

THIS IS UCLA ROWING

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Location	J.D. Morgan Center
.....	325 Westwood Plaza
.....	Los Angeles, CA 90095
Athletics Phone	(310) 825-8699
Chancellor	Gene Block
Director of Athletics	Dan Guerrero
Senior Women's Administrator	Petrina Long
Faculty Athletic Representative	Donald Morrison
Home Facility	Marina del Rey/Ballona Creek
Enrollment	40,500
Founded	1919
Colors	Blue and Gold
Nickname	Bruins
Conference	Pac-12
Conference Phone	(925) 932-4411
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National Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Head Coach	Amy Fuller Kearney
Head Coach's Alma Mater	UC Santa Barbara '90
Rowing Office Phone	(310) 206-6828
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2012 Pac-12 Team Finish	3rd
2012 Pac-12 Varsity Eight Finish	4th
2012 NCAA Championships	8th
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UCLA Boathouse Directions

From UCLA:
Take the 405 South (San Diego Freeway).
Take the 90 West (Marina del Rey Freeway).
Follow the 90 to its end (turns into surface street).
Make a LEFT on "Mindanao."
Make a LEFT on "Lincoln Blvd."
Make a RIGHT on "Fiji Way."
Address: 14001 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

The Aquatic Center is located at the end of Fiji Way, behind the Villa Venetia Apartment Complex.

Parking at the boathouse is available on non-race days only. Arrangements must be made with the UCLA Marina del Rey Aquatic Center - (310) 823-0048.

Parking is also available off Fiji Way at the Fisherman's Village (five min. walk from boathouse) and at Dock 52 (15 min. walk).

2013 UCLA Rowing Spring Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent/Event	Location	Time
Sat.	March 9	vs. Loyola Marymount	Marina del Rey, Calif.	8:00 a.m.
Sat.	March 16	vs. Gonzaga	Marina del Rey, Calif.	7:20 a.m.
Sat.-Sun.	April 6-7	San Diego Crew Classic	San Diego, Calif.	All Day
Sat.	April 20	Clemson Invitational	Clemson, S.C.	TBD
Sat.	May 4	vs. USC	Marina del Rey, Calif.	TBD
Sat.	May 18	Pacific Coast Rowing Championships	Rancho Cordova, Calif.	TBD
Sun.	May 19	Pac-12 Championships	Rancho Cordova, Calif.	All Day
Fri.-Mon.	May 31-June 2	NCAA Championships	Indianapolis, Ind.	All Day

