



## QUICK FACTS

### General Information

Location	J.D. Morgan Center 325 Westwood Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90095-1639
Founded	1919
Colors	Blue and Gold
Nickname	Bruins
Enrollment	36,890
Conference	Pacific-10
National Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Athletics Phone	(310) 825-8699
Ticket Office	(310) UCLA-WIN
Athletic Website	www.uclabruins.com
School Website	www.ucla.edu
Pac-10 Website	www.pac-10.org
Athletics Hotline	(310) 825-8575

### Tennis Information

2008 Record	24-5
2008 NCAA Finish	1st
2008 Pac-10 Rec. (Finish)	7-1 (T-1st)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	6/4
Home Court	Los Angeles Tennis Center
Capacity	5,800
Surface	Outdoor Hardcourt
Coach's Office Phone	(310) 206-6787
LATC Phone	(310) 208-3838

### Key Personnel

Chancellor	Dr. Gene Block
Faculty Rep.	Donald Morrison
Athletic Director	Dan G. Guerrero
Assoc. A.D. (Tennis)	Glenn Toth
Event Manager	Paul Brown
Staff Athletic Trainer	Kristin Lage
Student Trainers	Anna Cao, Christina Giacomazzi

### Tennis Staff

Head Coach	Stella Sampras Webster
Alma Mater	UCLA '91
Record at UCLA (Yrs)	210-103 (12)
Career Record (Yrs)	Same
Associate Head Coach	Rance Brown
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Bill Zaima
Team Manager	Becky Duesler

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## MEDIA INFORMATION

### Media Guidelines

#### General Information

The UCLA Sports Information Office handles all media requests for student-athletes and coaches. Media members wishing to speak to a member of the UCLA women's tennis team can call or e-mail Danny Harrington in the UCLA Sports Information Office at (310) 206-8075 / dannyh@ucla.edu. All requests should be submitted at least 24 hours in advance to assure availability.

#### Interview Policies/Availability

Players have been instructed not to grant any interview, in person or by telephone, not arranged by a member of UCLA's sports information staff. Player telephone numbers are private and will not be released. The UCLA team is scheduled to practice weekday afternoons at the Los Angeles Tennis Center. Players and coaches are available before or after practice. Arrangements for court access must be made in advance to the Sports Information Office. The best time to reach head coach Stella Sampras Webster is weekdays in her office from 10:00 a.m. - Noon.

#### Travel Information

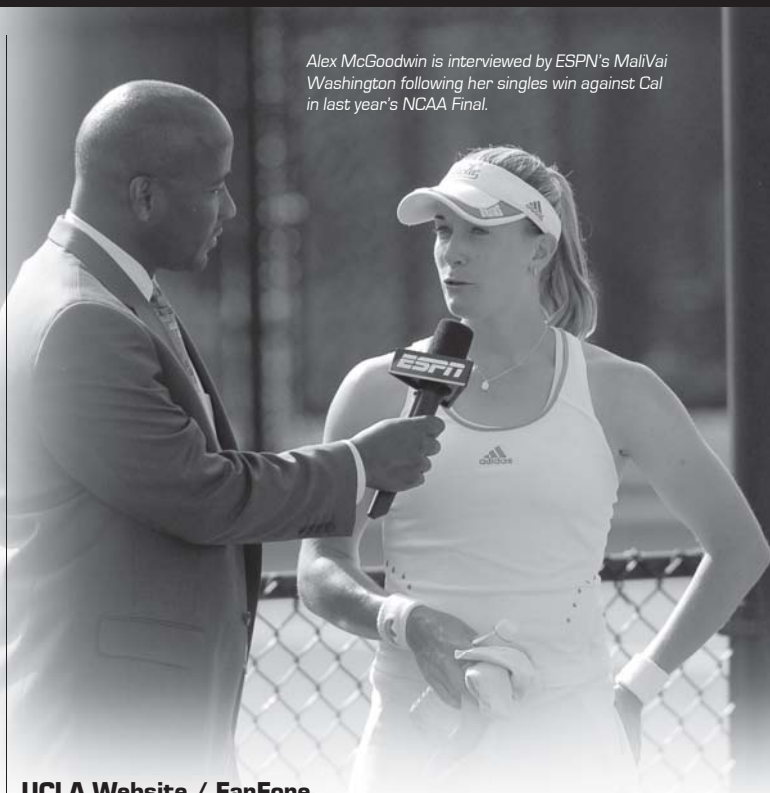
For security purposes, the UCLA Sports Information Office does not release to the general public any travel information for UCLA athletic teams. If you would like to reach a member of the UCLA women's tennis team on the road, please contact the Sports Information Office.

