

# Ariana Berlin



**Junior**  
**5-2**  
**San Diego, CA**  
**SCEGA/South Coast Gymnastics**  
**Patrick Henry HS**

## Career Highlights

- 2007 NACGC Scholastic All-American and Pac-10 All-Academic selection
- 2006 Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year
- 2006 All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around
- Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for week of Feb. 12, 2006

## Best Marks

V	9.9	4/27/07
UB	9.975	2/25/07
BB	9.875	2/10/07
FX	9.875	3/5/06
AA	39.425	3/4/07

## 2007 Average

V	9.775
UB	9.817
BB	9.710
FX	9.771
AA	39.275

## Overview

Former walk-on who earned a scholarship after her standout freshman season ... One of UCLA's most consistent athletes and a valuable leadoff competitor ... Has hit 102 of her 106 career routines (96%) without a fall ... Was limited in training her first two seasons because of pain caused by the rod in her leg from a car accident in 2001 ... Has been training mostly pain-free since the rod was removed in May of 2007.

## 2007

Averaged 39.275 in the all-around, second-best on the squad, with a career-high of 39.425 achieved in the dual meet win over Georgia Mar. 4 ... Placed in the Top 3 in five of seven all-around attempts, with a first-place showing at the John Wooden Challenge on Feb. 25, a pair of second-place finishes and a pair of third-place finishes ... Made her all-around season debut on Feb. 10 and recorded career-high marks in four consecutive showings, starting with a 39.25 on Feb. 10 and Feb. 16, a 39.325 on Feb. 25 and 39.425 on Mar. 4 ... Leading off on vault in the final rotation at the NCAA Championships, her career-high score of 9.9 helped the Bruins earn a fourth-place finish ... Earned her first-ever 9.9+ score on Feb. 25, shattering her career-high with a near-perfect 9.975 on uneven bars ... Averaged 9.817 on bars ... Recorded seven leadoff scores of 9.8 or higher on beam, with a season and career-high of 9.875 to take first place at Denver on Feb. 10 ... Averaged 9.771 on floor exercise since joining the lineup on Feb. 10 ... NACGC Scholastic All-American and honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic honoree.

## 2006

One of UCLA's most consistent gymnasts in 2006, hitting 50 of 52 routines (96%) on the year ... Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year and All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around ... Ranked third on the team in routines competed ... Became a mainstay in the all-around lineup, competing in the all-around in the last 12 meets and recording a

best of 39.225 at Arizona on Feb. 24 ... Won her first all-around title on Feb. 12 against Washington with a score of 39.2 ... Had five Top 3 finishes in all-around competition ... Finished the regular season ranked 36th nationally in the all-around ... Averaged 9.788 on both vault and floor ... Placed third on vault at the NCAA Regionals with a 9.85 to tie her career-best mark ... Earned a career-best 9.875 on bars at UCLA's Feb. 19 quad meet ... Set her career-best on beam at the Pac-10 Championships, scoring 9.85 ... Hit a career-best 9.875 on floor Mar. 5 against Stanford and San Jose State ... Selected the UCLA/MET-Rx Student-Athlete of the Week for Jan. 17-22 after placing second in the all-around at Washington and scoring 38.95 against Oregon State two days later ... Earned Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week acclaim after her all-around victory on Feb. 12.

## Club

Trained at SCEGA under coaches Tim Garrison, Kathy Straight and Meredith Paulicivic and at South Coast Gymnastics under coaches Jia Wen and Xiaoping Li ... All-around champion and uneven bars runner-up at the 1999 Western Nationals ... 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 one of the youngest people ever to join renowned dance troupe Culture Shock of San Diego ... Performed as a dancer and b-girl for three years at Sea World San Diego ... Describes her biggest athletic thrill as "being able to be a part of such an accomplished gymnastics team" ... Admirers former Bruin All-American Jeanette Antolin ... Graduated early from Patrick Henry HS ... Full name is Ariana Alyse Berlin ... Parents: Howard and Susan Berlin ... Has an older brother, Matthew ... Born October 29, 1987 in San Diego ... World Arts and Cultures major with a Dance concentration.



# Melissa Chan



**Junior**  
**5-1**  
**Los Gatos, CA**  
**Airborne Gymnastics**  
**Los Gatos HS**

## Career Highlights

- Led UCLA in 2006 with a 9.844 average on beam
- Recorded career-highs in the all-around (39.375) and floor (9.9) to take first place in a dual meet against Oregon State in 2006
- Three-time Level 10 national all-around champion

## Best Marks

V	9.85, 1/20/06
UB	9.825, 2/12/06
BB	9.95, 3/25/06
FX	9.9, 1/22/06
AA	39.375, 1/22/06

## 2007 Average

BB	9.783
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## Overview

Enters the 2008 season in the best shape of her collegiate career after recovering from off-season surgery ... A fierce competitor, particularly on beam, where she has hit all 11 of her collegiate routines with seven scores of 9.85 or better.