2013 ROSTER

Name	Year	Height	Position	Hometown (Previous School)
Maddie Alden	So.	5-0	Coxswain	Princeton, N.J. (Princeton HS)
Victoria Babson	Jr.	6-0	Port/Starboard	Ambler, Pa. (Mount Saint Joseph Academy)
Christine Bragg	So.	5-10	Starboard	Darien, Conn. (Darien)
Hillary Caldwell	Sr.	6-0	Port/Starboard	Washington, D.C. (Sidwell Friends School)
Alex Caniglia	So.	5-9	Port	San Diego, Calif. (University City)
Cassey Chan	Fr.	5-1	Coxswain	Piedmont, Calif. (Piedmont HS)
Angela Chang	Fr.	5-9	Port/Starboard	Santa Monica, Calif. (Santa Monica HS)
Paige Cheung	Fr.	5-1	Coxswain	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell HS)
Sarah Dierksen	So.	6-0	Starboard	La Verne, Calif. (St. Lucy's Priory)
Allison Doran	So.	5-10	Port	Folsom, Calif. (Folsom)
Joanna Fan	Fr.	5-6	Port/Starboard	Concord, Calif. (Clayton Valley HS)
Alexa Farafontoff	Sr.	6-0	Port/Starboard	El Dorado Hills, Calif. (Oakridge)
Stephanie Florie	Fr.	5-10	Starboard	Salem, Conn. (East Lyme HS)
Mia Hamano	Sr.	5-0	Coxswain	Piedmont, Calif. (Piedmont HS)
Kyra Hendricks	So.	6-0	Port/Starboard	Bakersfield, Calif. (Highland HS)
Marisa Iglesias	Fr.	5-8	Starboard	McLean, Va. (Langley HS)
Elisabeth Jensen	Fr.	5-10	Starboard	Media, Pa. (Merion Mercy Academy)
Aleda Kawalek	Fr.	5-10	Port/Starboard	Welland, Ontario (E.L. Crossley Secondary [Canada])
Kristy Kayatta	So.	5-10	Starboard	Claremont, Calif. (San Luis Obispo HS)
Katie Kidder	Fr.	6-1	Port	Moorpark, Calif. (Moorpark HS)
Chloe Kojima	So.	5-1	Coxswain	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa HS)
Kat Lauer	Jr.	5-11	Starboard	Madison, Conn. (Branford)
Elizabeth Littman	Fr.	5-10	Port/Starboard	Mill Valley, Calif. (Tamalpais HS)
Erica Lockard	Sr.	5-10	Starboard	Nutley, N.J. (Nutley HS)
Adela Lopez	Fr.	5-6	Port/Starboard	Sylmar, Calif. (Alemany HS)
Jessica McGuire	Sr.	5-10	Port	Chino, Calif. (St. Lucy's Priory)
Alana McKean	Fr.	5-10	Starboard	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan HS)
Emily McLaughlin	Sr.	5-9	Starboard	San Diego, Calif. (Serra HS)
Alexis McPhee	Sr.	6-1	Port	Rolling Hills Estates, Calif. (Peninsula HS)
Kate Miller	So.	5-9	Port	Walnut Creek, Calif. (Los Lomas HS)
Kendal Mitchell	So.	6-0	Port	San Mateo, Calif. (St. Ignatius)
Emma Murray	So.	5-8	Starboard	Roswell, Ga. (Blessed Trinity)
Christina Nelson	So.	5-10	Port/Starboard	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian HS)
Carolina Pains	Jr.	5-9	Port	Costa Mesa, Calif. (Orange County HS of the Arts)
Jillian Perih	So.	5-8	Port/Starboard	Moscow, Pa. (North Pocono HS)
Natalie Pettee	Jr.	5-10	Port/Starboard	Coronado, Calif. (Coronado HS)
Cassandra Ramirez	Fr.	5-9	Port/Starboard	Covina, Calif. (Northview HS)
Tamar Schaap	Sr.	5-11	Starboard	Tracy, Calif. (Merrill F. West HS)
Molly Schoenfeld	So.	6-0	Port	Orinda, Calif. (Miramonte HS)
Katie Shurtleff	So.	5-2	Coxswain	Seattle, Wash. (Holy Names Academy)
Kirstin Snook	Sr.	5-7	Port	Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)
Cathy Stoltzka	So.	5-10	Starboard	Los Altos, Calif. (Homestead HS)
Nicole Sung-Jereczek	Jr.	5-9	Port/Starboard	Piedmont, Calif. (Piedmont HS)
Jamie Swan	Sr.	5-9	Port	Bakersfield, Calif. (Garces Memorial HS)
Britta Syverson	Sr.	6-0	Port	Minneapolis, Minn. (Southwest HS)
Maxine Tsang	Fr.	5-7	Port/Starboard	Los Altos Hills, Calif. (Los Altos HS)
Samantha Upton	Jr.	5-9	Port/Starboard	Napa, Calif. (Napa HS)
Victoria Vander Poel	So.	5-9	Starboard	Los Banos, Calif. (Los Banos HS)
Kelsey Vanderschoot	Fr.	5-7	Port/Starboard	Napa, Calif. (Napa HS)
Meaghan Volker	Jr.	5-11	Starboard	Berriedale, Australia (University of Tasmania)
Janice Walker	Fr.	5-9	Port/Starboard	Canyon Country, Calif. (Canyon HS)
Logan Warwick	Fr.	5-4	Coxswain	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor HS)
Erin Wenzel	Jr.	5-10	Starboard	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Trabuco Hills HS)
Alice White	Fr.	5-9	Port	Hamilton, New Zealand (Hillcrest HS)
Claire Wixted	Fr.	5-11	Port	Moorestown, N.J. (Moorestown HS)

Coaching Staff

Amy Fuller Kearney	Head Coach	12th season
Justin Price	Assistant Coach	4th season
Victoria Burke	Assistant Coach	1st season

UCLA Rowing Seeks Continued Success on National Scene

With veteran nucleus returning from last season's successful team, UCLA looks to future with optimism, high expectations.

Having advanced to the NCAA Championships in two of the last three seasons, the UCLA women's rowing program has established itself as a national competitor. Led by 12th-year head coach Amy Fuller Kearney, the Bruins' program certainly is trending in the right direction and with 10 fourth-year seniors returning in 2013, UCLA has high hopes and elevated expectations this spring.

