



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

SPIEKER AQUATICS CENTER

The UCLA women's water polo team begins its sixth season playing at Spieker Aquatics Center, which is part of the Jackie Robinson Athletics and Recreation Complex. Over the past five seasons, UCLA has logged a 30-6 record at its modern, 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 2015, UCLA has scheduled six games at SAC. The facility hosted the 2010 MPSF Women's Water Polo Tournament, the 2011 MPSF Men's Water Polo Tournament and the 2013, 2014 and 2015 UCLA Invitationals. 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 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 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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LIVE BROADCASTS

The UCLA Bruins radio network will offer free, live Internet radio broadcasts of select home matches this season. In addition, the network plans to broadcast matches at the NCAA Championships, should UCLA advance. Visit uclabruins.com for the latest Internet radio broadcast updates.



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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 its 2009 NCAA Championship victory against USC.

GENE BLOCK

CHANCELLOR • 8th Year
Alma Mater: Stanford '70



Dr. Gene Block became chancellor of UCLA in summer 2007, taking the helm of a world-class institution comprising 40,000 students and 42,000 faculty and full and part-time staff, with an annual budget of more than \$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 • 13th Year
Alma Mater: UCLA '74



Twelve years and 25 NCAA Championships later, Dan Guerrero's mantra of 'image and substance' has clearly been established at a level that few others in his profession can approach. At the department's helm when UCLA Athletics became the first to win 100 NCAA team championships, the Bruins' current total of 111 NCAA titles is a figure unmatched by any institution in the nation. While UCLA teams have indeed won 25 NCAA championships since his appointment, another national leader, they have also finished second 23 times and have enjoyed an additional 46 Top Five finishes.

In fact, 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 nearly 600 All-Americans and featured six Honda Award winners, including the 2003-04 Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year.

UCLA's success has not just been confined to North America. On the world stage, during the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, 32 Bruins

participated as athletes or coaches. Representing the United States and eight other nations, they combined to win nine medals, including six golds, a total exceeding what most countries take home in any single Olympiad.

Guerrero, recently named the 2014 NACDA Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year, is the only athletic director at the NCAA Division I level (FBS, FCS and NCAA Division I-AAA) to earn three such awards (2006-07 at UCLA, 2001-02 at UC Irvine). In his 12 years at UCLA, the Bruins have finished second three times (2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08), third four times (2003-04, 2004-05, 2011-12 and 2012-13), fourth (2009-10), sixth (2002-03), seventh (2013-14), 11th (2010-11) and 16th (2008-09) in the race for the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup.

In December, UCLA won its 110th NCAA title when the women's soccer team captured its first College Cup title.

In claiming UCLA's first women's soccer championship in 2013-14, the Bruins now have at least one NCAA crown in 18 different sports. During the 2013-14 season, four other UCLA teams finished among the Top 5 nationally: women's water polo (2nd), women's golf (3rd), men's tennis (T-3rd) and men's golf (T-5th). Additionally, the football team defeated USC for the second straight year, posted a 10-3 record and won the Hyundai Sun Bowl while men's basketball won 28 games, captured the Pac-12 Tournament championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament "Sweet 16." Individually, 62 student-athletes earned All-America honors and 93 were selected to various all-conference teams. have recorded 33 national podium finishes in that span.

Guerrero, 63, is married to the former Anne Marie Aniello and they have two grown daughters: Jenna and Katie.

ASHLEY ARMSTRONG

ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR •
11th Year • Alma Mater: UC DAVIS '95



Ashley Armstrong joined the staff at UCLA in 2004 and currently serves as the Associate Athletic Director, Sports and Administration. As a member of the senior management team, she has direct oversight of men's and women's volleyball, women's sand volleyball, men's and women's water polo, and women's rowing. In addition, she is responsible for coordinating coaches development programs, athletic department policies and procedures, year-end sport evaluations, and currently serves on the NCAA Division I Women's Rowing committee.

Armstrong previously served as the Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Development where she had oversight of the Bruin Student-Athlete Development program. Her broad range of responsibilities included creating the Wooden Academy (leadership development program), serving as an advisor to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, coordinating community outreach and professional development programs, chairing the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Health and Wellness Committee and sport supervision of women's rowing and women's volleyball. Arm-

strong began her tenure at UCLA as the Director of Life Skills and Championships.

Prior to arriving at UCLA, Armstrong served as an Assistant Athletic Director at the University of Louisville where her responsibilities included administration, student-athlete development 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 was recently appointed to serve on the Advisory Board of the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment Commission, and is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA). Armstrong served as a lead consultant for the NCAA from 2007-2013 where she was responsible for writing and developing curriculum, and training athletics professionals to facilitate the annual NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum. She has presented on various leadership and student well-being issues at national and regional conferences that include the NCAA/NACWAA Institute for Administrative Advancement, NCAA Leadership Conferences, CHAMPS/Life Skills Continuing Education Conferences and NCAA Diversity Education. Armstrong 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.