#### The Los Angeles Tennis Center

The Los Angeles Tennis Center is located on the UCLA campus next to Drake Stadium and Pauley Pavilion. From Los Angeles International Airport, take Century Blvd. east to the San Diego Freeway (405). Take the San Diego Freeway north to Wilshire Blvd. East. Turn left on Westwood Blvd. and stop at the parking kiosk. Parking is available in Lots 6 or 8, which are adjacent to the LATC.

#### NCAA Tournament Procedures

Members of the press looking to gain access to NCAA Regional matches at the Los Angeles Tennis Center must call the UCLA Sports Information Office at least 24 hours in advance of competition. Unlike regular-season matches where admission is free, the NCAA requires that all working press obtain a press pass to cover the event.



Alex McGoodwin is interviewed by ESPN's MaliVai Washington following her singles win against Cal in last year's NCAA Final.

#### UCLA Website / FanFone

All results, weekly releases and statistics can be accessed via UCLA's official athletic website: [www.uclabruins.com](http://www.uclabruins.com). If you would like to be included on the e-mail list for weekly releases, please contact Danny Harrington at (310) 206-8075. The number for the UCLA FanFone is (310) 825-8575. It is updated each evening following that day's competition.

### Media Outlets

#### Los Angeles Times

(p) - 213-237-7145  
(f) - 213-237-7876  
(e) - [sports.latimes.com](mailto:sports.latimes.com)

#### Orange County Register

(p) - 714-796-7817  
(f) - 714-565-6765  
(e) - [sports@ocregister.com](mailto:sports@ocregister.com)

#### Los Angeles Daily News

(p) - 818-713-3600  
(f) - 818-713-3436  
(e) - [dnlasports@dailynews.com](mailto:dnlasports@dailynews.com)

#### Long Beach Press-Telegram

(p) - 562-499-1338  
(f) - 562-437-8914  
(e) - [sports@presstelegram.com](mailto:sports@presstelegram.com)

#### Pasadena Star/SG Valley Tribune

(p) - 626-962-8811  
(f) - 626-856-2758

#### South Bay Daily Breeze

(p) - 310-540-4201  
(f) - 310-540-3067  
(e) - [sports@dailybreeze.com](mailto:sports@dailybreeze.com)

#### Riverside Press-Enterprise

(p) - 951-782-7596  
(f) - 951-782-6009  
(e) - [sports@pe.com](mailto:sports@pe.com)

#### UCLA Daily Bruin

(p) - 310-825-2095  
(f) - 310-206-0906  
(e) - [sports@media.ucla.edu](mailto:sports@media.ucla.edu)

#### Inside Tennis

(p) - 510-836-4556  
(f) - 510-836-4563  
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#### Tennis Magazine

(p) - 203-373-7278

#### Tennis Week

(p) - 212-808-4750  
(f) - 212-983-6302

#### KCBS (Ch. 2)

(p) - 323-460-3252  
(f) - 323-460-3337

#### KNBC (Ch. 4)

(p) - 818-840-4237  
(f) - 818-840-3076

#### KABC (Ch. 7)

(p) - 818-863-7677  
(f) - 818-863-7889

#### KTLA (Ch. 5)

(p) - 323-460-5907

#### KCAL (Ch. 9)

(p) - 323-460-3252  
(f) - 323-460-3337

#### KTTV (Ch. 11)

(p) - 310-584-2030  
(f) - 310-584-2450

#### KCOP (Ch. 13)

(p) - 310-584-2030  
(f) - 310-584-2450

#### Associated Press (LA)

(p) - 213-626-1200  
(f) - 213-346-0200  
(e) - [losangeles@ap.org](mailto:losangeles@ap.org)

#### Sports Ticker

(p) - 800-367-8935  
(f) - 213-346-0200  
(web) - [www.sportsticker.com](http://www.sportsticker.com)



Head coach Stella Sampras Webster speaks with the media following the 2008 NCAA Final.



