

# Coaches Biographies



## Head Coach 20th 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
- 14 Pac-10 Championships as head coach and assistant coach
- 17 Regional Championships
- Coached 13 athletes to 28 NCAA Individual Championships

### 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  |
| 2006 | 21-6   | 2nd    | 3rd   | —    |
| 2007 | 15-6   | 1st    | 1st   | 4th  |
| 2008 | 18-6   | 3rd    | 2nd   | 7th  |
| 2009 | 17-3   | 1st    | 2nd   | 7th  |

Total: 372-83-1 (.817)

## VALORIE KONDOS FIELD

UCLA head coach Valorie Kondos Field has positioned her Bruins as one of the premier programs 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.

The Bruins won their first NCAA championship in 1997 under Kondos Field and won again in back-to-back seasons in both 2000-2001 and 2003-2004. UCLA has remained the Leader of the Pac under her tenure, winning nine Pac-10 Conference titles, to go along with 13 NCAA Regional titles.

Kondos Field emphasizes a team concept, but her student-athletes have also found individual success, winning 22 NCAA individual titles during her years as head coach, including 19 in the last 11 years.

But even with all of her successes on the court, what gives Kondos Field most satisfaction is seeing her student-athletes succeed in all facets of their lives. Academics is a big part of that equation, and Kondos Field's teams regularly place members on the Pac-10 All-Academic teams and Scholastic All-American squads and annually contend for the school's team GPA award.

With legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden as her role model and cherished friend, Kondos Field's coaching philosophy stresses balance and integrity.

"Growing up in the classical dance world, I spent the majority of my youth in a very disciplined environment," she said. "The reward was the self-satisfaction that came from the culmination of months of hard work in preparation for our performances and knowing I did my best to become the best I was capable of becoming. The reward wasn't monetary or about 'winning'; instead, it was being able to have pride in a job well done."

"In a sport as subjective as gymnastics, it's important to have an honest internal voice that knows when you've done your best even if your 'score' says you didn't 'win',



and conversely knowing when you can push harder even if your 'score' says you are the 'champion,'" she continued. "That inner voice, known as integrity, is vital in living life to its fullest and enjoying the journey in every aspect of life."

Kondos Field's professional journey has been a unique one. A former professional ballet dancer with the Sacramento Ballet, Capital City Ballet and Washington, D.C. Ballet, she initially 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. In 1983, she was hired





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to be UCLA's assistant coach and choreographer. While working under head coach Jerry Tomlinson, Kondos Field helped put UCLA Gymnastics on the map with their distinctive choreography and flair. The Bruins earned NCAA runner-up finishes in 1984 and 1989 and won six NCAA individual titles from 1987-89.

Kondos Field was appointed head coach of the Bruins in 1991 and brought in Scott Bull as her co-head coach. The duo earned West Region Co-Coach of the Year honors in 1993 and in 1994. As the sole head coach in 1995, she earned Pac-10 and West Region coaching honors and guided her team to first-place finishes at the Pac-10 and Regional Championships. Just one year later, she led the Bruins to a runner-up finish at the NCAA Championships, and in 1997 she became just the fourth coach in NCAA history to win a national title.

Kondos Field's accomplishments did not go unnoticed. She was selected by her peers as the NACGC/W National Coach of the Year in 1996, 1997, 2000 and 2001. She was also named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year in 1995, 2000 and 2003.

She 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 14 NCAA championship routines on beam and floor, including an unprecedented three consecutive on floor from Kim Hamilton from 1987-89. She also earned the Choreography of the Year Award at the 2004 Canadian National Championships for Kate 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, Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, Tasha Schwickert, 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, Ashley Peckett, Marci Bernholtz and Lichelle Wong.

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. In 2004, Kate Richardson became only the second female gymnast to compete at the Olympic Games as a collegiate athlete. She was joined in Athens by another Bruin, Mohini Bhardwaj, who captained the U.S. team to a team silver medal three years after her senior season at UCLA. Both Richardson and Bhardwaj qualified for the floor exercise finals, with Bhardwaj placing sixth and Richardson placing seventh with her Kondos Field-choreographed routine. In 1999, Kondos Field coached then-UCLA junior Heidi Moneymaker at her first USA Championships, and Moneymaker, Bhardwaj and Lena Degteva all represented UCLA at the 1999 World University Games.

A 1987 UCLA graduate in history, Kondos Field is also a freelance choreographer with extensive experience in the entertainment and gymnastics fields. She has helped to create, direct and choreograph Sea World's Summer Nights shows for the past 18 years, and her Riptide show won a national award for Best Overall Production: \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000 or More at the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) 2007 Big "E" Awards. In the summer of 1991, Kondos Field 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**

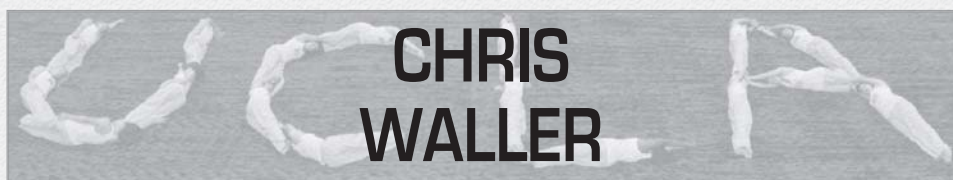
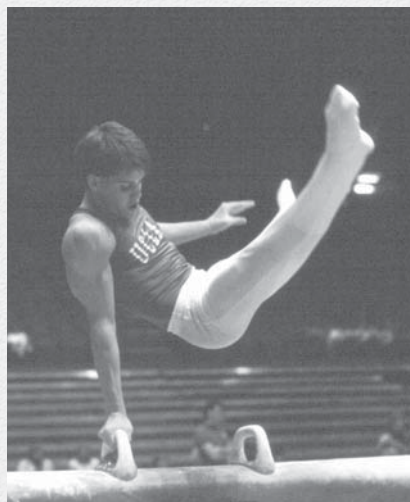




**Assistant Head Coach**  
**7th Year**  
**UCLA '91**

## 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 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 1987 NCAA Championship team



Former UCLA All-American, NCAA Champion and U.S. Olympian Chris Waller is in his eighth season on the UCLA women's gymnastics coaching staff and third as assistant head coach.

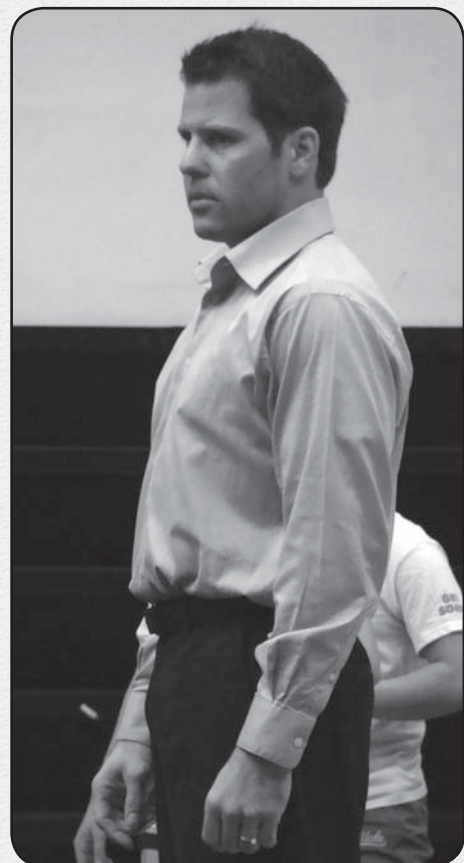
Waller has brought nothing but success since returning to UCLA in 2003. In his first season on the Bruin staff, he helped guide the Bruins to the 2003 NCAA, Regional and Pac-10 Championships. He was also the acting head coach when UCLA snapped the longest home court winning streak in NCAA history for 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 are owners of their own gym, Waller's GymJam Academy, in Santa Clarita.





