



now in its fifth season as UCLA's home . . .

SPIEKER AQUATICS CENTER

The UCLA women's water polo team begins its fifth season playing at Spieker Aquatics Center in the spring of 2014. Over the past four seasons, UCLA has logged a 23-5 record at its new, state-of-the-art home facility.

Spieker Aquatics Center opened in September 2009, in time for the start of the men's water polo season that fall. PCL Construction broke ground on the facility in July 2008. The athletics department officially opened Spieker Aquatics Center on Sept. 26, 2009, as the men's water polo team defeated UC Irvine, 10-4, after a dedication ceremony that evening.

In 2014, UCLA has scheduled nine games at Spieker Aquatics Center. The facility hosted the 2010 MPSF Women's Water Polo Tournament, the 2011 MPSF Men's Water Polo Tournament and the 2013 UCLA Invitational. UCLA's programs won each tournament.

Entering its fifth full season as UCLA's home pool, Spieker Aquatics Center features a 52-meter by 25-yard all-deep water pool with a dividing bulkhead, allowing races to take place at varying distances (meters or yards). The pool

also has four platforms on a diving tower, at heights of three, five seven and one half, and 10-meter platforms, as well as one and three-meter springboards. In addition, the aquatics center features a warming pool for divers directly behind the tower.

Adjacent to Sunset Canyon Recreation Center on the northwest portion of campus, the Spieker Aquatics Center was made possible thanks to a generous lead gift from former student-athlete Tod Spieker and his wife, Catherine. Tod, a 1971 UCLA graduate and All-American, swam for the Bruins from 1968-71 and still competes successfully in Master's Swimming.

The main pool, Dirks Pool, is named after Carolyn Dirks, who provided the lead gift for the swimming pool. Dirks Pool has also been used for special events and Masters Swim meets. The signature feature of the Spieker Aquatics Center is the diving tower, which stands at the west end of the pool. The east end of the pool houses the new scoreboard, an LED, state-of-the-art piece of electronics, making scores, statistics and messages easily visible to all in attendance.

Next to the scoreboard is the "Wall of Champions," showcasing all of UCLA's water polo, swimming and diving national championship teams, as well as all individual student-athletes' achievements, record-holders and Olympians.

Separate men's and women's locker rooms house enough lockers for all team members, with shower space and bathroom stalls and sinks for each team. Equipment needed for meets and matches have storage capacity on the facility's south side.

When walking through the public entryway to the center, visitors first notice the Donor Wall. All donors who generously made gifts to the Spieker Aquatics Center are recognized on this wall. Additionally, over 50 former UCLA water polo players, swimmers and divers made gifts to "name" a locker. Those names will forever be part of the locker rooms in the new facility.

The state-of-the-art facility brings together all three of UCLA's intercollegiate aquatic sports – water polo, swimming and diving – to one venue. The aquatics center features event lighting and permanent seating with the possibility of additional temporary seating for larger events.

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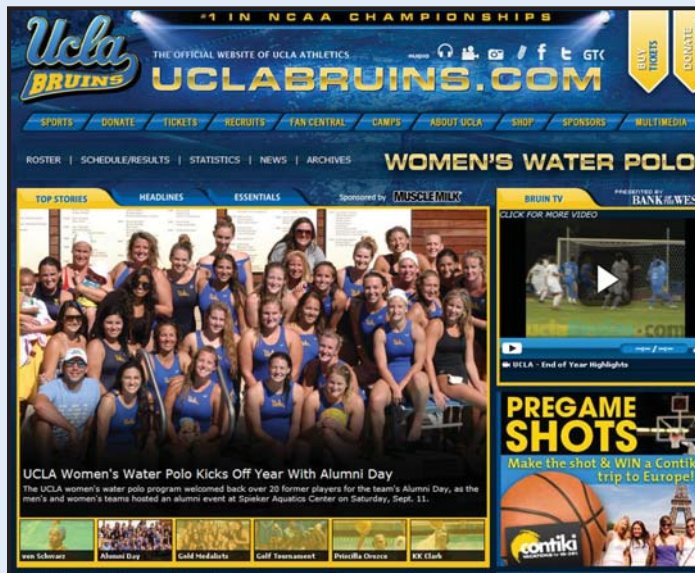
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Photography

Television and photo credentials entitle video and still photographers to shoot from designated areas only. Please consult with Sports Information or Event Management staff for those locations.

Interview Policies

All interviews must be arranged by UCLA's Sports Information Office. Please do not expect players to be available if you have not made prior arrangements with the Sports Information Office (women's water polo SID Rich Bertolucci).

Interview Availability

The UCLA team practices Monday through Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Spieker Aquatics Center. Players and coaches are available before or after practice. Arrangements for pool access must be made in advance with the Sports Information Office. The best time to reach head coach Brandon Brooks is weekday mornings.

Travel Information

For security purposes, the UCLA 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 water polo team on the road, please contact the Sports Information Office.



UCLA celebrates winning the 2009 NCAA Championship against USC.

GENE BLOCK

CHANCELLOR • 7th Year
Alma Mater: Stanford '70



Dr. Gene Block became chancellor of UCLA in summer 2007, taking the helm of a world-class institution comprising 37,000 students and 27,000 faculty and staff, with an annual budget of \$4 billion. As chief executive officer, he oversees all aspects of the university's three-part mission of education, research and service.