## 2007

Saw her only action of the season in NCAA competition, performing on beam at the NCAA Regionals and NCAA Championships ... In her first competition in nearly a year, she followed a missed routine at the NCAA Southeast Regionals and scored a 9.75 ... Contributed a 9.7 at the NCAA prelims and then earned a season-best 9.9 to help the Bruins claim fourth place at the NCAA Super Six ... Exhibitioned on Mar. 25 and scored 9.65 on beam despite having a low start value and a watered-down dismount.

## 2006

Led UCLA with a 9.844 season average on balance beam ... Had three individual victories on the season, placing first on beam against Washington with a 9.925 and winning the all-around (career-high 39.375) and floor exercise (career-high 9.9) against Oregon State ... Was on her way to a big all-around score against Washington on Feb. 12 when she injured her calf during floor warm-ups and missed four meets ... Returned to competition at LSU, competing on bars and scoring 9.8 ... Was added to the beam lineup at Pac-10s and tied for second place with a career-high 9.95 ... Scored 9.8 or better on beam in seven of her eight meets and had season-bests of 9.85 on vault, 9.825 on bars, 9.95 on beam and 9.9 on floor ... Ranked third on the team with 15 Top 3 finishes.

## 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 ... 2002 Level 10 Junior C all-around, vault and beam champion ... 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 Comforde



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

## Career Highlights

- Sixth in the all-around at the 2006 NCAA Championships and earned 1st-team All-America honors
- 2006 NCAA vault runner-up
- Scored the first perfect 10 of the 2006 season, on vault at CS Fullerton on Feb. 3
- All-Pac-10 in the all-around
- Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week Jan. 31-Feb. 5, 2006
- 3-year U.S. National Team member

## Best Marks

V	10.0, 2/3/06
UB	9.95, 2/19/06
BB	9.9, last 3/25/06
FX	9.9, 3/5/06
AA	39.525, 3/5/06

## 2007 Average

BB	9.767
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## Overview

Back in top form after an injury-plagued 2007 season ... Had an outstanding freshman campaign, placing sixth in the all-around and second on vault at the NCAA Championships ... Former U.S. National Team member.

## 2007

Limited to just balance beam in six meets in January after undergoing shoulder and ankle surgeries in the off-season ... An old fracture in her left ankle was discovered in February, and she had successful surgery in March, putting her out for the rest of the season ... In the six meets in which she competed, she averaged 9.767 on beam, with a high of 9.825 on Jan. 19 at Cal State Fullerton ... Earned one victory on the year, tying for first on Jan. 6 against Washington.

## 2006

Earned first-team All-America honors in the all-around and on vault ... Placed third in the evening session and sixth overall in the all-around with a 39.4 ... Placed second on vault with a two-vault average of 9.9 after scoring a 9.9625 on a Yurchenko full and 9.8375 on a layout Podkopayeva ... Qualified for the NCAA event finals after a first-place showing in prelims with a 9.95 ... Became the first gymnast in the nation to score a perfect 10 in 2006, hitting a perfect Yurchenko layout full vault at Cal State Fullerton on Feb. 3 ... Finished the regular season ranked No. 11 in the all-around, No. 6 on bars and No. 10 on beam ... Second-highest ranked freshman in the nation in the all-around ... All-around season-best of 39.525 was the second-highest by a freshman in the nation ... Earned All-Pac-10 honors in the all-around ... Led UCLA in routines competed with 54 out of a possible 56 ... Ranked second on the team in individual victories (10) and Top 3 finishes (35) ... Qualified to the NCAA Championships after placing third in the all-around at the NCAA South

Central Regionals ... Won the all-around and beam in a tri-meet against Stanford and San Jose State on Mar. 5 ... Named the Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for Jan. 31-Feb. 5 after scoring a perfect 10 on vault and recording career-highs on bars (9.9) and the all-around (39.475) on Feb. 3 at Cal State Fullerton.

## 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 and shopping ... Admires Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher ... Full name is Kristina Diane Comforde ... Parents: Victor and Kathy Comforde ... Has an older brother, Victor ... Born April 9, 1987 in Hinsdale, IL ... Sociology major.