### Faculty, Students & Alumni

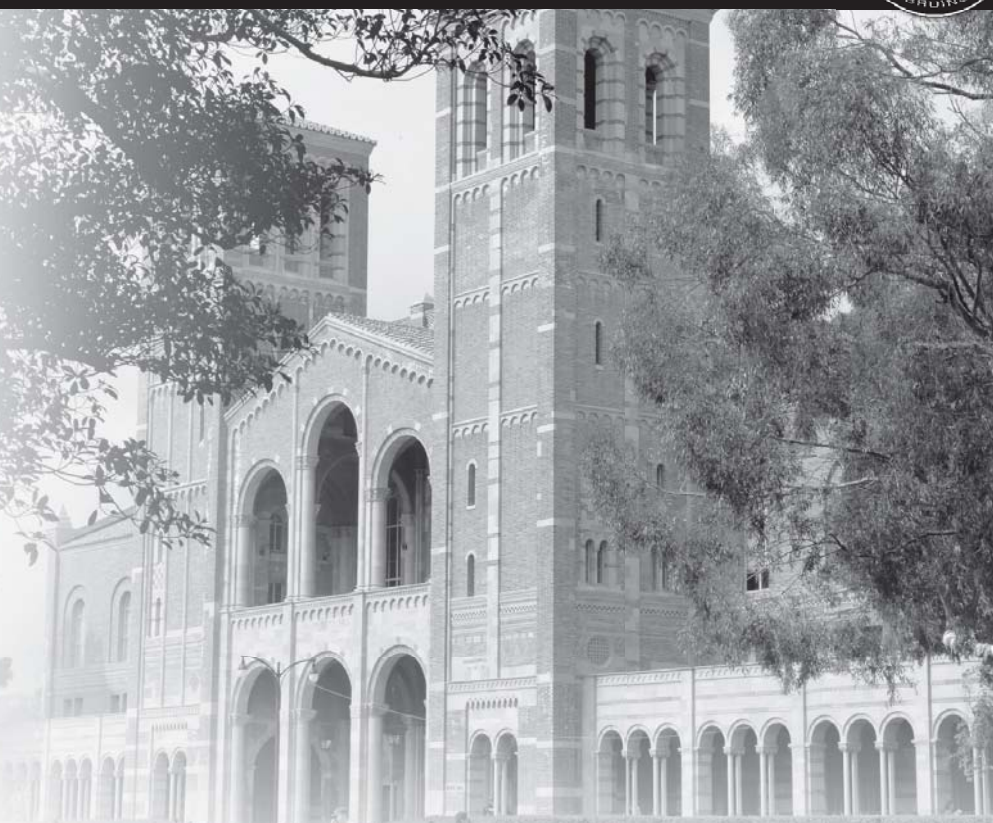
UCLA faculty have been awarded two Nobel Prizes in recent years: biochemist Paul Boyer in chemistry (1997) and pharmacologist Louis Ignarro in medicine (1998). Among faculty there have been three other Nobelists, nine National Medals of Science recipients and hundreds of Guggenheim Fellowships, Fulbright Awards and other academic distinctions. UCLA educates more students than any other university in California and was the most sought-after institution in the nation for this fall's freshman class. At UCLA, thousands of students extend their educations beyond the classroom by working directly with faculty on research projects. Many UCLA undergraduates participate in major research studies, working one-on-one with world-renowned scholars as they discover and create new knowledge. UCLA's alumni are bright stars on the world stage. They include leaders of industry and commerce — Oscar, Grammy, Tony, and Emmy winners; philanthropists and public servants; Olympians and professional athletes; educators, engineers, bankers, and astronauts.

### Books & Technology

The UCLA Library is ranked among the top ten academic research libraries in North America with holdings of nearly 7.6 million volumes. From the birth of the Internet at UCLA in 1969, UCLA continues to be a leader in resources for learning. UCLA is nationally recognized for developing ground-breaking computer services for undergraduates and was the first university to have a website for every undergraduate student. The university provides an innovative, on-line tool called "My.ucla.edu," which provides a webpage tailored to each student's academic needs.