Previously, Dr. Block served as vice president and provost of the University of Virginia, where he also held the Alumni Council Thomas Jefferson Professorship in Biology. With academic expertise in biological clocks, he conducts research on the neurobiology of circadian rhythms in higher organisms, leading a research lab funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). From 1991 to 2002, he directed the National Science

Foundation's Science and Technology Center for Biological Timing.

In 1997, he was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has invented a number of devices and holds a patent for a non-contact respiratory monitor for the prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Dr. Block joined the faculty of the University of Virginia in 1978 as an assistant professor of biology. He served as vice provost for research from 1993 to 1998 and then as vice president for research and public service until his appointment as vice president and provost in 2001. He also headed an NIH graduate training program aimed at increasing the number of scientists from underrepresented groups. In 1998, he received the Commonwealth of Virginia's Outstanding Public Service Award for his work with Virginia's business community.

A native of Monticello, NY, Dr. Block holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University and a master's and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Oregon. He also completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford, working with the late Colin Pittendrigh, "the father of biological timing" and distinguished biologist and former Stanford President, Donald Kennedy.

Dr. Block and his wife, Carol, have two adult children.

DAN GUERRERO

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR • 12th Year
Alma Mater: UCLA '74



In 11 years, Dan Guerrero has clearly established a pattern of "image and substance" that few in his profession can match. UCLA has won 110 NCAA championships, a figure unmatched by any institution in the nation. UCLA teams have won 24 NCAA championships since his appointment, another national leader, finished second 21 times and have enjoyed an additional 43 Top Five finishes.

More than 80% of UCLA teams have qualified for NCAA post-season competition since 2002. The football team has appeared in 10 bowl games and the men's basketball team advanced to consecutive Final Fours from 2006-08. The program has also won 56 conference championships in 15 different sports, produced over 500 All-Americans and featured four Honda Award winners, including the 2003-04 Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

Furthermore, during the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, 32 Bruins participated as athletes or coaches, representing the United States and eight

other nations. They won nine medals, including six golds.

In 2013, UCLA won its first Capital One Cup for men's sports, vaulting to the top of the standings after winning the 2013 College World Series.

In December, UCLA won its 110th NCAA title when the women's soccer team captured its first College Cup title. In 2012-13, men's water polo and men's tennis finished second, women's water polo and women's tennis (tied) placed third, women's golf and women's gymnastics finished fourth and women's soccer tied for fifth. Finally, 57 student-athletes earned All-America honors and 57 were selected to various all-conference teams.

During Guerrero's tenure, the Bruins have won 24 national championships in 18 different sports, a national leader. UCLA teams have captured the following NCAA team titles: six in women's water polo, three each in women's softball and women's gymnastics, two in women's golf, and one each in women's tennis, men's tennis, men's volleyball, women's volleyball, men's water polo, men's golf, men's soccer, women's soccer, women's outdoor track and baseball. In addition, the Bruins have recorded 33 national podium finishes in that span.

Guerrero came to UCLA from UC Irvine, where he had served as UCI's fifth permanent Director of Athletics for 10 years (1992-2002). Prior to arriving at UC Irvine, Guerrero worked at Cal State Dominguez Hills, where he led that program to national prominence while serving as Athletic Director for five years (1988-92). Guerrero received his Bachelor's degree from UCLA in 1974 and played second base for the Bruins for four years. Guerrero, 62, is married to the former Anne Marie Aniello and they have two grown daughters: Jenna and Katie.

ASHLEY ARMSTRONG

ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR •
10th Year • Alma Mater: UC DAVIS '95



Ashley Armstrong has been at UCLA since 2004 and currently serves as the Associate Athletic Director, Sports and Administration. She is responsible for supervising seven Bruin sport programs: men's and women's golf, men's and women's water polo, women's rowing and women's swimming and diving. A member of the Bruins' senior management team, she oversees various coach and student-athlete development programs and was recently appointed to the NCAA Division I Women's Rowing committee.

Armstrong previously served as the Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Development where she oversaw the Bruin Student-Athlete Development program. She created the Wooden Academy (leadership development program), served as an advisor to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, coordinated community outreach and professional development programs, co-supervised women's rowing, women's volleyball and women's sand volleyball. She also chaired the Athletic Department's Health and Well-

ness Committee. Armstrong began her tenure at UCLA as the Director of Life Skills and Championships.

In addition to her campus duties, Armstrong has spent the past six years as a lead consultant for the NCAA where she is responsible for developing curriculum and training athletics professionals to facilitate the annual NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum.

Prior to arriving at UCLA, Armstrong served as an Assistant Athletic Director at the University of Louisville where her responsibilities included administration, life skills programming, marketing, championships and compliance. During her stint with the Cardinals, she assisted in developing curriculum for a life skills course and served as a lecturer for the College of Education. She started her career as an academic counselor and tutorial coordinator for the women's athletic department at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Armstrong has also served as a faculty member for the NCAA/NACWAA Institute for Administrative Advancement. She has presented workshops at several institutions and facilitation experience with NCAA Leadership Conferences, CHAMPS/Life Skills Continuing Education Conferences and NCAA Diversity Education. Armstrong served on the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Advisory Committee and is a 2009 graduate of the Sports Management Institute's executive program.

A native of Southern California, Armstrong earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the University of California, Davis, where she was a member of the women's volleyball team. She earned a Master of Science in Sport Management from the University of Tennessee.