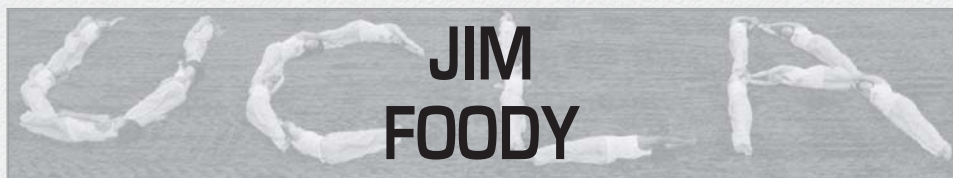
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**Assistant Coach  
3rd Year  
UCLA '97**

## Career Highlights

- Three-year U.S. senior national team member
- 1997 World Championships competitor
- 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials competitor
- 1994 NCAA high bar champion
- 1996 USA Gymnastics Collegiate Athlete of the Year



Former NCAA champion and U.S. National Team member Jim Foody enters his third year at his alma mater as a member of the UCLA women's gymnastics coaching staff.

Foody is the head coach of the women's program at the Josephson Academy of Gymnastics (JAG) in Culver City and previously coached at All Olympians Gymnastics Center from 2002-04. He was also the co-head coach for the men's program at Premier Gymnastics Academy in Illinois. He has coached state, regional and national champions and helped coach former UCLA star Mohini Bhardwaj during her Olympic run in 2004.

While at UCLA, Foody won the NCAA high bar championship and the MPSF parallel bars title as a sophomore in 1994. He was a two-time NCAA qualifier and an All-American on high bar. In 1994, he helped lead the Bruins to the MPSF team title, and in 1996, he was selected the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Athlete of the Year.

On the national level, he was a three-year U.S. senior national team member (1997-00) and a member of the 1997 USA World Championship team and 1999 World University Games team. He also competed at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials.

"It's exciting to think about the areas Jim will be able to complement the coaching staff of Chris Waller and myself," said UCLA head coach Valorie Kondos Field. "Jim has evolved into a respected and knowledgeable coach whose experience, combined with his love and passion for UCLA, will be a great combination for us."

Foody graduated from UCLA in 1997 with a degree in Political Science.



**P.J. Irvin  
Volunteer Asst.  
Coach**



**Ariana Berlin  
Undergraduate Asst.  
Coach**



**Kristina Comforte  
Undergraduate Asst.  
Coach**



**Brianna McCullough  
Team Manager  
Sophomore**



# Returning Athlete Biographies



**Sophomore**

**5-6**

**Columbus, IN**

**DeVeau's/Columbus East HS**

## Career Highlights

- Scored career-best marks of 9.85 on vault and floor in 2009
- 2009 NCAA Championships competitor
- 2007 Level 10 National vault champion

## Best Marks

V..... 9.85, last 4/4/09  
 BB..... 9.775, 1/9/09  
 FX..... 9.85, last 2/15/09



## 2009

Competed on vault at the NCAA Championships ... Scored a career-best 9.85 on vault at the NCAA Regionals ... Tied her then-career-high on vault with a 9.8 vs. Nebraska ... Scored 9.775 or better on vault in five of seven meets ... Stepped in as a late sub to compete on floor vs. Georgia and scored 9.825 ... Competed on beam at Oregon State and scored 9.675 ... Scored a team-best and career-high 9.85 on floor and recorded a personal-best 9.8 in exhibition on beam on Feb. 15 ... Tied her then-career-best on floor against Cal with a 9.8 ... Tied her career-best with a 9.8 on vault at Fullerton ... Scored 9.8 on floor against Arizona and also competed on vault and beam ... Competed on three events at Utah and hit all three, scoring 9.8 on vault, 9.775 on beam and 9.75 on floor.

## Club

Four-time (2004, 2005, 2007, 2008) Level 10 National qualifier ... Placed sixth in the all-around and third on vault and uneven bars at the 2008 Region V Champion-

ships ... Finished second in the all-around and won the vault at the 2007 Level 10 National Championships ... Won the 2007 Regional and State championships ... Earned a Top 20 all-around finish at the 2004 Level 10 Nationals and placed fourth on vault, sixth on beam and 10th on floor ... Competed as a junior national elite in 2003 and placed fifth in the all-around at the American Classic ... Holds career-bests of 9.75 on vault, 9.65 on floor and 9.6 on bars and beam ... Trained at DeVeau's School of Gymnastics by coaches Tom Strange, Peter Zhao and Amy Scales.

## Personal

Hobbies are jet skiing, hanging out at the lake, and watching football and basketball ... Used to show horses ... Admires former Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy ... Full name is Kaelie Suzanne Baer ... Parents: Greg and Deann Baer ... Has an older sister Cierra and older brother Krin ... Born January 10, 1990 in Indianapolis, IN ... Undeclared major.





# Returning Athlete Biographies



**Junior**

**5-2**

**Unionville, ON**

**ASF Gymnastics/  
Thornhill Secondary**

## Career Highlights

- Pac-10 Event Specialist of the Week (Jan. 15-21, 2008)
- Two-time World Championships competitor
- 2007 Canadian national bars champion and all-around and beam bronze medalist
- 2004 Canadian Olympic team alternate

## Best Marks

UB..... 9.750, 1/18/09; 9.800 (ex.), 3/15/09  
BB..... 9.875, 1/20/08  
FX..... 8.925, 2/17/08



## 2009

Honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic selection ... Recorded her career-best mark on uneven bars with a 9.8 exhibition performance against Nebraska ... Scored a season-high 9.85 on beam to capture her first event win of the season at the Masters Classic ... Scored 9.8 on beam at the Bruins' quad meet Feb. 15 ... Leadoff performer on beam against Cal and scored 9.725 ... Led off bars against Arizona with a then-career-high 9.75 and also scored a 9.8 on beam ... Leadoff on bars and beam at Utah, where she scored 9.725 on bars and 9.8 on beam.

## 2008

Competed on beam in eight meets ... Scored a 9.875, her season-best, on her first collegiate beam routine to claim first place at Cal State Fullerton and was subsequently named the Pac-10 Event Specialist of the Week ... Placed second on beam the week after against Stanford with a 9.8 ... Competed once on bars and on floor.

## 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 gymnast 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 ... Majoring in Physiological Science and hopes to be an orthopaedic surgeon or oncologist.





