



UCLA Announces Jackie Robinson Athletics and Recreation Complex

Last November, UCLA named a series of recreation and athletics facilities in honor of Jackie Robinson, the legendary four-sport Bruin star who went on to break the color barrier in Major League Baseball and earn a place in the Hall of Fame. The naming ceremony included Rachel Robinson (above, right), the wife of Jackie Robinson, and UCLA Chancellor Gene Block (above, left).

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About the Annual Report

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UCLA... CHAMPIONS MADE HERE

DID YOU KNOW? UCLA closed the 2014-15 school year with a nation-leading 112 NCAA team championships. The men's water polo team won the school's 112th NCAA team title in Dec. 2014, defeating crosstown rival USC in the championship match. UCLA became the first intercollegiate athletics department to capture 100 NCAA team titles in May 2007 when the women's water polo team won its third consecutive NCAA Championship.



UCLA Retires Number 42 Across All Sports

In honoring the enrollment of American sports pioneer Jackie Robinson to UCLA 75 years ago, UCLA retired Robinson's iconic No. 42 across all sports when naming the Jackie Robinson Athletics and Recreation Complex in Nov. 2014.

"Jackie Robinson established a standard of excellence to which people the world over should aspire," said athletics director Dan Guerrero at the naming ceremony. "On the 75th anniversary of Jackie's arrival at UCLA, we want to ensure that his is a legacy to be upheld and carried forward by Bruins for generations to come. While he wore several numbers at UCLA, Jackie Robinson made the number 42 as iconic as the man himself. For that very reason, no Bruin will be issued the number 42 – in any sport – ever again."



Dear Bruins,

In 2014-15, UCLA enjoyed one of the finest all-around athletic years of any Division I institution. Our department placed second in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup (with six fewer eligible sports than first place Stanford) – its fourth consecutive top 10 finish and 20th overall in the award's 22-year history – while also finishing in the top 10 of the Capital One Cup for both men and women. With our athletic and academic years now complete, I want to once again thank the Bruin Family for its passion, support and commitment.

This past season, our football team played the nation's hardest schedule, posting a second consecutive school record-tying 10-win season en route to a top 10 national finish. In spring, the men's basketball team made its second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16. All told, four Bruin teams entered the postseason as the No. 1 overall seed (baseball, women's soccer, men's and women's water polo). Seven teams earned top 5 national finishes and 12 concluded their seasons ranked in the top 10.

The Bruin men's water polo team won UCLA's record 112th NCAA Championship in the fall. Three teams finished second nationally – men's soccer fell to Virginia on penalty kicks, women's water polo lost by a single goal scored on a penalty shot in the game's final 11 seconds, and women's tennis battled to the very end of their championship match.



Think about that – penalty kicks, a final-second penalty shot and groundstrokes down the stretch landing just beyond the end-line. Those are the differences between winning and losing on the scoreboard, between raising a trophy high above one's head or thinking about what could have been and, ultimately, between becoming a media darling or a critic's target. I, for one, could not be prouder of these teams' efforts or the fact that, of the student-athletes on those three national runner-up teams, 14 received their diplomas this past June.

In all, 134 student-athletes at UCLA walked across the stage in Pauley Pavilion in 2015, having successfully completed this chapter of their lives; ready to embark upon their next adventure. Now that is the ultimate victory.

Off the field, we've been thrilled to see both the Wasserman Football Center and Mo Ostin Basketball Center projects become reality less than two years removed from our campaign announcements to raise private funds for these two state-of-the-art facilities.

At the time of the official groundbreaking, more than \$55 million in funding had been secured towards the \$65 million phase-two Wasserman Football Center fundraising goal, while more than \$16 million in funding had been secured towards the \$25 million fundraising goal for the Mo Ostin Basketball Center.

When we announced the capital campaigns for these projects, I mentioned that our Bruin alumni and friends, time and again, have consistently stepped up when called upon to help shape our future. This undertaking has been no exception. More than just a groundbreaking, this is confirmation that UCLA will continue as the premier intercollegiate athletics program in the nation while remaining a force to be reckoned with well into the future.

At UCLA, we understand the significance of these four letters – the tradition, the progressiveness and the all-around excellence that they represent. Your continued support is invaluable to us. I sincerely look forward to seeing you at our venues in the coming year, supporting the efforts of our student-athletes and coaches across all of our great programs.

Thank you and Go Bruins!

Dan Guerrero