# Ashley Jenkins



**Sophomore**  
5-3  
**Laguna Niguel, CA**  
**SCATS**  
**Mater Dei HS**

## Career Highlights

- 2003 U.S. National Team member
- Scored a career-high 9.9 to place second on beam vs. Georgia

## Best Marks

UB .....	9.825, 1/19/07
BB.....	9.9, 3/4/07
FX.....	9.875, 1/15/07

## 2007 Average

UB .....	9.757
BB.....	9.523
FX.....	9.711

## Overview

Powerful and dynamic sophomore who showed mental toughness in battling through injuries throughout the course of her freshman season ... Former U.S. National Team member.

## 2007

Scored 9.8 or higher on balance beam five times after reworking her routine to keep weight off a hyper-extended elbow in February ... After the injury, she scored a 9.825, three 9.8s, a 9.775 and a career-high 9.9 to place second against Georgia ... Returned to the floor exercise mat on Feb. 25 with another reworked routine and scored 9.55 and improved to a 9.775 on Mar. 4 and 9.825 on Mar. 9 ... Subbed in on floor at the NCAA Regionals and scored 9.8 ... Averaged 9.711 on floor, with a high of 9.875 set Jan. 15 ... Elbow injury kept her out of the uneven bars lineup from late January until the NCAA Super Six, when she came in with a sprained ankle and scored a 9.8 ... Averaged 9.757 on bars, with a high of 9.825 set Jan. 19 ... Had two Top 3 showings on both bars and beam.

## Club

U.S. National Team member in 2003 after a 10th-place all-around finish (junior division) at the USA Championships ... Also placed fourth on floor exercise at the 2003 Championships ... Placed seventh in the all-around at the 2003 U.S. Classic ... Competed at the 2005 USA Championships and U.S. Classic ... Teamed with future UCLA teammate Kristina Comforde at the 2003 Trophée Massilia in Marseille, France and earned a Top 20 all-around finish ... Trained at SCATS under coach Don Peters.

## Personal

Hobbies are surfing, scuba diving and baking ... Favorite apparatus is floor exercise ... Full name is Ashley Nicole Jenkins ... Parents: Christopher and Nedra Jenkins ... Has a younger brother, Justin ... Born August 16, 1988 in Laguna Hills, CA ... Plans to major in Communication Studies.



# Anna Li



## Sophomore

5-4

Aurora, IL

Aerial Gymnastics

Waubonsie Valley HS

## Career Highlights

- Four-time All-American
- 2007 Pac-10 beam co-champion
- 2007 NCAA Southeast Regional bars and beam champion
- 2007 All-Pac-10 honoree in the all-around
- Two-time USA Championships competitor

## Best Marks

V	9.9, 4/26/07
UB	9.95, last 4/14/07
BB	9.95, 3/31/07
FX	9.9, 3/4/07
AA	39.55, 1/21/07

## 2007 Average

V	9.809
UB	9.878
BB	9.673
FX	9.808
AA	39.169

## Overview

Had an outstanding freshman campaign, competing all-around in every meet and receiving All-America honors in the all-around, vault, bars and beam ... Known for her huge amplitude on uneven bars ... Has upgraded her routines for the 2008 season ... Former elite gymnast who was coached by her Olympic medalist parents.

## 2007

Competed on every event in every meet ... Placed fourth overall in the all-around (39.5) and ninth on beam at the NCAA Championships to earn first-team All-America honors ... Also earned second-team All-America honors on vault and bars ... Had nine individual victories on the year, including five on bars and a pair of all-around wins ... In her collegiate debut Jan. 6 against Washington, she won the all-around with a 39.0 and placed first on bars with a 9.85 ... Also claimed first place in the all-around with a 39.5 and on bars with a 9.925 at Alabama Mar. 9 ... Against Arizona on Jan. 21, she posted a career-best 39.55 to place second in the all-around, won the uneven bars with a career-high 9.95 and also earned a career-high 9.9 on beam ... Tied for third in the all-around at both the Pac-10 Championships and NCAA Southeast Regionals ... Scored 9.8 on vault in nine of the last 10 meets and averaged 9.809 on the event ... Led the team with a 9.878 average on bars ... Won the NCAA Southeast Regional title on bars with a career-high tying 9.95 and tied for the Regional title on beam with a 9.825 ... Scored a career-high 9.95 on beam to win a share of the Pac-10 beam title and secure third place in the all-around with a 39.45 ... Clinched the victory over previously unbeaten Georgia with a career-high 9.9 on floor exercise in the final rotation ... Averaged 9.808 on floor, second-best on the team ... Ranked second on the team in individual victories (nine) and Top 3 placings

(30) ... Only freshman in the conference selected to the All-Pac-10 team in the all-around.