### Health Care

Each year more than 300,000 patients from Southern California, the U.S. and around the globe come to the world-renowned UCLA Medical Center for treatment, while thousands more area residents receive care through Santa Monica-UCLA, primary care offices and community outreach health programs. The four schools in the medical enterprise are medicine, dentistry, nursing and public health. The medical center has been ranked as the best hospital in the West by U.S. News & World Report for 14 consecutive years. A new state-of-the-art medical center, which includes UCLA Medical Center, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital and Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA, is under construction and is scheduled to open in



2005. Santa Monica-UCLA renovations are scheduled for completion in 2006. Ground-breaking research is constantly taking place in the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Gonda (Goldschmied) Neuroscience and Genetics Research Center and in many other centers and laboratories on campus.

### Outreach & Community Service

From its founding, UCLA has been an integral and contributing part of the greater Los Angeles community. Outreach programs and volunteerism are as much a part of UCLA as academics and research, with hundreds of UCLA-sponsored programs providing a wide range of opportunities. Nearly 30 percent of UCLA's undergraduates volunteer for these programs, including tutoring youths, adults and incarcerated youths; addressing health and educational needs of underserved communities; combating poverty and homelessness; aiding the elderly and disabled; and providing legal, social, medical and educational assistance to community residents.

Through academic outreach, UCLA works with K-12 schools throughout Los Angeles to help greater numbers of students prepare to compete successfully for college. UCLA also is partnering with community colleges to increase the number of underrepresented students transferring to the university. Additionally, UCLA faculty, researchers and students provide

leadership and public service in health care, law, economic development, social welfare, urban planning, public policy, arts and the environment. Most academic departments have research projects, field studies or student internships that affect people's lives in Los Angeles, the state and the nation.

### The Arts

A diverse array of public arts programming makes UCLA the leading arts and cultural center of the West. More than 500,000 people annually attend arts events including theater, music, opera and dance performances, lectures, poetry readings, exhibitions, film screenings, and media arts that are presented by UCLA's two professional arts schools. Check the websites at [www.arts.ucla.edu](http://www.arts.ucla.edu) and [www.tft.ucla.edu](http://www.tft.ucla.edu) for more information.

### Lifelong Learning

Another prime example of UCLA's connecting with the community is through UCLA Extension, one of the nation's largest divisions of continuing higher education, offering more than 4,500 courses each year in diverse fields of study. In addition, the university conducts guided walking tours and distributes self-guided tour maps. For further information, call (310) 825-8764 or check out UCLA on the Web at [www.ucla.edu](http://www.ucla.edu).



## SEASON PREVIEW

The 2008 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, Stella Sampras Webster in coming off a season in which she guided UCLA to the school's first national championship in women's tennis since 1981.

### Q&A With Head Coach Stella Sampras Webster

**Q:** This is the first time that you've entered a season as the coach of the defending champions. Would you say there is a little less pressure this year after winning it all in 2008?

**A:** There is always pressure. I'd say now the only difference is instead of having pressure to win our first title, there is now pressure to repeat. It seems like most people want to know if we are going to be able to have that same success again this year, however this is a new team with new players. We are so proud of winning last year. To capture the program's first title since 1981 was special for the players, the coaches, and really everyone at this school. We will certainly use last year's team as a model of what a championship team plays like, looks like, trains like, etc. But this is a new year and we are focusing on what's ahead rather than what we've already accomplished as great as that was. There is a lot of work to do to get back to the level that the team was at at the end of last year. It's a challenge we're looking forward to and can't wait to get started.

**Q:** Is winning the national championship again something that motivates you as a coach?

**A:** I wouldn't say it is what motivates me, but it certainly was an incredible experience and an amazing feeling that we were just blessed to be a part of, and I would hope that everyone could have that type of feeling at some point. Winning another championship, as great as that would be, isn't the reason I coach. I am motivated in that daily excellence of trying to get a player or a team to be the best it can be. Winning the title last year was the result of our daily commitment to improve as a team. Seeing the players work hard and then be rewarded for that effort is what motivates me as a coach.

**Q:** Last year's team returned every player from a team that finished as the NCAA runner-up in 2007. Did you feel that last year was finally going to be your year?