# Returning Athlete Biographies



**Sophomore**

**5-4**

**Lake Forest, CA  
Olympic Gymnastics/  
El Toro HS**

## Career Highlights

- Career-high score on vault is 9.875
- 2008 JO National Team member
- Three-time State vault champion

## Best Marks

V..... 9.875, 2/15/09

UB..... 9.625 (ex.), 1/23/09



## 2009

Did not compete in UCLA's last seven meets due to an elbow injury ... Scored 9.8 or better on her last five vaults (three in exhibition) ... Scored a career-high 9.875 to tie for fifth at the UCLA quad meet on Feb. 15 ... Earned a 9.825 at ASU, and exhibition scores of 9.8 against Cal, 9.85 at Fullerton and 9.825 against Arizona ... Performed an exhibition on bars at Fullerton and scored 9.625.

## Club

Four-time (2004, 2006, 2007, 2008) Level 10 National qualifier and three-time (2006-08) State vault champion ... Placed third in the all-around to make the 2008 JO National Team ... Also earned a second-place finish on beam and was fourth on vault and eighth on bars at the 2008 Level 10 Nationals ... 2008 State vault and uneven bars champion and all-around runner-up ... Placed 13th in the all-around and fifth on floor at the 2007 Nationals ... 2007 State all-around and vault champion ... Placed

third in the all-around and on uneven bars and second on vault at the 2006 Regionals ... Won the vault and uneven bars and placed third in the all-around and on beam at the 2006 State Championships ... Placed fourth in the all-around at the 2004 Regionals to qualify to Nationals ... Holds career-bests of 9.825 on vault, 9.75 on beam, 9.65 on bars and floor and 38.325 in the all-around ... Trained at Olympic Gymnastics under coaches Nicole DeMoss and Kelly Smith.

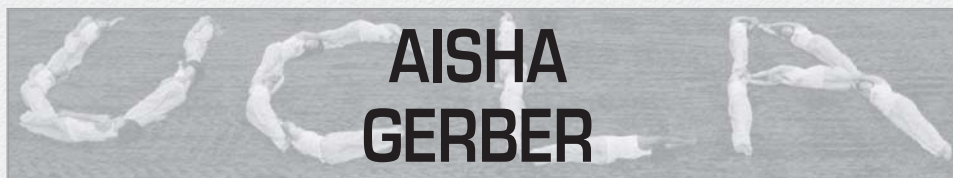
## Personal

Lists her biggest athletic thrills as placing third at the 2008 Level 10 Nationals and receiving a full scholarship to UCLA ... Hobbies are hanging out with friends and going to the beach ... Admires 1984 Olympic gold medalist Mary Lou Retton ... Full name is Tauny Nicole Frattone ... Parents: Shaun and Julie Frattone ... Has two younger sisters, Hailey and Sydney ... Born May 28, 1990 in Westminster, CA ... Undeclared major.





# Returning Athlete Biographies



## 2009

First-team All-Pac-10 on beam ... Third on the team with eight individual victories and 22 Top 3 finishes ... Placed in the Top 3 on beam in all but four meets in which she competed, with a team-best five victories ... Competed on bars and beam at Regionals and had the team's best beam score with a 9.825 ... Placed second in the all-around (39.475), beam (9.875) and floor (career-high 9.925) against Nebraska ... Clinched the team victory at Oregon State on Feb. 27 with a first-place mark of 9.875 on beam in the final rotation ... Matched her career-best at the Masters Classic Feb. 22 with a 9.9 on vault, tied for first on beam with a 9.85 and debuted a full-in on floor to score 9.825 ... Scored a career-high 9.9 on vault on Feb. 15 ... Tied for first on bars (9.875) and tied for third on beam (9.85) at ASU ... Scored a season-high 39.55 in the all-around to place first against Cal on Jan. 25 and also captured a victory on beam with a 9.9 and set new career-highs on bars (9.925, 2nd place) and floor (9.875, 3rd place) ... Bested her career-high in the all-around with a 39.325 to place second at Fullerton and nabbed her first bars title with a career-high tying 9.85 to tie for first place ... Also tied her career-high on vault at Fullerton with a 9.875 ... Won the beam with a career-high 9.925 and placed second in the all-around against Arizona ... Earned Pac-10 Special Performance of the Week honors for her meet-winning 9.9 beam performance at Utah Jan. 9 ... Finished regular season ranked 11th nationally on beam.

## Club

Won the vault title and placed in the Top 12 in the all-around at the 2008 International Gymnix meet ... Qualified for the event finals on vault at the 2008 Cottbus World Cup, placing sixth ... Became the first Canadian woman ever to medal at the American Cup when she placed third in the all-around in 2006 ... Helped Canada win a team bronze medal at the 2006 Pacific Alliance Championships ... Placed fifth on floor exercise and sixth on balance beam at the 2006 World Cup finals ... Won the 2005 Canadian national uneven bars title and placed fifth in the all-around ... Third on vault in the junior competition at the 2004 Pacific Alliance Meet ... Canadian junior all-around and vault champion in 2004 ... Trained at Oakville Gymnastics Club under coaches Kelly and Susan Manjak, Lorne Bobkin and Ashley Sportun.

## Personal

Describes her biggest athletic thrill as placing third at the American Cup ... Hobbies include reading, singing and dancing ... Was an avid member of the concert and girls choir at her high school ... Full name is Aisha Joy Gerber ... Parents: Keith and Joan ... Has a younger brother, Zach, and younger sister, Mikaela ... Born June 21, 1990 in Thunder Bay, Ontario ... Undeclared major with career interests in athletic therapy or coaching and choreography.

## Sophomore

5-4

Cambridge, ON

Oakville Gymnastics Club/  
Galt Collegiate Institute

## Career Highlights

- First-Team All-Pac-10 on balance beam
- 2005 Canadian champion on uneven bars

## Best Marks

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| V.....  | 9.900, 2/15/09  |
| UB..... | 9.925, 1/25/09  |
| BB..... | 9.925, 1/18/09  |
| FX..... | 9.925, 3/15/09  |
| AA..... | 39.550, 1/25/09 |





# Returning Athlete Biographies



**Sophomore**

**5-0**

**Toronto, ON**

**Sport Seneca Gymnastics/  
Northview Heights Secondary**

## Career Highlights

- Four-time All-American
- 2009 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year
- 2008 Canadian Olympian
- 2006 World bronze medalist on balance beam

## Best Marks

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| V.....  | 9.950, 2/22/09      |
| UB..... | 9.875, last 2/27/09 |
| BB..... | 9.925, 1/23/09      |
| FX..... | 9.950, 3/15/09      |
| AA..... | 39.525, 1/23/09     |



## 2009

Earned second-team All-America honors in the all-around, vault, bars and floor ... Pac-10 Freshman of the Year and first-team All-Pac-10 in the all-around ... Completed 50 of a possible 52 routines on the year ... Second on the team with 11 individual victories and 30 Top 3 finishes ... Earned four all-around victories on the year ... Finished the year hitting 44 of her last 45 routines ... Named the Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week three times (Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 17) ... Placed seventh in the all-around at the NCAA Championships with a 39.475 ... Averaged 9.9 on vault in her last seven meets ... Second on vault with a 9.925 and third on floor with a 9.9 at NCAA Regionals ... Placed fifth in the all-around at Pac-10s with a 39.175 and tied for second on beam with a 9.9 ... Her beam score clinched the Pac-10 title for the Bruins ... Won the all-around against Nebraska with a 39.5 and scored a career-high 9.95 to win floor ... Scored a then-career-high 9.925 on floor to tie for second and earned an all-around total of 39.45 to place third against Georgia ... Tied her career-high with a 9.875 on bars to tie for first and also tied for second on vault with a 9.9 at Oregon State ... Tied for first at the Masters Classic with a 39.475 and earned a career-high 9.95 on vault to tie for second ... Won the all-around at the UCLA quad meet on Feb. 15 with a 39.375 and scored a career-best 9.875 on bars ... Scored 39.45 in the all-around and captured first-place honors on beam (9.9) and floor (9.9) to help the Bruins win big over Cal on Jan. 25 ... Won the all-around (39.525), bars (9.85), beam (9.925) and floor (9.9) and set career-highs on all four events and the all-around at Fullerton on Jan. 23 ... Placed in the Top

