

UCLA's SCHOLAR-ATHLETE BANQUET

Each spring, approximately 200 student-athletes with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher are invited to the Scholar-Athlete Banquet. Made possible by a donation from Rose Gilbert, the event features distinguished guests and allows UCLA to honor its most academically accomplished student-athletes. The past six years have seen notable alumni speakers return to campus, inspiring the athletic department's student-athletes to succeed in the classroom and use their education for great endeavors.

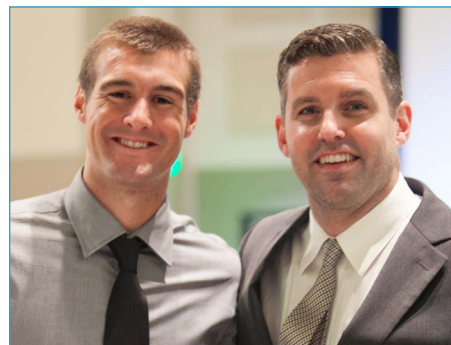
In 2007, former football wide receiver and current federal judge Cormac Carney addressed the gathering. In 2008, four-time All-America women's basketball star Ann-Meyers Drysdale was UCLA's distinguished speaker, while 12-year NBA veteran Tracy Murray spoke to the crowd in 2009. Over the past four years, UCLA has welcomed back softball alumna Amanda Freed (2010), men's volleyball standout Sinjin Smith (2011), Dr. Julie Bremner Romias (2012) from the women's volleyball program and men's tennis alumnus Larry Nagler (2013).



Women's water polo scholar-athletes at the annual year-end banquet (left to right) include Brailey Hirose-Hulbert, Natasha Schulman, Kelly Ronimus and Victoria Kent.



(left to right) Softball players Marisa Schwartz and Courtney Rivera with baseball players Ryan Deeter, Christoph Bono, Brian Carroll and Zack Weiss, and softball players Devon Lindvall, Talee Snow and Maddie Mobley.



Two-time men's soccer All-Academic Team selection Joe Sofia with student services director Ric Coy (right) at the banquet.



From the men's volleyball team (left to right) are Spencer Rowe, Michael Beals and Scott Vegas.



From the women's netball team (left to right), Maddie Alden, Kate Miller and Emily McLaughlin.



(left to right) UCLA football players in attendance at the graduation ceremony included Stan McKay, Damien Thigpen, Richard Brehaut, Isaiah Bowens, Ricky Marvray, Keenan Graham, Brandon Sermons and Alex Mascarenas.

UCLA's STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADUATION

For the second consecutive year, UCLA's Athletic Department hosted a student-athlete graduation ceremony at the conclusion of the school year. UCLA had 110 student-athletes who participated in the Class of 2013 graduation celebration. UCLA welcomed the graduates and their families to a special ceremony in renovated Pauley Pavilion the evening of Thursday, June 13, 2013.

The list of 110 graduates included student-athletes who graduated in Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 and who were projected to graduate in Spring 2013, Summer 2013 and Fall 2013. Former UCLA football player and Super Bowl champion Brendon Ayanbadejo served as the ceremony's guest speaker.

Academic award-winners were recognized during the ceremony. Track and field's Jason Ward received the Sam & Rose Gilbert Scholarship. Kene Izuchukwu (men's volleyball) and Joy Eaton (former women's track and field) earned the Don Shepherd Scholarship. Receiving Pac-12 postgraduate scholarships were Alec Govi (men's XC/track and field), Rachel Godfred (swimming and diving), Matt Wiet (men's soccer) and Mariah Williams (women's basketball). Vanessa Zamarripa (gymnastics) and Jeff Locke (football) were selected as Pac-12 Medal Winners. Ryan Deeter (baseball) and Elizabeth Goodrich (track and field) were honored as Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

2012-13 AWARD WINNERS

UCLA's Athletic Department had 324 student-athletes on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll in the fall 2012 quarter (3.0 or higher quarterly GPA). Of those 324, 133 student-athletes had a 3.5 or higher GPA, and of the 133, 23 had a perfect 4.0. In the winter 2013 quarter, UCLA produced 279 student-athletes on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll. Of those 279, 114 had a GPA of 3.5 or better and of those 114, 17 student-athletes had a perfect 4.0. In the spring 2013 quarter, 252 student-athletes were named to the Honor Roll. Of those 252, 101 compiled a GPA higher than 3.5 and 19 student-athletes logged perfect 4.0 GPAs.

SUCCESS Award

Presented to one male and one female graduating senior who are self-sufficient student-athletes and took advantage of all the opportunities and resources available to them at UCLA.

Mariah Williams Women's Basketball
Kene Izuchukwu Men's Volleyball

Courage and Character Award

Presented to one male and one female who not only excelled in their sport and in the classroom, but overcame adversity and hardship to do so.

