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Optimism. It’s more than our outlook. It’s woven into our DNA. We look past the current landscape to entertain the unknown. We break barriers and take giant leaps forward. We challenge the status quo. We think beyond the consensus and make DREAMS REALITY.

Here, we do more than consider possibilities. We create them. We learn all the facts, even those some might see as limitations, and believe in spite of them. We understand that we’re not bound to the present. WE’RE FREE TO DEFINE THE FUTURE. Armed with optimism, we charge ahead with passion and determination. And when the world says “no” — we say “no problem.”

Honors students, team captains, student leaders, community activists... Our students are often all of these things. And more. They draw strength from their different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives, and change the world by engaging it. By working together. And pushing forward from all angles. Not because they can. Because they know they must.

We all possess the same single-minded focus on achieving excellence across the board. We are energized and hopeful. Inquisitive. Unstoppable. Perhaps just like you.
WHEN THINGS HAPPEN HERE, THE WORLD TAKES NOTICE.

Maybe it’s because we’ve been named the No. 1 public university in the nation for the sixth straight year. And we’re consistently RANKED AMONG THE TOP WORLD UNIVERSITIES. And, according to U.S. News & World Report, we’re among the top performers of social mobility among students.

Maybe it’s the fact that our faculty includes MacArthur Fellows, Pulitzer Prize winners and members of the National Academies. Or that more than 250 companies in California have licensed technology developed at UCLA. Or that we’re THE MOST APPLIED-TO UNIVERSITY IN THE COUNTRY.

Certainly, it’s because of STUDENTS LIKE YOU, students who eagerly inherit the prestige and responsibility that come with being a Bruin. Students who believe it’s not just about attending class. It’s about ATTENDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD.
Our curriculum features more than 3,900 COURSES 125+ MAJORS 90+ MINORS

For a complete listing of majors and minors, visit ADMISSION.UCLA.EDU/APPLY/MAJORS and ADMISSION.UCLA.EDU/APPLY/MINORS.
Explore UCLA’s campus and you'll discover academic concentrations where intellectual passions come to life and ideas easily flow back and forth. One area vibrates with the arts, social sciences and humanities. Another is alive with science, technology, engineering and math. Yet another revolves around the health sciences and Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

No matter where you stand, working together — merging different points of view and backgrounds — is not only welcome but encouraged. The campus is designed to inspire collaboration within and across disciplines. Fountains, cafes, courts, benches and intertwining walkways serve as inviting spaces to cross paths and join forces. And that’s just the beginning.

UCLA makes it easy for students in every discipline to learn from the best and brightest. Premed students work alongside some of the world’s top physicians using technology and procedures not yet available in most hospitals. Music and film students learn from renowned artists while immersing themselves in every opportunity that comes with being in the entertainment capital of the world. And those pursuing interdisciplinary majors and minors, like global studies and entrepreneurship, discover academic soulmates from a vast array of concentrations.

No matter what your area of interest, exploring new territories is effortless. Pre-law students expand their reach by studying environmental science. Biology, anthropology and English students discover surprising opportunities by minoring in food studies. Business economics students gain perspective on the world by taking classes in global studies.

Here, students enjoy limitless room to broaden their horizons. They know if they want to impact the world, they have to comprehend it from all angles.
WHAT GOES ALONG WITH ATTENDING A BIG UNIVERSITY KNOWN FOR BEING A RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC POWERHOUSE? THE UNEXPECTED.

Small classes. An infinitely adaptable learning experience. And innovative academic and research opportunities that daringly break boundaries and cross disciplines.

Here, two out of three undergraduate classes have fewer than 30 students. Even smaller are about 200 seminars known as Fiat Lux (Let There Be Light). Each takes an in-depth look at an intriguing topic for a group of 10–20 students. Honor’s programs, internships and general education “clusters” — yearlong series of small classes taught by interdisciplinary teams — offer highly engaging opportunities for rigorous learning within your major and beyond.

And capstone experiences give seniors the chance to execute a creative, inquiry-based project designed to demonstrate what they’ve learned as undergraduates. At UCLA, the desire to learn and explore is infinite.

The opportunities to do both are boundless.
Incredible. Brilliant. Driven. Unique. UCLA students’ interests and ideas are as diverse as their backgrounds. And their enthusiasm, curiosity and determination impact everything they pursue.

**Omar Habib**

**Psychobiology**

Omar’s Honors Lab, Bruin Ambassador

**Dream Job**

E.R. Doctor

**Favorite Class in his Major:**

**Life Sciences**

I loved learning math by applying biological concepts. It’s interesting to study its applications to everyday life.

**Most Helpful Class:**

**Communicating Science to Informal Audiences**

Being able to explain information to a patient is a great skill to develop for being a doctor.