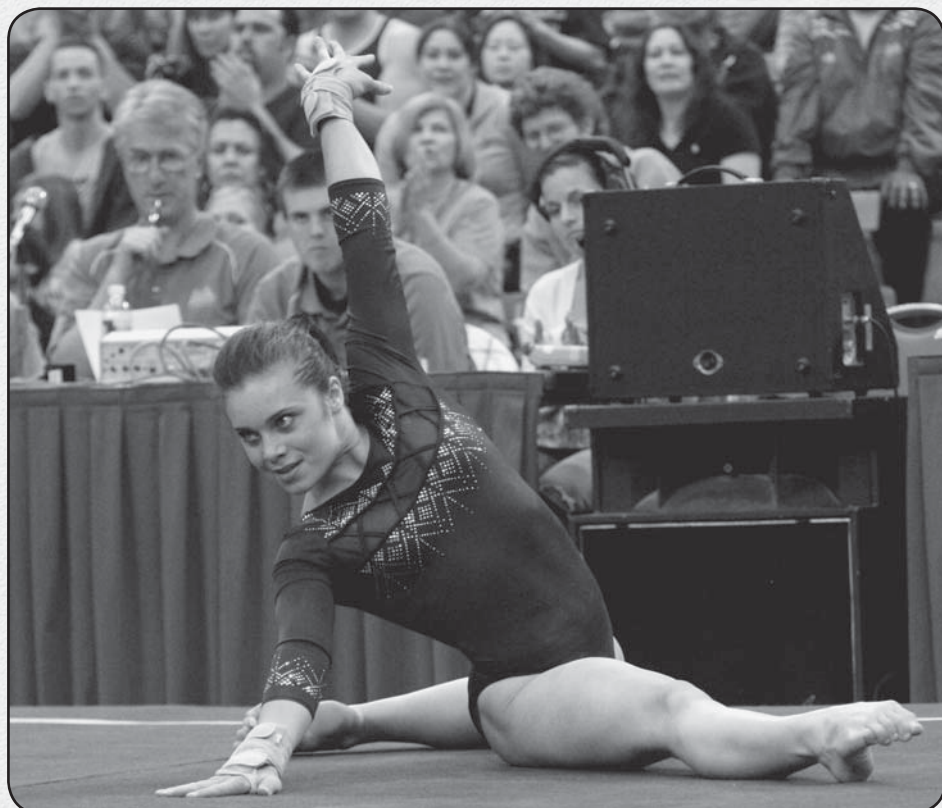
3 on beam in all but three meets, with two victories ... Finished regular season ranked 15th in the all-around, 18th on floor and 20th on beam.

## Club

Competed at the 2008 Olympic Games and placed 16th in the all-around ... Competed for Team Canada at the 2005-07 World Championships ... Became the first Canadian woman ever to win a World Championship medal when she placed third on beam at the 2006 Worlds in Denmark ... Also placed 16th in the all-around in 2006 ... Placed ninth in qualifying on the uneven bars at the 2005 Worlds ... Tied for first in the all-around and won gold on bars and beam and team bronze at the 2006 Commonwealth Games ... Won the Canadian national all-around titles in 2008 and 2006 ... Also claimed national titles on floor exercise in 2006 and balance beam in 2005 and the junior all-around and uneven bars titles in 2003 ... Trained at Sport Seneca Gymnastics under coaches Carol-Angela Orchard and Brian McVey.

## Personal

Lists her biggest athletic thrills as competing at the Olympics in 2008 and being the first female Canadian gymnast to win a medal at the World Championships ... Hobbies are dancing, outdoor activities, reading and shopping ... Full name is Elyse Madison Hopfner-Hibbs ... Parents: William Hibbs and Dianne Hopfner ... Has a younger sister, Rachel Hopfner-Hibbs ... Born September 12, 1989 in Toronto, ON ... Physiological Science major.





# Returning Athlete Biographies



## 2009

Did not compete.

## Club

Placed third in the all-around and on floor exercise and second on vault at the 2008 South African National Championships ... Won the all-around, uneven bars and balance beam, placed second on floor exercise and third on vault at the 2007 South African Challenge ... Placed fourth on balance beam at the Level 10 State Championships ... Uneven bars champion at the 2007 Level 9 Western Nationals and at the Regional and State Championships ... Won the uneven bars crown at the Level 8 Regionals in 2004 ... Trained at Diamond Elite Gymnastics under coaches Jason Gatson and Jamie Dantzsch.

## Personal

Lists her biggest athletic accomplishments as being the State, Regional and Western National uneven bars champion and making the UCLA gymnastics team ... Admires Los Angeles Laker Derek Fisher because of his hard work, dedication, consistency and his emphasis on family ... Took up pole vaulting during the off-season ... Hobbies include traveling, and she has traveled to 13 different countries ... Full name is Tiffany Bridget Hyland ... Parents: Christopher and Louise ... Has a younger brother, Dean ... Born July 17, 1990 in South Africa ... Psychobiology major.

## Sophomore

5-8

Dove Canyon, CA

Diamond Elite Gymnastics/  
Sage Hill HS

## Career Highlights

- Bronze medalist in the all-around and floor and silver medalist on vault at the 2008 South African National Championships
- Uneven bars champion at 2007 Level 9 Western Nationals





# Returning Athlete Biographies



**Junior**

**5-2**

**Sherman Oaks, CA**

**Waller's GymJam Academy/**

**Van Nuys HS**

## Career Highlights

- 2009 NACGC/W Scholastic All-American
- Earned Top 10 finish on floor in her first collegiate performance
- Three-time Level 10 Regional qualifier

## Best Marks

BB.....9.5 (ex.), 1/4/08

FX.....9.675, 1/20/08



## 2009

Earned NACGC/W Scholastic All-America honors ... Performed an exhibition floor routine at Fullerton and scored 9.45.

## 2008

Competed once on floor, scoring 9.675 at Cal State Fullerton to earn a Top 10 finish ... Performed exhibition floor routines three other times and beam once, scoring 9.5 in Las Vegas.