## Club

Two-time USA Championships competitor ... Finished 16th in the all-around and ninth on beam at the 2005 USA Championships ... Earned a seventh-place finish on bars at the 2005 U.S. Classic ... Placed 23rd in the all-around at the 2004 USA Championships ... Qualified for the 2004 USA Championships after a 13th-place all-around finish at the U.S. Classic ... Won the balance beam title for the second-straight year and placed second in the all-around and on uneven bars at the 2004 Level 10 National Championships ... Eleventh in the all-around at the 2003 U.S. Challenge ... Balance beam champion and seventh in the all-around at the 2003 Level 10 Nationals ... Level 10 state all-around champion in 2003 ... Eighth in the all-around at the 2002 Level 10 Nationals ... Named to the Region 5 All-Star Team in 2002 ... Trained by her parents, Jiani Wu and Yuejiu Li, at Aerial Gymnastics.

## Personal

Admires her parents, father Yuejiu Li and mother Jiani Wu ... Father Yuejiu was China's first World Champion on floor exercise in 1981 and won an Olympic silver team medal in 1984. He is now the head coach of the 2008 Chinese Olympic team and led China to the 2006 World Championship team title ... Mother Jiani was a five-time Chinese National Champion, World Championship bronze medalist on beam in 1981 and an Olympic bronze team medalist in 1984 ... Both parents competed for China in Pauley Pavilion at the 1984 Olympics ... Hobbies are listening to music and dancing ... Full name is Anna Li ... Has a younger sister, Andrea ... Born September 4, 1988 in Las Vegas, NV ... Hopes to major in communication studies.



# Brittani McCullough



## Overview

Powerful and dynamic gymnast who is anxious to compete after missing her 2006 senior elite season and 2007 freshman season due to injuries ... Expected to be one of UCLA's top all-around competitors ... Former U.S. National Team member.

## 2007

Redshirted the season after a November car accident in which she severed a tendon in her toe.

## Club

Made the 2006 U.S. National Team in her first effort after placing 11th in the all-around at the 2005 USA Championships ... Also placed eighth on beam and 10th on floor at the 2005 USAs ... Competed at the 2005 Level 10 National Championships and won vault, bars and floor and placed fourth in the all-around ... Earned a 10th place all-around finish at the 2003 Level 10 Nationals and also won the uneven bars ... Won the all-around, vault, bars and floor at the State Champion-

ships in 2005 and went on to win the all-around, vault, bars and beam at the Regional Championships ... Vault champion and silver medalist in the all-around, bars and floor at the 2003 Regionals ... 2002 Western Nationals Level 9 all-around, vault, bars and floor champions ... Career-high marks are 9.8 on bars and floor, 9.775 on vault, 9.725 on beam and 38.35 in the all-around ... Trained at SCEGA under coaches Tim Garrison, Meredith Paulicivic and Kathy Strate.

## Personal

Admires former UCLA and U.S. Olympic track & field star Florence Griffith Joyner ... Hobbies are dancing and hanging out with family and friends ... Full name is Brittani Jolai McCullough ... Parents: Maurice and Vanessa McCullough ... Has a younger sister, Brianna ... Grandfather William Joe Brown played semi-pro baseball ... Born September 18, 1988 in Lynwood, CA ... Biology major whose career objective is to become a pediatrician or physical therapist.

**Redshirt Freshman**

**5-4**

**Corona, CA**

**SCEGA**

**Centennial HS**

## Career Highlights

- 2006 U.S. National Team member
- 2005 Level 10 National vault, bars and floor champion
- 2003 Level 10 National bars champion



# Natalie Padilla



**Senior**  
**5-4**  
**San Diego, CA**  
**SCEGA**  
**Univ. of Iowa/Bonita Vista HS**

## Career Highlights

- Helped the Bruins win the 2007 Pac-10 and NCAA Southeast Regional Championships
- Named University of Iowa's Most Improved Freshman
- 2004 Level 10 State bars and floor champion
- 2003 Level 10 State vault, bars and floor champion

## Best Marks

V	9.875, 2005
UB	9.825, 2005
BB	9.725, 2/10/07
FX	9.85, 2005
AA	38.975, 2005

## 2007 Average

V	9.663
UB	9.031
BB	9.413
FX	9.517

## Overview

Beautiful gymnast who brings much improvement and experience to her senior year of competition ... Will provide depth on all four events.