**Why he Loves the UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute Research Associates Program:**

I participate in research through Ronald Reagan Hospital and the David Geffen School of Medicine while also gaining clinical experience by observing procedures and shadowing physicians.

**Organization he Calls Home:**

Youth Movement Against Alzheimer’s

It’s mostly premed neuroscience majors and we talk about cool things, including creating awareness and planning events.

**Most Surprising Professor:**

**Katsushi Arisaka**

Physics is one of my least favorite subjects, but he made it really fun. He was charismatic, caring and knowledgeable, and he has contributed so much toward the field of physics here at UCLA.

**Biggest Challenges in PreMed:**

The fast pace and time management! Planning is key. It also helps when I remember to take a deep breath and relax.

**Best Thing about UCLA:**

The vast number of opportunities here! There are so many different organizations and clubs. No one could ever feel left out or alone. And I love that you can rent a floating hammock for free from the student activities center.

**Favorite Ways to Spend Free Time:**

Playing intramural soccer. Seeing UCLA Football at the Rose Bowl and tailgating with friends.

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**Imani Elston**

**Civil and Environmental Engineering**

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholar, Summer Math and Science Honors Program at UCLA during high school

**Dream Job**

Environmental Engineer with the City of L.A.

**Favorite Professor:**

**Jennifer Jay**

She’s so environmentally conscious but never pushes her personal agenda. She explains how things like eating meat affect the environment in a very scientific, non-judgmental way.

**Lab Work She’s Happy to Do for Free:**

I volunteer in Professor Jay’s lab, where we research environmental issues affecting people in L.A. An article about our work on lead concentration levels was published in the Daily Bruin!

**Most Influential Person at UCLA:**

**Audrey Pool O’Neal**

She leads Women in Engineering at UCLA and makes sure all the underrepresented engineering students are doing well. She really took me under her wing and inspired me.

**Favorite Way to Decompress:**

Sitting in the sun outside Royce Hall, people watching. Slowing down and taking time for myself really helps.

**Club She Loves Being Part Of:**

Engineers Without Borders

We went to the Navajo Nation reservation in Arizona, where we helped build a water system. It was a great experience!

**How Far She’ll Go for UCLA Men’s Basketball:**

I camped out with friends the night before they played Kentucky so we could get good seats.

**Why She Adores Simone Rahotep, Director of Community Engagement:**

During finals, she hands out bags with goodies in them like Vitamin C and granola bars. She checks in every few weeks and has connected me to older students who give great advice and to job opportunities.

**Greatest Passions:**

The environment and helping people.
RHIA NNON WILSON
ENGLISH
Alumni Scholar, Youth Poet Laureate of Los Angeles
DREAM JOB
WRITER ACROSS ALL GENRES

FAVORITE CLASS: MODERN ART HISTORY
Professor George Baker was so energetic and enthusiastic about painting. And he had us do sketches at museums, then write essays about them, which I loved.

DEFINITELY MINORING IN: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
Since high school, I’ve been doing youth outreach at a crisis center, and I’d like to one day work with kids dealing with trauma.

WHERE SHE LOVES CURLING UP WITH A BOOK:
The grassy area near Sunset Rec after swimming or anywhere near the jacaranda trees in the sculpture garden.

MOST CHALLENGING ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:
The neuroscience brain cluster. It was difficult, but it forced me to study hard, and inspired me to structure my poetry book, which the Youth Poet Laureate program published, around concepts I learned in this class.

WHY NOON ON BRUIN WALK CATCHES HER BY SURPRISE:
There are just so many people! My classes are small, so I forget that it’s a big school.

FAVORITE WAYS TO PURSUE HER PASSIONS AT SCHOOL:
Creative writing workshops. And working in the daycare and getting psychology credit for it.

HOW UCLA’S FRENCH CLUB HELPED EXPAND HER HORIZONS:
It’s how I heard about a course that took me to Paris for six weeks. It’s mostly for French majors, but it has a creative writing element and I speak French, so I was able to participate.

MOST HELPFUL PERSON AT UCLA:
The whole staff at Counseling and Psychological Services, to be honest! College is a big adjustment period for everyone, and checking in on emotional health is so necessary.

PERK SHE CHERISHES:
I love that UCLA is partnered with the Hammer and the Fowler museums because I can go to them as often as I want.
TRACY JOHNSON
PROFESSOR OF MOLECULAR, CELL AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY; DEAN OF LIFE SCIENCES

A recipient of the National Science Foundation Career Award, Johnson’s been sharing her passion for the exactitude of science with UCLA students since 2013. She loves using innovative, active techniques that engage every student and is a champion of diversity, equity and inclusion. In her UCLA lab, Johnson works alongside undergrads and graduate students investigating gene splicing and transcription. He spent years living on campus with his family as part of the faculty-in-residence program so that he could eat meals with students and inspire them on a daily basis, and he and his daughters created a series of coloring books to help kids learn about organic chemistry.