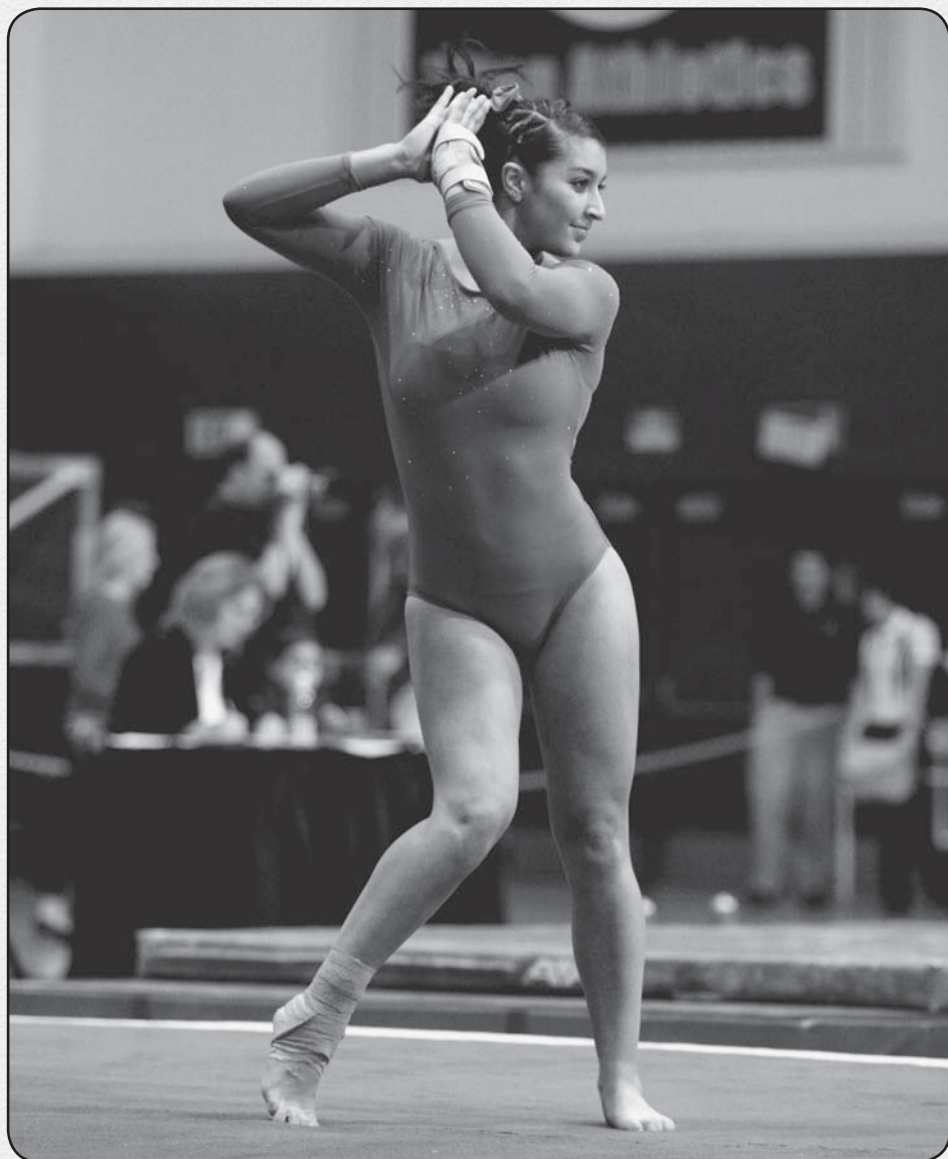
## Club

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 Champion-

ships ... 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.

## 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, who is a freshman at UCLA ... Born October 19, 1989 in Los Angeles, CA ... Sociology major.





# Returning Athlete Biographies



**Senior**

**5-4**

**Aurora, IL**

**Naperville Gymnastics Club/  
Waubonsie Valley HS**

## Career Highlights

- Five-time All-American
- 2-time Pac-10 champion (2009 bars, 2007 beam)
- 3-time NCAA Regional bars champion, 2007  
Regional beam champion
- 3-year All-Pac-10 honoree in the all-around
- 2-time USA Championships competitor

## Best Marks

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| V.....  | 9.9, 4/26/07   |
| UB..... | 9.975, 2/17/08 |
| BB..... | 9.95, 3/31/07  |
| FX..... | 9.925, 2/8/08  |
| AA..... | 39.6, 2/8/08   |



## 2009

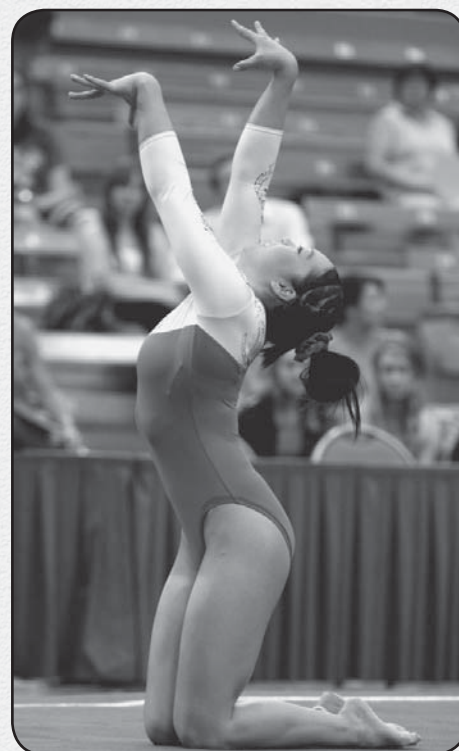
Won the NCAA Regional title on uneven bars for the third consecutive year, scoring 9.9 at the North Central Regionals ... Pac-10 Uneven Bars co-champion and first-team All-Pac-10 on the event ... Tied her season-high with a 9.9 at the Pac-10 meet to win her second career Pac-10 event title ... Underwent surgery in November to remove bone spurs from her ankle and was limited to mostly uneven bars ... Competed on balance beam three times and had a high of 9.85 at Cal State Fullerton ... Recorded four victories on uneven bars, including one in a quad meet on Feb. 15 after scoring a season-high 9.9 ... Performed on Jan. 25 what was arguably the most difficult uneven bars routine in the nation, with a routine that included a Gienger, Pak salto, Tkatchev and double layout full-out dismount ... Has completed 112 of 121 career routines (93%) in team competition without a fall.

## 2008

First-team All-American on uneven bars ... One of the nation's top all-arounders, ranking 14th in the nation and posting a season average of 39.372 and a season and career-high of 39.6 ... Sensational season was slowed after suffering a concussion on Feb. 24. She was unable to finish the competition and had to sit out the following week ... Returned to all-around action at Pac-10s and placed sixth with a 39.25 ... Won a share of the uneven bars title at the NCAA Southeast Regionals, scoring a 9.95 ... In her nine completed all-around competitions, she placed first five times and second once ... Captured 19 individual victories - seven on bars, two on beam, four on floor and five in the all-around ... Scored a career-best 39.6 to win the IGI Chicago-Style meet and also won bars (9.95) and beam (9.9) ... Inserted a double layout into her floor routine on Feb. 1 at Washington and won the event with a then-career-high 9.9 ... Improved her floor score a week later and earned 9.925 ... Ranked second in the nation on bars ... Just missed out on a perfect 10 on bars at Cal on Feb. 17, scoring a career-high 9.975 ... Scored 9.8 or better on nine of 11 vaults ... Completed 45 of 46 routines without a fall ... First-team All-Pac-10 in the all-around ... Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for the first week of the season after winning the all-around, bars, beam and floor at the Lady Luck Invitational.

## 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, 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.

## 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 was the coordinator of the 2008 Chinese men's and women's Olympic teams and led both teams to the Olympic gold medal, as well as 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 ... History major.



