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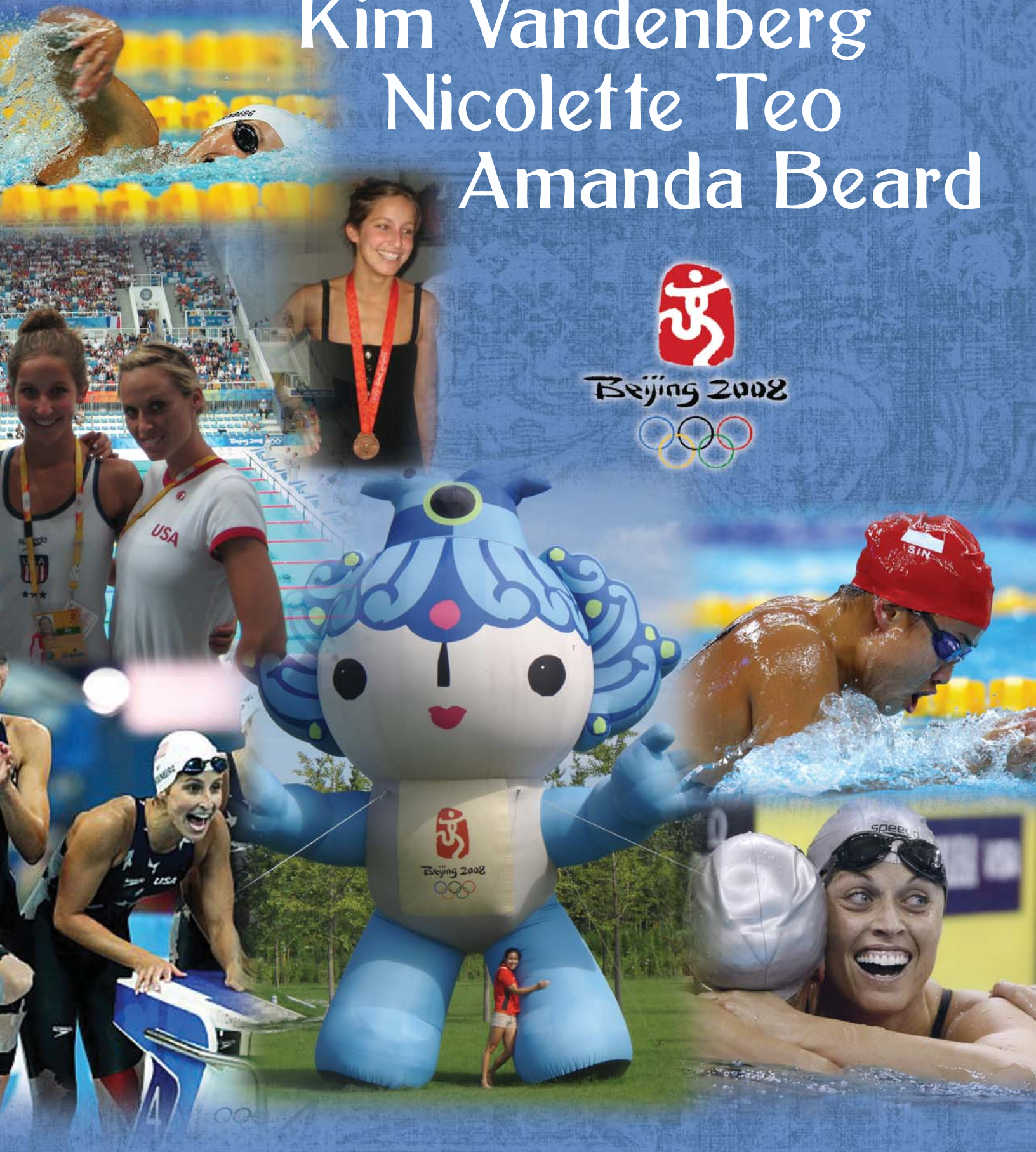


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# SPIEKER AQUATIC CENTER

## Opening in the Fall of 2009

The UCLA Athletic Department began construction of the Spieker Aquatic Center in July 2008. The new aquatic center will include a 52-meter by 25-yard all-deep water pool with a diving bulkhead, allowing races to take place at varying distances (meters and yards). The aquatic center will feature three, five and 10-meter platforms on a diving tower as well as one and three-meter spring boards.

The Spieker Aquatic Center, to be located at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center, will include a locker room for both men's and women's aquatic teams in addition to permanent seating for 600 spectators. The east side of the venue will feature a "Champions Wall" which will include the accomplishments of UCLA's past and present aquatic teams in addition to an LED scoreboard.

"I am so pleased that we are able to begin this project that has been in the works for years," UCLA Athletic Director Dan Guerrero said. "Working with our partners in the Recreation Department to provide more aquatic opportunities for our teams, clubs, faculty, staff and students is going to be a win-win situation for everyone."

Thanks to the generous lead gift of former student-athlete Tod Spieker and his wife Catherine, the aquatic center dream will become reality. Spieker, a 1971 UCLA graduate, swam for the Bruins from 1968-71 and was an All-American in 1969.

The Spieker Aquatic Center will offer the opportunity to host not only UCLA athletic events, but also Master's swimming events, individual club swim meets and U.S. Water Polo events, along with regional, national and international competition. The state-of-the-art facility will bring together all three of UCLA's intercollegiate aquatic sports - water polo, swimming and diving - in one venue.

"We are elated about having a 50-meter pool dedicated to intercollegiate athletics on our campus," said head coach Cyndi Gallagher. "We are looking forward to the opportunities the new swimming and diving center can bring to the aquatic sports at UCLA and are appreciative of the donors that are making this a reality."

"Our coaches and student-athletes are grateful to the Spieker family, the volunteers, and administration for creating an opportunity for UCLA athletics to prosper over the next 50 years," said dive coach Tom Stebbins. "This is a huge improvement for the diving program. We look forward to hosting as many events as possible and bringing the diving community to UCLA, something we have never been able to do."

The \$10-million project includes a clubhouse that will contain locker rooms, coaches' offices and meeting rooms. The center will be a lighted facility and will have the capability of holding an additional 1,700 spectators with temporary seating.