## 2007

Provided much-needed depth to an injury-riddled squad ... Stepped in unexpectedly for an injured Ariana Berlin on floor and beam at Alabama Mar. 9 and recorded a season-best 9.625 on floor ... Earned a career-high 9.725 on beam and scored a 9.6 on bars and 9.325 on floor in her first competitive routines of the season on those events at Denver on Feb. 10 ... Recorded a season-high on uneven bars on Feb. 25, earning a 9.75 to help the Bruins along to a national season-best 49.7 on the event ... Competed on bars in nine of the last 10 meets and scored 9.7 or higher five times ... Competed on vault in four of the first five meets, with a high of 9.8 set on Jan. 19 at Cal State Fullerton.

## University of Iowa

Scored career-highs of 9.875 on vault, 9.825 on bars, 9.6 on beam, 9.85 on floor and 38.975 in all-around before suffering a season-ending injury in March of her freshman season ... Won three vault titles and

one floor title in 2005 ... Honored as the team's Most Improved Freshman ... Competed on uneven bars in every meet in 2006.

## Club

Won floor and bars at the 2004 Level 10 state championships ... Finished first on vault, bars and floor at 2003 Level 10 State Championships ... Crowned all-around champion at the 2001 Level 9 state meet and at the 1999 Level 8 regional meet ... Trained at SCEGA under coaches Tim Garrison, Meredith Paulicivic and Kathy Strate ... High marks were 9.6 on floor, 9.575 on vault, 9.45 on bars and 9.3 on beam.

## Personal

Lists her biggest athletic thrill so far in her career as doing her first vault in competition after tearing her ACL ... Hobbies include shopping and scrapbooking ... Favorite apparatus is the uneven bars ... Full name is Natalie Jean Padilla ... Parents: Charlie and Leslie Padilla ... Has two younger sisters, Becky and Jamie ... Has three cousins who attended UCLA ... Born May 8, 1986 in San Diego, CA ... Psychology major who has career aspirations in public relations.



# Jordan Schwikert



**Senior**  
**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 (2005) and uneven bars (2007)
- Two-time Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week (2007, 2006)
- Two-time U.S. National Team member

## Best Marks

V	9.95, 2/17/06
UB	9.975, 2/25/07
BB	9.925, last 2/17/06
FX	9.925, 3/5/06
AA	39.5, last 3/25/06

## 2007 Average

V	9.859
UB	9.755
BB	9.708
FX	9.758
AA	39.158

## Overview

Outstanding all-around gymnast who has scored 9.925 or better on all four events ... Former U.S. National Team member.

## 2007

Averaged 39.158 in all-around action ... Recorded a season-high 39.45 on Mar. 4 against Georgia to place second in the all-around and also tied for second on vault and third on floor with season-highs of 9.9 on both events ... Earned Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week honors after her performance in the Georgia meet ... Placed third at the John Wooden Challenge with a 39.2 in the all-around and scored a career-high 9.975 on uneven bars to tie for first ... Ranked second on the team with a 9.859 vault average and scored 9.825 or higher in 10 of her 11 attempts, with four 9.9 scores ... Ended the regular season ranked 25th in the nation on vault ... Earned All-Pac-10 honors on the uneven bars ... Limited to just uneven bars in the Bruins' first five meets due to a hamstring injury ... Hamstring injury flared up at NCAAs, but she shook off the injury to score a 9.85 on floor and a 9.9 on vault at the Super Six to help the Bruins to a fourth-place finish.

## 2006

Averaged a team-best 9.828 on floor exercise and had the team's second-highest average on vault with a 9.811 ... Placed third in the all-around and second on vault and bars at the Pac-10 Championships ... Earned Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week honors for Feb. 13-19 after winning vault (career-high 9.95) and beam (career-high 9.925) at Georgia on Feb. 17 and tying for first on beam on Feb. 19 in a home quad meet ... Had three vault victories, winning in three consecutive meets on Feb. 10 at Cal (9.9), Feb. 12 vs. Washington (9.9) and Feb. 17 at Georgia (9.95) ... Scored floor exercise victories against Washington on Feb. 12 (9.9) and vs. Stanford/San Jose State on Mar. 5 (career-high 9.925) ... Missed the first two meets of the year after undergoing shoulder surgery in November and did not return to all-around competition until Mar. 5.

## 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 high of 9.925 set in the NCAA Super Six ... Scored 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.