# Returning Athlete Biographies



## 2009

First-team All-American on floor exercise, placing eighth overall ... Earned second-team All-Pac-10 honors on vault ... Tied her career-high with a 9.875 on floor at Regionals and also scored 9.85 on vault and 9.775 on bars ... In her first-ever postseason meet at the Pac-10 Championships, she scored 9.825 or better on the three events in which she competed ... Tied her career-high on floor with a 9.875 at Oregon State to tie for second ... Competed on floor Feb. 15 for the first time since rupturing her Achilles on the event in 2008 and scored 9.675, a score she matched a week later at Nebraska ... Made her season debut in competition at Fullerton and scored a career-high 9.95 on vault and a 9.8 on bars ... Came back two days later against Cal to score a career-high 9.925 on bars and 9.825 on vault ... Had bone spurs removed from her ankle in November and did not compete at Utah ... Hit all 30 routines she competed on the season ... Competed on at least two events in all but the season opener.

## 2008

Pac-10 Freshman of the Year ... Ruptured her left Achilles tendon on floor exercise Mar. 9 and missed the remainder of the season ... Had been a strong all-around competitor for the Bruins prior to her injury, averaging 39.1 ... Had six Top 3 all-around finishes in seven meets ... Scored a season-best 39.375 in the all-around twice ... One of the Bruins' top vaulters, she averaged 9.865 and recorded three vault wins (Jan. 20, Jan. 27 and Feb. 17) ... Recorded a season-high of 9.875 on uneven bars ... Picked up her first beam victory on Mar. 2 with a career-best 9.9 against Oregon State ... Tied for first on floor twice (Jan. 4 and Feb. 17) and had a season-high of 9.875.

## 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 Championships 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, who is a team manager for the Bruins ... Grandfather William Joe Brown played semi-pro baseball ... Born September 18, 1988 in Lynwood, CA ... Nursing major whose career objective is to become a pediatric or NICU nurse.

## Redshirt Junior

5-4

Corona, CA

SCEGA/Centennial HS

## Career Highlights

- First-team All-American on floor in 2009
- 2008 Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year
- 2006 U.S. National Team member
- 2005 Level 10 National vault, bars, floor champion

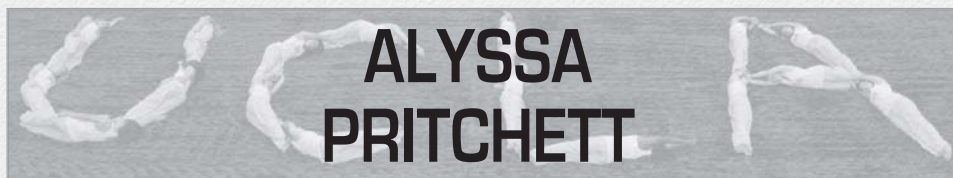
## Best Marks

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| V.....  | 9.95, 1/23/09       |
| UB..... | 9.925, 1/25/09      |
| BB..... | 9.9, 3/2/08         |
| FX..... | 9.875, last 4/16/09 |
| AA..... | 39.375, last 3/2/08 |





# Returning Athlete Biographies



## 2009

Late substitute on vault at Utah in the season opener and scored a 9.8 on a Tsukahara layout full ... Performed an exhibition on floor on Mar. 15 ... Exhibited on vault at Nebraska on Feb. 22 and scored 9.65 ... Scored 9.775 on an exhibition vault at Fullerton.

## Club

Two-time (2006, 2007) Level 10 State and Regional qualifier ... Placed fifth on uneven bars at the 2007 Regionals ... Runner-up on floor exercise at the 2007 State meet ... 2005 Level 9 Western National qualifier as an alternate ... Placed second on vault and floor exercise and third in the all-around at the 2005 Level 9 State Championships ... 2002 Level 8 Regional vault champion ... Career-best scores are 9.875 on vault

and uneven bars and 9.55 on floor exercise ... Trained at Wildfire Gymnastics under coaches Bill Callander, Rhonda Schwandt-Hoffman, Tom Wakeling and Stephanie Calvert.

## Personal

Ran varsity track at Calvary Chapel HS in 2008 and won the league title in the long jump ... Hobbies include surfing, shopping and hanging out with friends ... Admires Olympic gold medalists Michael Phelps and Shannon Miller ... Describes her biggest athletic thrill as making it to UCLA ... Full name is Alyssa Danielle Pritchett ... Parents: John and Kimberlee ... Has an older brother, David, who also attends UCLA and younger siblings James and Aubrey ... Born June 22, 1990 in Orange, CA ... Undeclared major.

**Sophomore**

**5-1**

**Orange, CA**

**Wildfire Gymnastics/  
Calvary Chapel HS**

## Career Highlights

- Scored 9.8 on vault in her collegiate debut at Utah
- Two-time Level 10 State and Regional qualifier

## Best Marks

V..... 9.8, 11/9/09





# Returning Athlete Biographies



**Junior**

**5-2**

**Fair Oaks, CA**

**Technique Gymnastics/  
Bella Vista HS**

## Career Highlights

- First-team All-Pac-10 on floor exercise in 2009
- 2009 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar honoree
- Honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic
- Bronze medalist in the all-around at 2007 Level 10 Nationals

## Best Marks

V..... 9.9, last 4/4/09  
 UB..... 9.2 (ex.), 1/23/09  
 BB..... 9.85, 4/16/09  
 FX..... 9.9, 1/18/09



## 2009

First-team All-Pac-10 on floor ... Honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic selection ... 2009 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar honoree ... Posted Top 3 finishes on floor in UCLA's first four meets, with wins in two ... Hit 26 of 29 routines on the year for 9.75 or better ... Earned a career-high 9.85 on beam at the NCAA Championships and added a 9.85 on vault and 9.775 on floor ... Tied for third on vault with a career-high tying 9.9 at NCAA Regionals and also scored 9.85 on floor and 9.75 on beam ... Competed on three events at Pac-10s, recording a career-high on beam with a 9.775 and adding leadoff marks of 9.85 on floor and 9.825 on vault ... Contributed a pair of 9.85s on vault and floor against Nebraska and competed on beam for the first time in her career, scoring 9.575 ... Tied for first on floor with a 9.9 against Cal ... Placed first on both vault and floor against Arizona with career-highs of 9.9 on each event ... Tied for third on floor at the Utah meet with a 9.85 ... Vaulted for the first time in competition at Utah and earned a 9.825 ... Exhibition beam performance at Utah earned a 9.8, which would have tied her for sixth place ... Has competed on floor in 21 straight meets dating back to last year.

## 2008

A regular in the floor lineup, competing in the last 10 meets and in 12 of 14 meets overall ... Tied her career-high on floor at Georgia with a 9.875 ... First scored a 9.875 at Arizona Feb. 22 to tie for second place ... Had a third-place finish at Cal State Fullerton (9.825)

... Ranked 11th in the Pac-10 on floor with a RQS of 9.830 ... Scored 9.825 or better in five or her last eight meets ... Exhibited on the other three events and posted a high of 9.825 on beam.

## 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 I 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.

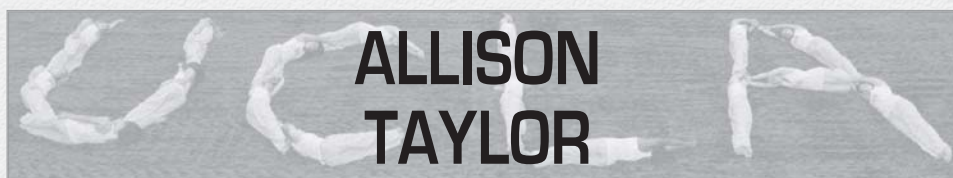
## Personal

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.