Last season, UCLA finished eighth as a team at NCAA Championships, its highest championship finish in program history after having finished 12th at the national event in 2010. UCLA's second varsity eight finished sixth in the Grand Final (places 1-6), while the varsity eight finished seventh in the Petite Final (places 7-12).

"It was a great performance last year for our program," Fuller Kearney said. "We really over-performed in terms of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts, which is always the goal, especially in this sport."

Fuller Kearney and the Bruins are most encouraged by the veteran depth returning to this year's team. In addition to 10 fourth-year seniors back for their final season, UCLA is encouraged by talented juniors Kat Lauer, Carolina Paini, Natalie Pettee, Nicole Sung-Jereczek and Erin Wenzel.

"Everybody is a key returner for us right now because last year's team performed so well," Fuller Kearney said. "But there are some veterans that we know will be capable of returning in both the varsity and second varsity eight boats. Several freshmen and transfer students have worked very hard in the offseason and are more than capable of filling in spots in the eights."

Among UCLA's group of fourth-year seniors, the Bruins are counting on Jessica McGuire, Alexa Farafontoff, Hillary Caldwell, Kirsten Snook and Britta Syverson to continue challenging for seats in the varsity eight. Mia Hamano will return as UCLA's coxswain in the varsity eight. Farafontoff, Caldwell, McGuire and Paini all helped the second varsity secure a sixth-place finish in the second eight at NCAA Championships last year. Syverson, Lauer, Wenzel, Sung-Jereczek, Snook and Hamano rowed in the varsity eight at NCAA Championships.



Freshman Alice White, junior Meaghan Volker and sophomore Kate Miller are three competitors who have the potential to join either the varsity or second varsity eight crews. Miller rowed in the novice eight last season, while White and Volker are new additions to the Bruins' program in 2013. White arrives at UCLA from Hamilton, New Zealand, where she attended Hillcrest High School. Volker transferred to UCLA as a junior after having studied at the University of Tasmania in Australia.

"We are excited to have that youth and enthusiasm in there, particularly with Alice, Meaghan and Kate," Fuller Kearney said. "Meaghan is a very strong, very solid performer who is among the top athletes in our weight room. Kate has moved the boat very well and it's a credit to her that during the summer she really committed herself to training and getting better."

Syverson, a senior from Minneapolis, Minn., and Paini, a junior from Costa Mesa, Calif., competed in the summer of 2012 on the U.S. Under-23 National Lightweight Team. Syverson and Paini rowed in the quadruple sculls for the United States in Trakai, Lithuania. In the summer of 2011, Syverson competed for the Under-23 team in the double sculls in Amsterdam.

"Carolina Paini and Natalie Pettee will probably be in one of our two varsity boats," Fuller Kearney said. "Right now, they're sitting in the stern pair that won the second eight at the San Diego Crew Classic last season, so we are very excited to see how that rhythm will work."

Hamano will be expected to lead a group of young coxswain. A fourth-year senior from Piedmont, Calif., Hamano directed the Bruins' varsity eight during UCLA's historic season last spring. Others expected to vie for spots in the second varsity eight and varsity four coxswain seats include sophomores Katie Shurtleff, Chloe Kojima, Maddie Alden.

Kojima served as the Bruins' coxswain in the varsity four at Pac-12 Championships and NCAA Championships in 2012, while Shurtleff coxed the Bruins' novice eight through the majority of last season.

"We have a very good corps of coxswain, with Mia as a senior and our three sophomores – Katie, Chloe and Maddie," Fuller Kearney said. "People really trust Mia's calls, that if she's making a call, it's the right one. For our younger coxswains, it's a learning process and those three have really shown significant improvements in the coxswain seat."

In addition to a strong group of veteran rowers, at the senior, junior and sophomore levels, UCLA looks for its incoming freshmen to provide a significant boost to the team's depth. The Bruins' latest incoming class features over 20 freshmen, and competition for seats in the team's novice eight crew has been very strong.

"We are very excited about this freshman class, and those rowers are going to have a chance to prove themselves right out of the gate this season," Fuller Kearney said. "They'll have a chance to perform at the Pac-12 Championships, and we're excited to see what they can do not just this season but also down the road in their UCLA careers."