## 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 GYMIX 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 I uneven bars champion ... Also placed second in the all-around, third on vault and beam and fourth on floor at the Region I 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 2005 NCAA all-around champion, is also a senior on the UCLA Gymnastics team and was a member of the 2000 U.S. Olympic team ... 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 ... Sociology major whose career objective is to be an orthodontist.



# Tasha Schwikert



**Senior**  
**5-3**  
**Las Vegas, NV**  
**Gymcats**  
**Centennial HS**

## Career Highlights

- 2005 NCAA all-around champion
- Seven-time All-American
- 2007 Honda Award nominee
- Has won seven Pac-10 individual titles, including the 2007 and 2005 all-around crowns
- 2005 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year
- 2000 U.S. Olympian and 2004 Olympic alternate
- 2003 World Championships gold medalist

## Best Marks

V	9.975, last 1/19/07
UB	10, last 3/26/05
BB	9.975, 1/17/05
FX	10, last 3/6/05
AA	39.825, 3/6/05

## 2007 Averages

V	9.905
UB	9.850
BB	9.858
FX	9.885
AA	39.460

## Overview

In the upper echelon of collegiate gymnasts since winning the NCAA all-around title as a freshman in 2005 ... Capable of scoring 10s on each event.

## 2007

Honda Award nominee and West Region and Pac-10 Gymnast of the Year ... NCAA runner-up on uneven bars ... All-American on bars (1st team) and vault (2nd team) ... NCAA Southeast Regional all-around, beam and floor champion ... Secured UCLA's team victory at the Regionals with a 9.9 on floor in the last rotation ... Pac-10 all-around champion after scoring a season-high 39.75 in her first all-around competition in two months ... Won the Pac-10 vault, beam and floor titles and tied a Pac-10 record for most titles in a season with four ... Her 9.95 on beam in the last rotation clinched the win for UCLA ... Hit 56 of 57 routines on the season and 57 in a row to end the year ... Placed first on an event on 53% of her routines (30 individual event victories out of 57 routines) ... Thirty-eight of her 57 scores (67%) were 9.9 or higher, including 35 of her last 46 routines ... Led the team with season averages of 39.460 in the all-around, 9.905 on vault, 9.906 on floor and 9.858 on beam ... Led the team with 36 individual victories and 50 Top 3 placings ... Posted a 39.7 on Jan. 21 to win the all-around against Arizona and also won vault with a 9.9 and beam and floor with a pair of 9.95s ... Those wins came just two days after scoring 39.675 and sweeping all four events and the all-around at Cal State Fullerton ... Scored a near-perfect 9.975 on vault at Fullerton ... Sat out floor exercise six meets to rest a strained Achilles ... Selected to the All-Pac-10 team in the all-around ... Received Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week honors the first two weeks of the season ... Earned honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic honors.

## 2006

Won the NCAA South Central Regional vault title to qualify as a vault specialist to the NCAA Championships ... Tied for 11th with a 9.8 at NCAAs ... Scored a meet-best 9.9 at Regionals in just her second vault competition of the year ... Had missed most of the season after undergoing shoulder surgery in December ... Returned to compete on beam at LSU on Mar. 17 and then competed on vault, beam and floor at Pac-10s and Regionals ... Season-bests were 9.9 on vault, 9.425 on beam and 9.8 on floor.

## 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 ... 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 ... 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 team with 29 individual victories, including a team-high eight on floor and the all-around ... 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 ... 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 Papes 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 senior gymnast at UCLA ... Born November 21, 1984 in Las Vegas, NV ... Sociology major who is seeking a career in sports broadcasting ... Has worked as a color commentator on the WCSN internet broadcasts of the last three World Gymnastics Championships.



# Marci Bernholtz



**Freshman**  
**5-2**  
**Unionville, ON**  
**ASF Gymnastics**  
**Thornhill Secondary**

## Overview

A seasoned international competitor who is expected to stand out on bars and beam.

## Club

Competed at the 2006 and 2007 World Championships for Canada ... 2007 Canadian Uneven Bars Champion and bronze medalist in the all-around and on beam ... Fourth on bars at the 2007 Gymnix International meet ... Second in the all-around at the 2007 World Trials ... Placed second in the all-around, first on bars and sixth on vault and beam at the 2006 Elite Canada ... Two-time bronze-medalist at the 2005 National Championships, placing third in the all-around and on floor exercise ... Placed fourth on floor exercise at the 2005 American Cup ... 2004 Olympic Team alternate after placing sixth at the Olympic Trials ... Bronze medalist on vault at the 2004 Massilia Cup in France and on floor exercise at the 2004 Canadian National Championships ... Trained at ASF Gymnastics under coaches Paula Johnson and Brenda Moder.