# Returning Athlete Biographies



## 2009

Received a season-best 9.75 on bars in an exhibition against Cal on Jan. 25 ... Scored 9.725 on an exhibition floor routine at Utah.

## 2008

Competed on uneven bars in five meets, with a high of 9.8 set Feb. 17 in Chicago ... Performed exhibition routines in four other meets ... Saw her first action on floor at Arizona and scored 9.15.

## 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.

## Personal

Lists her biggest accomplishment so far as receiving a scholarship to UCLA ... Hobbies are shopping, running and taking pictures ... Favorite apparatus is uneven bars ... Admires Lance Armstrong ... Full name is Allison LaNae Taylor ... Parents: Jim and LaNae Taylor ... Born July 14, 1988 in Dallas, TX ... Sociology major ... Career objective is sports marketing.

**Junior**  
**5-3**  
**Dallas, TX**  
**WOGA/**  
**Spring Creek Academy**

## Career Highlights

- 2003 USA Championships competitor
- Competed internationally in 2004 at the Voronin Cup in Moscow, placing eighth on bars

## Best Marks

UB.....9.8, 2/17/08

FX.....9.15, 2/22/08; 9.725 (ex), 1/9/09





# Returning Athlete Biographies



**Junior**  
**5-0**  
**Northridge, CA**  
**JAG/Chatsworth HS**

## Career Highlights

- 2009 2nd-team All-American on floor exercise
- 2009 1st-team All-Pac-10 on balance beam
- 2009 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar honoree
- Honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic

## Best Marks

V..... 9.825, 1/4/08  
 UB..... 9.75, 2/22/09  
 BB..... 9.9, 1/30/09  
 FX..... 9.875, last 4/4/09



## 2009

Second-team All-American on floor exercise ... First-team All-Pac-10 on beam ... Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar honoree ... Honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic selection ... Hit 26 of 28 routines she has performed this season (including five in exhibition) ... Ranked second on the team with three beam wins ... Contributed a 9.75 on beam at NCAA Regionals and also competed on floor for the first time in over a month, tying her career-high with a 9.875 ... Scored 9.875 on beam at Pac-10s to help the Bruins achieve a season-high total of 49.325 ... Captured her third beam win at Oregon State, tying for first with a 9.875 ... Also at Oregon State, she scored 9.8 in exhibition on floor ... Competed on bars for the first time at Nebraska and scored 9.75 ... Placed first on beam for the second straight meet at the UCLA quad meet on Feb. 15, scoring 9.875 ... Scored a career-high 9.9 on beam at ASU to capture the first individual event win of her career ... Did the equivalent of a 38.925 in the all-around against Cal after competing on floor and doing exhibitions on vault, bars and beam ... Earned her second-consecutive Top 3 finish on floor with a 9.825 in the leadoff spot at Fullerton ... Leadoff performer on three events at Arizona and scored career-highs on beam (9.85) and floor (9.875) to set her teammates up for season-high team totals on those events.

## 2008

Competed in nine of 14 meets on the year, including the last four meets of the season ... Competed nine times on beam, with a career-best of 9.85, set Mar. 15 at Georgia and Feb. 17 at Cal ... Tied for second on beam at Cal ... Was a late replacement on vault in the season

opener and scored 9.825 ... Competed on floor for the first time on Feb. 22 and scored 9.825 ... Scored 9.725 in her Pauley Pavilion floor debut ... Late sub on floor at Georgia but scored 9.775 ... Also a late sub on floor at Pac-10s and scored 9.725 ... Exhibited twice on uneven 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

Valedictorian of her graduating class at Chatsworth HS ... 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.





# Returning Athlete Biographies



**Sophomore**

**5-1**

**O'Fallon, IL**

**Midwest Twisters/  
O'Fallon Township HS**

## Career Highlights

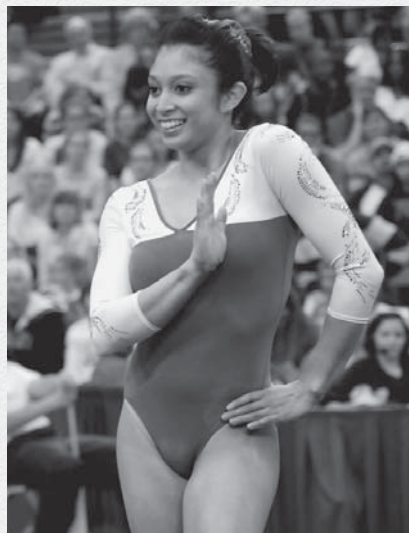
•Five-time All-American

•Placed third in the all-around at the 2009 NCAA Championships

•Scored three perfect 10s on vault in 2009

## Best Marks

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| V.....  | 10.00, last 2/22/09 |
| UB..... | 9.950, 1/25/09      |
| BB..... | 9.900, last 4/16/09 |
| FX..... | 9.925, last 3/15/09 |
| AA..... | 39.575, 4/16/09     |



## 2009

Placed third in the all-around at the NCAA Championships ... Earned first-team All-America honors in the all-around, vault, balance beam and floor exercise and second-team acclaim on uneven bars ... Only the sixth UCLA gymnast ever to earn the maximum five All-America honors in one season ... First-team All-Pac-10 in the all-around ... Scored a perfect 10 on vault three times ... Scored her first 10 on Jan. 23 at Cal State Fullerton and scored back-to-back 10s on Feb. 15 at the UCLA quad meet and on Feb. 22 at the Masters Classic ... Earned Pac-10 Special Performance of the Week honors each week she scored a perfect 10 ... Led UCLA with 13 event wins, including six on vault, and 35 Top 3 finishes ... At the NCAA Regionals, she placed third in the all-around (39.4), tied for second on bars (9.85) and tied for third on vault (9.9) ... Scored a career-high 9.9 on beam to tie for second place en route to a third-place all-around finish (39.4) at the Pac-10 Championships ... Captured first place on vault (9.95) and bars (9.9) and second on floor (career-high 9.925) against Nebraska and scored the equivalent of a 39.625 in the all-around when taking her 9.85 exhibition beam into account ... Scored a career-high 9.925 on floor to tie for second and posted 9.925 on vault and 9.9 on bars against Georgia ... Won the all-around at Oregon State with a 39.375 and scored a career-high 9.875 on beam to tie for first on that event ... Won the vault with a perfect 10 and tied for first on bars at Cal State Fullerton with a 9.85 ... Came back two days later to score career-highs in the all-around (39.5), bars (9.95) and floor (9.875) against Cal ... Won the all-around with a career-high 39.4 and tied for first on vault with a 9.9 against Arizona and was named the Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week, as well as the UCLA/Muscle Milk Student-Athlete of the Week ... Also set then-career-highs on bars (9.85), beam (9.825) and floor

(9.825) in the meet ... Ranked first nationally on vault with a 9.955 RQS.