**A:** I knew we had a chance but I wouldn't say I predicted it by any means. I've seen so many talented teams and so many teams that were expected to win that didn't. We were the team to beat last year and we were the best team in the country. But just because you are supposed to win doesn't guarantee a championship. That's why I'm so appreciative that we were able to do it. Everything went our way and just clicked at the right time. We were fortunate that everyone was healthy towards the end of the year. We also had four very experienced and talented seniors who really stepped up and led this team to the title.

**Q:** Speaking of the seniors, how do you compensate for the loss of those players this year?

**A:** I think it's just going to be a totally different approach by the coaching staff. It's definitely going to be more hands on. The new players are not going to be as experienced and we are going to have to show them and educate them as to what our expectations are. It's definitely more of a teaching year as opposed to last year where the players knew what needed to be done. We as a staff have to work that much harder this year in order to get the players to a place where they can be successful and compete day in and day out against some of the top teams in college tennis.

**Q:** Doubles was one of the strengths of the team last year. How do you see that area of the lineup in 2009?

**A:** Most people who only saw us at the NCAAAs don't know this, but we really struggled with doubles

at the beginning of last year. We were forced to mix some teams up due to injuries, but by the end of the year we were really clicking in doubles. So although it was definitely was one of our strengths towards the end of the year, it was a process of getting teams to gel together. I see the same thing happening this year. We have some young players who are going to be in the doubles lineup and I think it's just going to take a little while for them to adjust and feel comfortable out there with a partner who they haven't played a whole lot of doubles with. I'm hoping that after an initial feeling out process we can start to come together and play some great doubles by the time the conference season rolls around. We take a lot of time working on our doubles and it's an area of our program that we've been pretty successful with in the past. Our teams aren't set yet, but I'd say there is a good chance that Nina (Pantic) and Yasmin (Schnack) will play together - they won a tournament in the fall. Carling (Seguso) and Ashley (Joelson) could be a solid team for us. Of course Stephanie Wetmore - a very experienced doubles player - will be out there with either Maya (Johansson) or Anna-Viktoria (Lind). So we definitely have some options. It's going to be exciting to see where it all shakes out in the end.

**Q:** And then in terms of singles, is there an area of the lineup where you feel the team is strongest?

**A:** I think the lineup is pretty balanced to be quite honest. Obviously we are going to rely a lot on Yasmin and Andrea to step up and play in our top two. They were tremendous last year and are both very capable of being very solid for us in those positions. Having Maya here is great and she will likely be in our top three. And don't forget that we get Ashley Joelson back. She was in the lineup last year but ended up missing the last half of the season with an injury. She is our senior leader and someone who has always done well for us in the past. If I had to put her at No. 4 I'd feel great about our lineup. And



Georgia Tech transfer Maya Johansson is expected to play a big role for the Bruins in 2009.

then you have the five and six positions where players are going to have to battle it out to see who plays in the top six. Nina Pantic, who won't be available until the second half of the season, is certainly capable of filling the No. 4 or 5 spots. Another freshman, Carling Seguso, is going to be right there, as will Anna-Viktoria Lind and Stephanie Wetmore. So we really have a lot of options as far as the singles lineup goes. Hopefully we can stay healthy and not let injuries dictate who plays when and where.

**Q: What are your thoughts on how the team did during the fall season?**

**A:** I was excited to see how everyone played. The fall doesn't exactly determine how everyone will be playing during the season - I've seen many players

compete much better in dual matches than in individual tournaments - but it's a good early indicator to see how your players, especially the newcomers, stack up against the competition. I was happy with what I saw. Our practices were very focused and intense. This could be a year where we struggle in the beginning but I see this team getting better and better as the season goes along. The newcomers are excited to be here and the returnees want to get back that feeling of winning a championship. It's going to be a fun year.

**Q: How big of a boost is it to get Maya Johansson from Georgia Tech?**

**A:** It was huge. She is someone who is going to contribute right away. She has a great game, great work ethic, great character. Maya is a leader as well. I know that she is happy to be here and very appreciative of what we have to offer her at UCLA. It has been a good place for her so far and I think it shows in her tennis. She has been playing some excellent tennis and we expect a lot out of her this year.

