



Dear Bruins,

The 2012-13 school year provided some terrific memories and featured numerous incredible accomplishments by our hard-working student-athletes. With our past athletic and academic year complete, I wanted to thank the Bruin Family for its support not only in this year, but in years past as well.

Without the generosity displayed by each of you, from sacrificing your time to attend sporting events or donating to the Wooden Athletic Fund, or both, our athletic program would not be able to enjoy such success while continuing to compete for and win national championships. I know I speak for each of our coaches, student-athletes and staff members when I say your efforts are greatly appreciated.

During the 2012-13 season, we took home our nation-leading 109th NCAA Championship when the baseball team stormed through the College World Series with five consecutive victories to win the title. We are always thrilled to welcome home an NCAA championship-winning team, but it feels even sweeter when that program captures its first NCAA title in school history. And that's just what head coach John Savage and the Bruins' baseball team engineered. Baseball became the 18th sport at UCLA to have won an NCAA title by winning the College World Series in 2013.

We also had several teams finish just shy of a national title, including a pair of teams who finished second nationally (men's water polo and men's tennis) and two third-place finishers (women's tennis and women's water polo). Two teams finished fourth nationally (gymnastics and women's golf), while the women's soccer team finished fifth in the country to give UCLA a total of eight teams that ended their seasons among the top five, one of the best such displays in the country.

In addition, the sand volleyball team finished the year ranked sixth nationally in its inaugural season as an NCAA sport and the rowing program raced to a ninth-place overall finish at the NCAA championships, its second consecutive season



with a top-10 NCAA finish. The men's track and field program tied for a 12th-place finish at NCAA championships, and the men's cross country program finished 13th overall at its national meet. Five Bruin teams were 17th in the final NCAA standings – women's basketball, swimming and diving, women's volleyball, men's soccer and softball – while the women's track and field team ended its season in 20th place at the national meet.

We were thrilled to have our men's teams win the Capital One Cup for the first time in school history, while our women's teams finished 15th overall.

All told, UCLA finished in third place in the 2012-13 Learfield Sports Directors Cup standings. UCLA is one of just two schools to place among the top six in the final standings at least 18 times in the 20-year history of the Directors Cup. We have finished second seven times, most recently in 2007-08, and third seven times.

The accomplishments of our teams this year were very rewarding, but we will not rest on our laurels next year and will continue to push for the top spot in each sport in 2013-14.

There were also several individual performances that stood out throughout the year. In fact, nearly 50 of our student-athletes earned All-America honors in their sport. Meanwhile, we strive for our student-athletes to balance their academic and athletic responsibilities. It certainly was refreshing to

see that numerous Bruins were honored with Academic All-America accolades, and over 250 of them secured Director's Honor Roll acclaim each quarter.

Among the highlights of the 2012-13 school year was the re-opening of historic Pauley Pavilion, which underwent a 33-month, \$136-million renovation. While several of our athletic teams were unable to play in Pauley Pavilion during the 2011-12 school year, the return to a completely refurbished and spectacular arena was worth the wait.

Our men's basketball team re-opened the building on Nov. 9, 2012, with an 86-59 win over Indiana State before a capacity crowd. The next night, our women's basketball team returned to Pauley Pavilion with an exciting 66-52 triumph over San Diego State. Our women's volleyball, men's volleyball and women's gymnastics teams also had the opportunity to return to Pauley Pavilion. Our department served as host of the NCAA championships for women's gymnastics and men's volleyball, and Pauley Pavilion provided a terrific championship venue for these two national events.

Football won the Pac-12 South for the second-straight year and is the only team in the conference to have competed in both of the Pac-12 Football Championship Games. The squad also earned a bid to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego. In fact, UCLA was one of just two schools to play in a bowl game, the NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments and the College World Series during the 2012-13 school year (Louisville was the other).

Meanwhile, construction crews are continuing work on the more than \$150 million renovation project at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The pavilion area (formerly the press box) was rebuilt and redesigned in 2012, and work continues to be done with additional pavilion enhancements, tunnel widening and concourse reconfiguration.

In closing, thank you again for your continued support of UCLA Athletics. I sincerely hope to see you at all of our venues in the coming year, supporting student-athletes all across our great program.

We are here to make sure that each of the young men and women who put on the uniform with the four letters U-C-L-A enjoy themselves and are proud of what they are doing. Your continued support is invaluable in that regard.

Thank you and Go Bruins!



