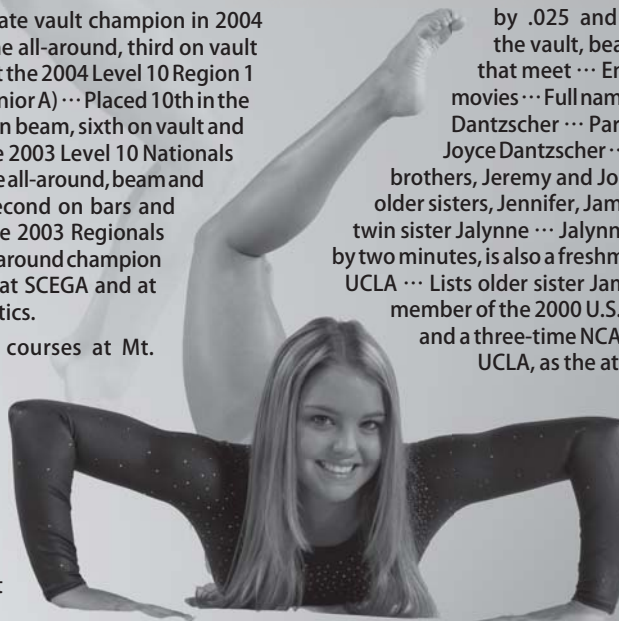
San Dimas HS

Club — Level 10 state vault champion in 2004 ... Placed 11th in the all-around, third on vault and fifth on beam at the 2004 Level 10 Region 1 Championships (Senior A) ... Placed 10th in the all-around, fourth on beam, sixth on vault and ninth on floor at the 2003 Level 10 Nationals (Junior C) ... Won the all-around, beam and floor and placed second on bars and third on vault at the 2003 Regionals ... Level 10 State all-around champion in 2003 ... Trained at SCEGA and at Champion Gymnastics.

Personal — Took courses at Mt. SAC and at Citrus College in order to graduate from high school a year early ... Her biggest athletic thrill was winning the 2003 Regional Championship meet

by .025 and also winning the vault, beam and floor at that meet ... Enjoys watching movies ... Full name is Janelle Ann Dantzscher ... Parents: John and Joyce Dantzscher ... Has two older brothers, Jeremy and Johnny, and four older sisters, Jennifer, Jamie, Joanne and twin sister Jalynne ... Jalynne, who is older by two minutes, is also a freshman gymnast at UCLA ... Lists older sister Jamie, who was a member of the 2000 U.S. Olympic team and a three-time NCAA champion at UCLA, as the athlete she most admires ...

Born December 26, 1987 in Lancaster, CA ... History major.



Alyssa Kitasoe



Freshman

5-1

Menlo Park, CA

Airborne Gymnastics

Menlo-Atherton HS

Club — Trained at Airborne Gymnastics under coach Melanie Ruggiero ... 2005 Level 10 Regional and State qualifier ... Placed seventh on floor at the Regional meet (Senior D) ... Fourth on floor at the 2004 Region 1 Championships ... Placed second in the all-around and first on bars and beam at the 2003 State Championships ... Qualified to the 2002 Level 10 National Championships, where she placed 14th in the all-around and sixth on beam (Junior C) ... Region 1 beam champion in 2002 ... In 2001, qualified to the Level 10 National Championships and won the Region 1 bars title ... 2001 Norcal State champion in the all-around, bars and beam.

Personal — Describes her biggest athletic thrill as becoming a member of the UCLA Gymnastics team ... Admires her club coach Melanie Ruggiero ... Enjoys hanging out with friends and listening to music ... Full name is Alyssa Kaiulani Kitasoe ... Parents: Raymond and Mona Kitasoe ... Has a younger brother, Kyle ... Born February 10, 1987 in San Francisco ... Undeclared major.



Maranda Smith



Freshman

5-2

Placerville, CA

Byers Gymnastics Center

Union Mine HS

Club — 2005 Level 10 Senior B floor exercise national champion ... Also placed 11th in the all-around and ninth on beam at the national meet ... At the 2005 Region 1 meet, she placed second in the all-around, vault and uneven bars and captured the floor exercise title ... Won the vault and uneven bars title, placed second in the all-around, fourth on floor and fifth on beam and at the 2005 Level 10 Nor Cal State meet ... Won the 2004 Level 10 vault national title and placed fifth on bars ... Was first in the all-around, vault, balance beam and floor exercise at the 2004 Region 1 Championships ... Placed fourth in the all-around to make the Junior Olympic National Team in 2003 ... Won the 2003 Region I all-around title ... Qualified for and attended the J.O. National Training Camp ... Placed fourth in the all-around, first on bars and second on vault at the 2002 American Classic and qualified for and attended the National Elite Training Camp ... Trained at Byers Gymnastics Center under

coaches Eli and Debbie Rodriguez and Mas Watanabe.

Personal — Graduated from Union Mine High School a half-year early ... Has wanted to compete for UCLA since she was 13, when her club teammate Christie Tedmon was recruited by UCLA ... Her biggest athletic thrill so far was earning a scholarship to UCLA ... Admires Olympic gold medalist Dominique Dawes ... Enjoys hanging out and socializing with friends and family ... Full name is Maranda Charme' Smith ... Parents: Warren and Patty Smith ... Has an older sister, Brittany ... June 27, 1988 in Roseville, CA ... Undeclared major whose career objective is to be a physician.