## Club

One of the most accomplished gymnasts in Junior Olympic history, winning nine Level 10 individual national titles from 2003-07 ... Won the 2007 Senior A national all-around and beam titles, as well as consecutive Junior national all-around titles from 2003-04 ... Three-time Region 5 Athlete of the Year and all-star team member ... 2008 Level 10 State and Regional all-around champion ... In 2005, won the Level 10 national vault title and placed second in the all-around ... Won the all-around, vault and uneven bars crowns at the 2004 Level 10 National Championships and set a JO national record with a score of 9.825 on vault ... Won the all-around, vault and beam at the 2004 American Challenge and was named the Region V JO Athlete of the Year ... All-around, vault and floor champion at the 2003 Level 10 Nationals ... Had career-best marks of 9.875 on vault, 9.85 on beam, 9.775 on bars and 9.75 on floor ... Trained at Midwest Twisters under coaches Mickey Orr and Jenny Haden.

## Personal

Lists her biggest athletic thrill as receiving a full scholarship to UCLA ... Hobbies include hanging out with friends and dancing ... Broke her high school team's pole vault record less than a week after she began training ... Admires Olympic gold medalist Kerri Strug ... Full name is Vanessa Ann Zamarripa ... Parents: John and Delia ... Has four brothers, John, Anthony, Kenneth and Andrew ... Born August 1, 1990 in Redlands, CA ... Undeclared major with a career interest in sports medicine.





## Freshman Biographies



### MONIQUE DE LA TORRE

Freshman • 5-3 • Glendale, AZ

Carter's Gymnastics Academy/Ironwood HS

#### Club

Selected Arizona's Junior Olympic Gymnast of the Year in 2008 after placing fourth in the all-around, tying for second on floor exercise and tying for sixth on uneven bars at the 2008 Level 10 Nationals ... Member of the 2008 JO National Team ... All-around runner-up at the 2008 Regional meet ... Placed seventh in the all-around, tied for third on uneven bars, tied for eighth on floor exercise and ninth on balance beam at the 2007 Level 10 Nationals ... 2007 Level 10 Regional all-around champion and state champion in the all-around, bars and beam ... Seventh in the all-around at the 2005 Level 10 Nationals ... Former junior international elite who competed at the 2005 USA Championships and U.S. Classic ... In 2005, won the vault and floor and was

second in the all-around at Level 10 Regionals and won the all-around, vault, beam and floor at the State Championships ... Achieved a career-high all-around mark of 38.575 in 2009 ... Trained at Carter's Gymnastics Academy under coaches Jack and Erin Carter.

#### Personal

Names her biggest athletic thrill as receiving a scholarship to UCLA ... Admires Lance Armstrong ... Favorite apparatus is uneven bars ... Full name is Monique De La Torre ... Parents: Martin and Lisa De La Torre ... Has older siblings Jacqueline and Andrew and a younger brother Philip ... Born Sept. 19, 1990 in Phoenix, AZ ... Undeclared major.



### DANIELLE GREIG

Freshman • 5-5 • Auckland, NZ

Charter Oak Gliders/Westridge School

#### Club

Trained at Charter Oak Gliders under coaches Beth and Steve Rybacki ... Seventh in the all-around and fourth on beam at the 2008 Region I Level 10 Championships ... Third in the all-around and second on bars and floor at the 2008 State Championships ... Level 9 Region I floor co-champion in 2007 and also placed fifth in the all-around and second on vault ... Sixth in the all-around and third on floor at the 2007 State meet ... Member of the New Zealand National Team ... Career-high marks were 9.6 on floor, 9.5 on beam, 9.4 on vault and 9.375 on bars.

#### Personal

Lists her biggest athletic thrill as making it to JO Nationals during her first season as a Level 10 ... Hobbies include climbing trees, math, laughing and dancing ... Can do the Rubik's Cube in under a minute ... Admires former UCLA gymnast Ariana Berlin ... Full name is Danielle Elizabeth Greig ... Parents: Michael and Christine Greig ... Mother is a gymnastics coach and was an Olympic gymnast for New Zealand ... Older brother Caleb also attends UCLA ... Born August 9, 1991 in Auckland, NZ ... Undeclared major whose career objective is to be an orthopaedic surgeon.



### COURTNEY SHANNON

Freshman • 5-6 • Lake Forest, CA

Olympica Gymnastics/El Toro HS

#### Club

Trained at Olympica Gymnastics with Bruin teammate Tauny Frattone under coaches Nicole DeMoss and Kelly Smith ... Third on vault and beam at the 2008 Level 10 State Championships ... Placed third on beam and floor at the 2007 State Championships ... Level 9 Region I beam champion in 2005 ... Placed fourth on floor at the 2005 Western Nationals ... Career-high marks were 9.575 on floor, 9.55 on beam, 9.525 on bars and 9.3 on vault.

#### Personal

Describes her biggest athletic thrill as committing to UCLA and realizing that the past 10 years in the gym had paid off ... Admires Olympic gold medalist Mary Lou Retton for her continued charity work and passion for gymnastics ... Favorite apparatus is beam and ballet-style dancing on floor ... Full name is Courtney Lynette Shannon ... Parents: Dennis and Diana Shannon ... Has an older sister Katie and younger brother Tyler ... Born July 19, 1991 in Orange County ... Undeclared major who would like to become a teacher.



## Freshman Biographies



### CHLOE TAKAYANAGI

Freshman • 5-6 • Los Angeles, CA  
Waller's GymJam Academy/Laurel Springs HS

#### Club

Trained at Waller's GymJam Academy under coaches Chris Waller, Bob Matthews and Mohini Bhardwaj ... Fourth on uneven bars at the 2009 Level 10 State Championships ... Placed third on floor exercise at the 2009 Waller's Heart of a Champion meet ... Qualified to Level 10 Regionals in 2007.

#### Personal

Biggest athletic thrill is being accepted onto the UCLA gymnastics team ... Admires Nastia Liukin, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Michael Jordan and John Wooden ... Hobbies include photography, fashion, writing and dancing ... Full name is Chloe Keiko Takayanagi ... Parents: Marty Hom and Phyllis Takayanagi ... Mother Phyllis is a UCLA alumna ... Born July 25, 1991 in Santa Monica, CA ... Applying for an art major.



### LICHELE WONG

Freshman • 5-4 • Ossendrecht, Holland  
TSH Heerenveen/OSG Sevenwolden

#### Club

Dutch all-around champion in 2006 and 2009 and vault champion in 2008 ... Uneven bars and floor exercise national champion and vault runner-up in 2006 ... Runner-up in the all-around at the 2005 and 2007 national championships ... Also placed second in 2007 on bars and beam and third on floor ... Competed at the 2007 and 2006 World Championships ... Eighth on uneven bars at the 2007 European Championships ... Had three fourth-place showings on uneven bars in World Cup competitions (2008 Moscow, 2007 Paris and Shanghai) and was also fifth on the event at Stuttgart and Maribor in 2007 ... High marks include 15.45 on bars and 15.15 on beam ... Trained at TSH Heerenveen under coaches Gerben Wiersma and Jose v.d.Veen.

#### Personal

Hobbies include trying to play instruments ... Favorite apparatus is uneven bars ... Biggest athletic thrills are traveling around the world to compete in different countries and coming to UCLA ... Full name is Lichelle Julisa Wong ... Parents: Donald and Cuthmila Wong ... Has an older sister Gianta ... Born January 25, 1990 in Nijmegen, Netherlands ... Undeclared major.