Luke Gane Football
Turquoise Thompson Women's Track and Field

Maggie Gilbert Academic Achievement Award

Presented to two senior student-athletes who improved their GPA throughout their years at UCLA and were still able to excel in their sport.

Owa Odighizuwa Football
Vanessa Zamarripa Gymnastics

Bruin Leadership Award

Presented to two student-athletes who demonstrate leadership on their team as well as within the UCLA community

Allie Lopez Women's Track and Field
Mike Woepse Men's Track and Field

Athletic Director's Academic Excellence Award

The following seniors who received this award made the Director's Honor Roll every quarter they were at UCLA:

Maggy Boyd Swimming and Diving
Stephanie Christofferson Swimming and Diving
Ryan Deeter Baseball
Pedro Figueiredo Men's Golf
Elizabeth Goodrich Women's Track and Field
Alec Govi Men's Track and Field (and M. XC)
Kene Izuchukwu Men's Volleyball
Leslee Kaczmarek Women's Water Polo
David Klarer Men's Track and Field
Bobby Lange Men's Golf
Ryan Lee Men's Soccer
Emily McLaughlin Rowing
Alana Munger Women's Soccer
Chelsea Stewart Rowing
Bojana Todorovic Women's Volleyball
Lichelle Wong Gymnastics

Rich Herczog Integrity Award

An inaugural award presented at the 2013 ceremony and named after Rich Herczog, who served as UCLA's Director of Compliance for 36 years before retiring in 2012. Herczog's traits exemplified integrity, an adherence to moral and ethical principles, soundness of moral character and honesty.

Kaelie Baer Gymnastics

UCLA All-Academic Team

The All-Academic Team consists of 22 members and is comprised of the person with the highest cumulative GPA from each of UCLA's team sports. The overall GPA of UCLA's All-Academic Team in 2011-12 was 3.64.

Third-time selection:

Ryan Deeter Baseball
Mariah Williams Women's Basketball

Second-time selections:

Rachel Butler Women's Track and Field
Alec Govi Men's Track and Field
Boby Lange Men's Golf
Tiffany Lua Women's Golf
Cristiano Mirarchi Men's Water Polo
Anna Senko Swimming and Diving
Joe Sofia Men's Soccer
Bojana Todorovic Women's Volleyball
Jacob Wood Men's Cross Country

First-time selections:

Emily Donohoe Women's Water Polo
Katja Goldring Women's Cross Country
Chloe Kojima Rowing
Khalid McCaskill Men's Basketball
Maddi Mobley Softball
Alana Munger Women's Soccer
Jerry Neuheisel Football
Sam Peszek Gymnastics
Kaitlin Ray Women's Tennis
Spencer Rowe Men's Volleyball
Ryoto Tachi Men's Tennis

Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Ryan Deeter Baseball
Liz Goodrich Women's Track and Field



(left to right) Travis Wear, Larry Drew II, academic director Kenny Donaldson and Travis Wear (men's basketball).



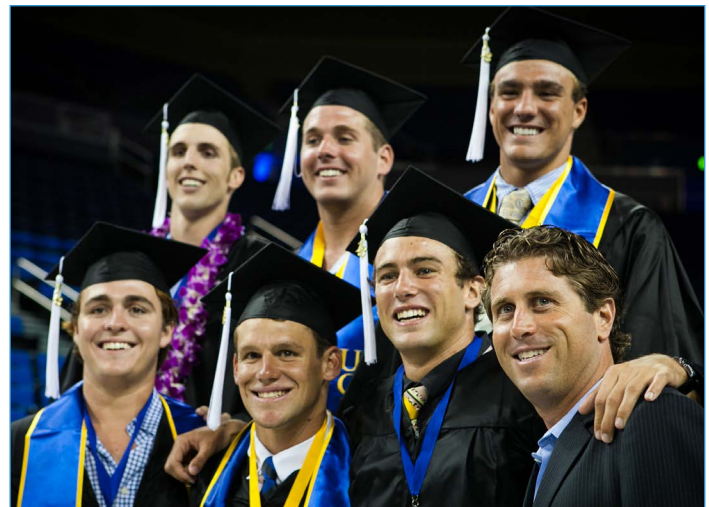
(left to right) Dominic Giovannoni, Allison Koressel and Dillon Stucky (track and field).



Rose Gilbert (center) with scholar-athletes of the year Ryan Deeter (left) and Liz Goodrich.



(left to right) From the gymnastics team, Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, Tauny Frattone, Monique De La Torre, Kaelie Baer, Alyssa Pritchett and Vanessa Zamarripa.



(back row, left to right) From the men's water polo team, Bret Lathrope, Griffin White and Chris Wendt. (front row, left to right) Teammates Josh Samuels, Paul Pickell and Lucas Reynolds with men's water polo head coach Adam Wright.