**Q: You also get Ashley Joelson back from injury. She was instrumental in this team's success last year before getting hurt.**

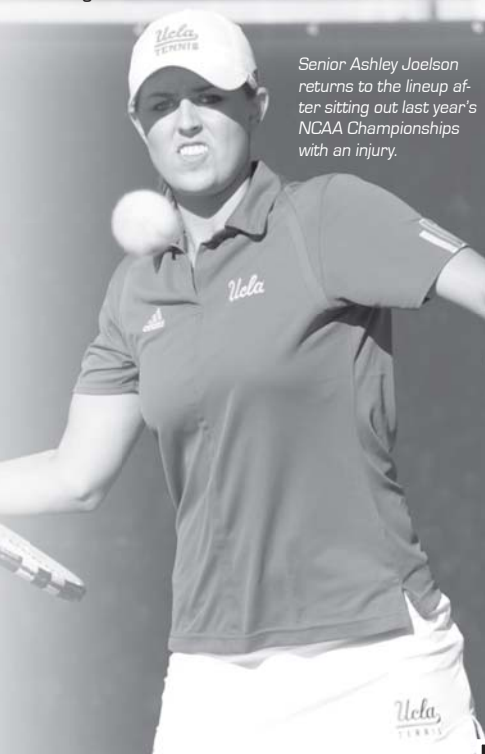
**A:** Having Ashley healthy again is going to be a big boost for this team. She is our senior leader and someone with the most experience on this team. She stepped up in the fall and let the other players know what her expectations are and what they need to do in order for this team to be successful. Ashley is a competitor and a warrior, and we know that she always competes to the fullest. I think that is something that the newcomers are going to see and I hope some of her qualities rub off on them. She definitely has earned the respect of her teammates.

**Q: What are some of the goals of this year's team?**

**A:** We always want to contend for a title but we realize that there are steps to get there. Our focus is always to work on the steps and deal with the things that we need to. If we do that, the championships and the wins will come. Obviously we always want to beat USC. We also want to be strong in the Pac-10 and contend for that championship again. There is no telling how good this team can be - I really don't know to be quite honest. I do know that this team will get better and it's going to be a different team at the end of the year than it is now. Our overall goal is just to improve and be better in May than we are in January.

**Q: Lastly, what are your thoughts on this year's schedule? Do you think it will adequately prepare the team for the NCAAAs in May?**

**A:** Being in the Pac-10 we always play a pretty difficult schedule. Our players are going to be tested, which I think is always a good thing. Obviously Stanford, USC, Cal and Arizona State are all top teams and will be tough matches for us again this year. As far as the non-conference schedule, we are traveling to Baylor for the first time so that is going to be interesting. I think it's going to be exciting for our players to go to Waco and see what it's like to play against a vocal crowd in a place they've never been before. We are also hosting the qualifying for the ITA Indoors, which is something new and exciting. We open up with Cal State Northridge and Pepperdine in the first week of the season. Those two matches will give us an idea of where we are at and what we need to work on. We can't wait to get started.



Senior Ashley Joelson returns to the lineup after sitting out last year's NCAA Championships with an injury.

## 2009 Roster

Name	Ht.	Yr.	R/L	Hometown (Previous School)
Lauren Barto	5-7	Fr.	L	Newport Beach, Calif. (Shawnigan Lake School)
Jordan Dockendorf	5-9	Fr.	L	Santa Barbara, Calif. (Dos Pueblos HS)
Ashley Joelson	5-7	Sr.	R	Austin, Texas (New Braunfels HS)
Maya Johansson	5-6	So.	R	Vaires Sur Marne, France (Georgia Tech)
Anna-Viktoria Lind	5-9	Sr.	R	Stockholm, Sweden (Bromma Gymnasium)
Nina Pantic	5-9	Fr.	R	Lake Worth, Fla. (Florida Virtual School)
Andrea Remyense	5-8	So.	R	Battle Creek, Mich. (Miami Online HS)
Yasmin Schnack	5-10	Jr.	R	Sacramento, Calif. (Visions in Education)
Carling Seguso	5-8	Fr.	R	Bradenton, Fla. (Bradenton Prep)
Stephanie Wetmore	5-11	Jr.	R	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (Appleby College)

**Head Coach:** Stella Sampras Webster, 13th year (UCLA '91)

**Associate Head Coach:** Rance Brown, 12th year (Long Beach State)

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Bill Zaima, 35th year (UCLA '69)

**Manager:** Becky Duesler