GENIUS AT WORK

NEIL GARG
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

Thanks to Garg, organic chemistry may be UCLA’s most beloved class. His passion, enthusiasm and approachability often result in standing ovations. The recipient of endless accolades, including a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2016, Garg takes an endlessly creative approach to teaching, which includes creating online tutorials that merge chemistry and biology with pop culture. He spent years living on campus with his family as part of the faculty-in-residence program so that he could eat meals with students and inspire them on a daily basis, and he and his daughters created a series of coloring books to help kids learn about organic chemistry.

ANTONIO LYSY
PROFESSOR OF CELLO

Since 2003, Lysy, an internationally acclaimed artist who has performed in major concert halls worldwide, has been sharing his love of music and aural tradition as a professor at UCLA. He feels fortunate to be able to share his experience, knowledge, philosophy, passion and dedication to musical ideals with students while helping them develop independence, creativity and confidence. As an artist, Lysy enjoys projects ranging from Baroque to electric. A song on his album “Antonys Lysy at the Broad — Music from Argentina” won a Latin Grammy, and The Absolute Sound recognized it as one of the 40 best recordings of all time.

ANDREA GHEZ
PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY; LAUREN B. LEIGHTMAN & ARTHUR E. LEVINE CHAIR IN ASTROPHYSICS

A world-renowned expert in observational astrophysics and director of UCLA’s Galactic Center Group, Ghez was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2020 in physics for her groundbreaking research on supermassive black holes. Her numerous other honors include being the first woman to receive the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences Crafoord Prize and a MacArthur Fellowship. When she isn’t conducting research or teaching graduate and undergraduate courses, Ghez, who’s known for her determination and willingness to take calculated risks, enjoys inspiring others, especially young women, to pursue science.

CATHERINE OPIE
PROFESSOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY; CHAIR OF ART

Opie’s work, which raises perplexing questions about society and community, has been exhibited at many of the finest museums throughout the U.S., Europe and Japan, including a midcareer retrospective in 2008 at the Guggenheim in New York. A recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship in 2019 and the Smithsonian’s Archives of American Art Medal in 2016, Opie uses familiar genres — portraiture, landscapes and studio photography — in unexpected ways. UCLA students revel in her technical brilliance and her ability to make the invisible “visible.”

ROBERT WATSON
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

The recipient of senior research fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Watson teaches mostly Shakespeare, English Renaissance poetry and historical ecocriticism. Students marvel at his dynamic nature and enthralling lectures. He’s the recipient of the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, and has published numerous award-winning books along with poems in The New Yorker and 20 other literary journals.

PAUL F. FAJGELBAUM
PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

One of just eight economists nationwide to be named a 2017 Sloane Fellow, Fajgelbaum has also received grants from the National Science Foundation and the United States Department of Agriculture. He’s also a faculty research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research. When he isn’t analyzing the distributional effects of international trade, the impact of regional tax policies, and optimal transport networks in general-equilibrium trade models, fajgelbaum enjoys teaching international trade theory at both undergraduate and graduate levels.
THINKING THAT HAS A GLOBAL IMPACT

Researching the World’s Largest Ice Melt

PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF GEOGRAPHY LAURENCE C. SMITH

Smith, a climate change scientist, geologist and author who has won more than $9 million in research funding from the National Science Foundation and NASA, led a mission to investigate the world’s largest melting ice sheet, which covers over 80 percent of Greenland. He and his team confirmed the ice melt’s crucial role in today’s most pressing global problem — rising sea level — and discovered key data about how meltwater moves from the ice sheet to the ocean that can help us better understand the extent and impact of global warming.
ARPANET
The predecessor to the internet was designed and built here, and a team led by Professor Leonard Kleinrock sent THE WORLD’S FIRST MESSAGE over the network at 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 29, 1969.

THERE ARE A BILLION REASONS UCLA IS A MAJOR RESEARCH UNIVERSITY.

UCLA receives an average of $1 billion toward research projects each year. As a student, you’re part of it. You’ll have every opportunity to work on real, publishable research that has a profound effect on the world.

Students here also have the chance to work with some of the world’s leading minds — faculty and researchers who are drawn to UCLA’s access and the bounty of opportunities we provide for research. When engaged, determined students come together with passionate, leading-edge faculty, the results speak for themselves.