## Personal

Admires Lance Armstrong and former Bruin Kate Richardson ... Hobbies are reading, shopping and hanging out with friends ... Favorite apparatus is floor exercise ... Full name is Marci Esther Bernholtz ... Parents: Jay and Mariette Bernholtz ... Has two older brothers, David and Daniel ... Born April 28, 1988 in Toronto, ON ... Leaning towards a major in Physiological Science and hopes to be an orthopaedic surgeon or oncologist.

# Shavahn Church



**Freshman**  
**5-2**  
**Tarzana, CA**  
**Waller's GymJam**  
**Laurel Springs HS**

## Overview

Potentially one of the most beautiful collegiate gymnasts ... Will redshirt her freshman season due to knee surgery.

## Club

Has dual citizenship with the U.S. and Great Britain ... Competed for Great Britain at the 2006 European Championships and the 2005 World Championships ... Placed 20th in the all-around at the World Championships ... Won silver medals on bars and in the team competition at the 2006 Commonwealth Games and placed fifth in the all-around ... Helped Heathrow win the 2006 British Team Championship after placing first on two of the three events in which she competed ... Member of the U.S. Junior National Team in 2003 ... Qualified for the 2004 U.S. Championships after a fifth-place all-around finish at the American Classic ... Won a bronze medal on floor exercise at the 2004 American Classic ... Has a skill named after her in the International Code of Points on the uneven bars - a release move called the "Church" (toe-on piked Tkatchev) ... Trained at Waller's GymJam Academy under coach Chris Waller.



## Personal

Describes making the World Championships team as her biggest athletic thrill ... Loves to read books ... Favorite apparatus is the uneven bars ... Full name is Shavahn Nikole Church ... Parents: Raymond and Mandy Church ... Has two sisters, Carley and Jade ... Born May 3, 1989 in Van Nuys, CA ... Undeclared major.

# Talia Kushynski



## Overview

Showed tremendous improvement on every event during the pre-season ... Expected to add depth, particularly on beam and floor.

## Club

Competed at the Level 10 State and Regional Championships every season ... Fourth in the all-around and beam and third on bars at the 2007 Level 10 State Championships ... Sixth on beam at the 2006 Regional Championships ... Bronze medalist in the all-around, bars, beam and floor at the 2006 State Championships ... Placed 10th in the all-around at the Level 10 Regionals in 2005 ... Second on bars, third on floor and fourth on beam and the all-around at the 2005 State meet ... Named to the Western National Team as a Level 9 ... Career-high marks are 9.5 on beam and floor and 9.3 on vault and bars ... Trained at Waller's GymJam Academy under coaches Chris Waller and Mohini Bhardwaj.



## Freshman

5-2

**Sherman Oaks, CA**

**Waller's GymJam Academy**

**Van Nuys HS**

## Personal

Admires former UCLA Olympian Mohini Bhardwaj ... Hobbies are dancing ... Favorite apparatus is floor exercise ... Lists her biggest thrill as being part of the UCLA Gymnastics team ... Full name is Talia Rosa Kushynski ... Parents: Allen and Lorraine Kushynski ... Has a younger sister, Gina ... Born October 19, 1989 in Los Angeles, CA ... Hopes to major in World Arts and Culture.

# Mizuki Sato



## Overview

Consistent all-around competitor ... Is expected to see significant action on all four events.

## Club

Level 10 National qualifier from 2004-07 ... Placed third in the all-around to make the JO National Team and also placed fifth on floor, sixth on beam and ninth on bars at the 2007 Level 10 National Championships ... Won the NorCal State bars and floor titles in 2007 ... Seventh in the all-around and fourth on floor at the 2006 Nationals ... Placed third in the all-around at the 2006 Regionals ... Member of the Region 1 JO National Team Champions in 2005 and 2006 ... Trained at Technique Gymnastics under coaches Lisa Poarch, Rick Newman, Tara Gilmore and Mark Holtzclaw ... High marks were 9.675 on vault and floor, 9.575 on bars and beam and 38.25 in the all-around.



## Freshman

5-2

**Fair Oaks, CA**

**Technique Gymnastics**

**Bella Vista HS**

## Personal

Lists her biggest athletic thrill as receiving a scholarship to UCLA and being able to train at the Olympic Training Center as part of the JO National Team ... Admires former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young ... Hobbies include photography, shopping and sports ... Favorite apparatus is the balance beam ... Full name is Mizuki Florence Sato ... Parents: Isao and Aiko Sato ... Has a younger brother, Ken ... Born January 8, 1989 in Carmichael, CA ... Physiological Science major whose career objective is to be a doctor.

