

## UCLA's SCHOLAR-ATHLETE BANQUET

Each spring, approximately 175 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 three years, UCLA has welcomed back softball alumna Amanda Freed (2010), men's volleyball standout Sinjin Smith (2011) and Dr. Julie Bremner Romias (2012) from the women's volleyball program.



Swimming and diving scholar-athletes at the annual year-end banquet (left to right) include Andrea Reigel, Laurence Delisle, Yasi Jahanshahi, Madison Fitzgerald, Ting Quah, Cynthia Fascella and Kelsey Hall.



(left to right) Director of Student-Athlete Counseling Mike Casillas with Athletic Director's Academic Excellence Award winners Marti Reed, Taryn Pastoor, Jeff Locke, Brooke Finley, Charney Burke and Isabel Williams.



Pictured with Tim Anderson (left), football player Jeff Baca earned the men's Courage and Character Award.



Ryan Deeter (left) and Tyler Heineman had stellar seasons on the field and in the classroom with UCLA's baseball team.



Men's track and field's David Klarer, who competes in hurdles, looks on during the Scholar-Athlete Banquet.



(left to right) UCLA football players in attendance at the graduation ceremony included Nelson Rosario, Andrew Abbott, Aaron Hester, Donovan Carter and Jerry Johnson.

## UCLA's STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADUATION

For the first time in school history, UCLA's Athletic Department hosted a student-athlete graduation ceremony at the conclusion of the 2011-12 school year. UCLA had 113 graduating student-athletes in the Class of 2012 and welcomed the graduates and their families to a special ceremony in the John R. Wooden Center the afternoon of Friday, June 15, 2012.

The list of 113 graduates included student-athletes who graduated in Fall 2011 and Winter 2012 and who were projected to graduate in Spring 2012, Summer 2012 and Fall 2012. The list also featured former student-athletes who completed the requirements for graduation, such as former men's basketball standout Ed O'Bannon.

Academic award-winners were recognized during the ceremony. Track and field's Jason Ward received the Sam & Rose Gilbert Scholarship. Softball player Grace Murray and track and field's Taylor Hobson earned the Don Shepherd Scholarship. Receiving Pac-12 postgraduate scholarships were Mark Weber (men's track and field), Nick Meister (men's tennis), Brooke Finley (softball) and Charney Burk (women's soccer). Samantha Camuso (softball) and Andy Rose (men's soccer) were selected as Pac-12 Medal Winners. Burke and Jeff Locke (football) were honored as Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

## 2011-12 AWARD WINNERS

**UCLA's Athletic Department had 276 student-athletes on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll in the fall 2011 quarter (3.0 or higher quarterly GPA). Of those 276, 101 student-athletes had a 3.5 or higher GPA, and of those 101, 17 had a perfect 4.0. In the winter 2012 quarter, UCLA produced 293 student-athletes on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll. Of those 293, 110 had a GPA over 3.5 and of those 110, 20 student-athletes had a perfect 4.0. In the spring 2012 quarter, 294 student-athletes were named to the Honor Roll. Of those 294, 128 compiled a GPA higher than 3.5 and 24 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.

Marti Reed.....Softball  
Taylor Hobson.....Men's Track and Field

### 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.

Jeff Beca.....Football  
Jessica McGuire.....Rowing

### 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.

Kyle Caldwell.....Men's Volleyball  
Lazeric Jones.....Men's Basketball

### Bruin Leadership Award

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

Brooke Finley.....Softball  
Paul Pickell.....Men's Water Polo

### 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:

Charney Burk.....Women's Soccer  
Brooke Finley.....Softball  
Jeff Locke.....Football  
Taryn Pastoor.....Women's Track and Field  
Marti Reed.....Softball  
Isabel Williams.....Women's Swimming and Diving

### 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:

Jeff Locke.....Football

#### Second-time selections:

Ryan Deeter.....Baseball  
Brooke Finley.....Softball  
Aisha Gerber.....Gymnastics  
Elizabeth Goodrich.....Women's Track and Field  
Nick Meister.....Men's Tennis  
Tyler Trapani.....Men's Basketball  
Mariah Williams.....Women's Basketball

#### First-time selections:

Charney Burk.....Women's Soccer  
Rachel Butler.....Women's Cross Country  
KK Clark.....Women's Water Polo  
Courtney Dolehide.....Women's Tennis  
Bobby Lange.....Men's Golf  
Tiffany Lua.....Women's Golf  
Cristiano Mirarchi.....Men's Water Polo  
Carolina Paini.....Women's Rowing  
Kendall Partie.....Men's Volleyball  
Michael Perry.....Men's Track and Field  
Anna Senko.....Women's Swimming  
Joe Sofia.....Men's Soccer  
Bojana Todorovic.....Women's Volleyball  
Jacob Wood.....Men's Cross Country

### Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Charney Burke.....Women's Soccer  
Jeff Locke.....Football



UCLA football teammates Kevin Prince (left) and Jeff Locke at the Bruins' student-athlete graduation ceremony.



(left to right) Bojana Todorovic, Librado Barocio, Kelly Reeves and Meg Norton at the Scholar-Athlete Banquet.



(left to right) Ashley Armstrong, softball's Brooke Finley, men's water polo's Paul Pickell and Ric Coy.



(left to right) Assistant Director for Academic Services Kenny Donaldson with men's basketball player Lazeric Jones, Rose Gilbert and head coach Ben Howland.



(left to right) Men's volleyball assistant coach Brian Rofer, head coach Al Scates and student-athlete Kyle Caldwell at the Scholar-Athlete Banquet.