# Allison Taylor



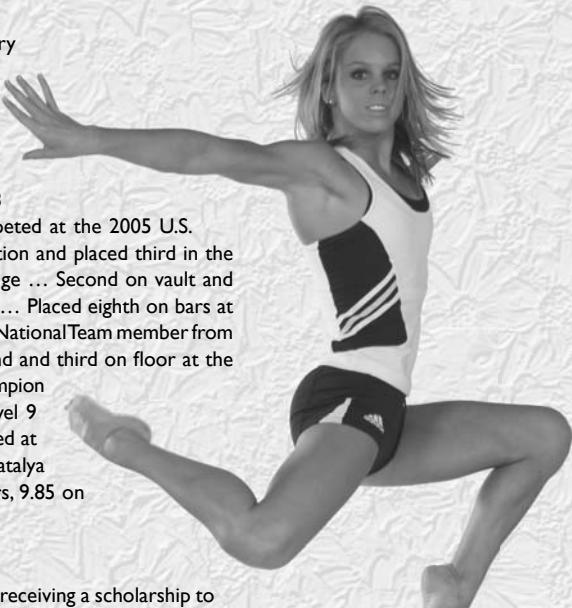
**Freshman**  
**5-3**  
**Dallas, TX**  
**WOGA**  
**Spring Creek Academy**

## Overview

Missed her 2007 season due to a foot injury and is returning slowly to training on all four events ... Once healthy, she will be a stand-out on bars and floor.

## Club

Placed 16th in the all-around at the 2003 USA Championships as an elite ... Competed at the 2005 U.S. Classic ... Won the uneven bars competition and placed third in the all-around at the 2005 Metroplex Challenge ... Second on vault and third on bars at the 2005 WOGA Classic ... Placed eighth on bars at the 2004 Voronin Cup in Moscow ... TOPs National Team member from 1997-99 ... Finished ninth in the all-around and third on floor at the 2002 Level 10 Nationals ... Uneven bars champion and all-around runner-up at the 2001 Level 9 state and regional championships ... Trained at WOGA under coaches Valeri Liukin and Natalya Marakova ... High marks were 9.9 on bars, 9.85 on floor, 9.7 on beam and 9.6 on vault.



# Niki Tom



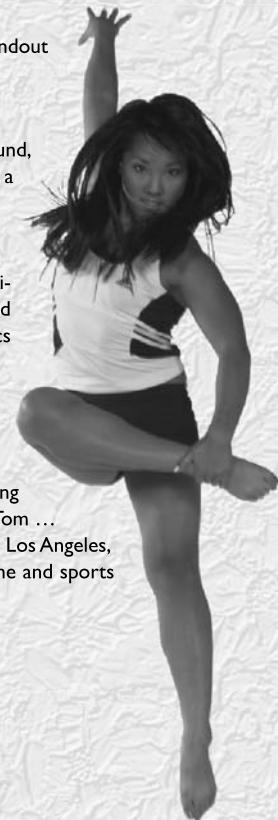
**Freshman**  
**5-0**  
**Northridge, CA**  
**JAG**  
**Chatsworth HS**

## Overview

Continues to make substantial improvements on every event ... Her standout events are beam and bars.

## Club

At her first Level 10 National Championships in 2007, placed fifth in the all-around, fourth on bars and 10th on beam and floor ... Qualified for Nationals after a fourth-place finish at the Regional Championships ... 2007 Regional beam champion ... Captured the vault and floor titles and placed third on beam and in the all-around at the 2007 Level 10 State Championships ... Placed fifth in the all-around and fourth on vault and floor at the 2006 Level 10 State Championships ... Career-high marks were 38.025 in the all-around, 9.625 on bars and 9.6 on vault, beam and floor ... Trained at Josephson's Academy of Gymnastics by coaches Jim Foody, Rauza Rafikova, Anne Josephson and Wei Zhang.



## Personal

Lists her biggest athletic thrill as placing first in the team competition and fifth in the all-around at the 2007 Level 10 Nationals ... Hobbies are dancing, cooking, listening to music, spending time with family and friends, shopping and reading ... Full name is Nicole Kiyomi Tom ... Parents: Michael and Sue Tom ... Older sister Allyson graduated from UCLA in 2007 ... Born April 28, 1989 in Los Angeles, CA ... Physiological Science major whose career objective is sports medicine and sports nutrition.