The internet was born here. Desalination was developed here in its first practical form. We’re constantly pioneering technology that’s reshaping our world — from software clouds that monitor electric vehicle charging stations to an epigenetic clock that can shed light on how various factors affect the human lifespan. We’ve sent researchers and undergrads to Costa Rica to track capuchin monkeys. When the fieldwork comes into the lab, faculty, postdocs, grads and undergrads work together to understand what is often exciting, world-changing research.

In the marketplace and in society, our research produces real, groundbreaking innovations, from genetically modified seeds that could help end world hunger to solar panels as thin and pliable as a plastic bag. Rethinking what’s possible and feeling certain we can find the answers is part of our nature. Just ask Distinguished Professor Emeritus Shelley Taylor — she discovered the gene in humans that is linked to being optimistic.

EGYPTIAN BURIAL ARTIFACTS
Professor of Egyptian Art and Architecture and Chair of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Kara Cooney teaches students about Egyptian artifacts, ancient economies and decoding hieroglyphics.

TITAN KRIOS
THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, this electron microscope images nanostructures with the highest level of detail available today — down to the sub-Ångström level.

ROBOTICS & MECHANISMS LABORATORY
UCLA’s RoMeLa, which Professor Dennis Hong founded and oversees, is a facility for graduate and undergraduate robotics research and education.
WE HAVE THE TOOLS TO CREATE

INSTRUMENTS

OF

CHANGE

REINVENTION. INNOVATION. They’re at the core of UCLA’s identity. This is evident in the facilities and resources available on campus, such as the renovated CHARLES E. YOUNG RESEARCH LIBRARY. With its modern communal spaces featuring the latest in smart technology, including devices that activate and document the research process, it’s a dynamic living lab of ideas, experimentation and results. The EVELYN AND MO OSTIN MUSIC CENTER, a critical part of the Herb Alpert School of Music, amazes with its high-tech recording studio, state-of-the-art spaces for rehearsal and teaching, and an internet-based music production center. Students and faculty have access to the latest in music technology and production.

GEFFEN HALL, UCLA’s medical education building, features cutting-edge teaching labs, a lecture auditorium and exam rooms designed to easily adapt to different learning styles and advances in medical education. And RONALD REAGAN UCLA MEDICAL CENTER is ranked No. 2 in Los Angeles and No. 5 nationally. As a research hospital, it’s continually at the forefront of modern medicine — and it’s right on our campus. Through programs like UCLA Care Extenders, students in any major can train as volunteers to assist medical staff and gain in-the-trenches experience. The hospital is an invaluable academic resource that prepares the healers of the future.
Our connection with L.A. doesn’t end with our name.

It’s no wonder volunteering and community service are a key part of UCLA. We attract doers. The students who can’t sit idly by when they know their talents and passions can effect change NOW. And we help make that possible.

It starts with VOLUNTEER DAY, an annual community-service event early in fall quarter when freshmen and new transfers join forces with fellow Bruins — students, faculty, alumni and more — to make a difference throughout Los Angeles and the world. While participating in one of the largest university-related service days in the world, our volunteers do everything from mentoring inner-city kids and sprucing up beaches to sorting food bank donations and gardening at senior centers. Since Volunteer Day started in 2009, Bruins have contributed more than 329,200 service hours at an estimated value of more than $8.4 million. The rewards are priceless.

Throughout the year, the UCLA VOLUNTEER CENTER makes it easy for students to stay involved via annual events and ongoing programs such as One Bus, One Cause, which sends a bus full of students to an L.A. community to address needs in that area. Students can also get involved as volunteer tutors with UCLA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, which are reshaping public education in Los Angeles thanks to a partnership between UCLA and Los Angeles Unified School District. Students can earn course credit by serving in the community, whether it’s local or international internships, service-learning courses in L.A., or with AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps. Giving back to communities is an essential part of our mission as a public university.

At UCLA, we understand the needs of the world. With compassion and dedication, we strive to meet them head-on.
PREPARE TO flourish.

IT’S ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC, THRIVING AND SAFEST AREAS IN ONE OF THE WORLD’S GREAT CITIES. It’s teeming with a myriad of influences and bursting with activity. An academic haven, yet so much more. And it’s yours to call home. WELCOME TO UCLA.

Our campus is adorned with sparkling pools, tennis courts, state-of-the-art fitness centers and lush, tree-lined vistas. You’ll find eclectic cafes and outdoor terraces. Dining options that reflect the bubbling melting pot of flavors that’s synonymous with Los Angeles — whether it’s pan-Asian fare, wood-fired pizza ovens or kitschy late-night burger joints. It’s all done with an eye for quality and a flair for the international.

UCLA’s campus is alive and connected, and there’s always something big going on — from world-class concerts, sporting events and film festivals to arts and cultural events and speakers like philosopher, activist and intellectual leader Cornel West, NBA coach Steve Kerr, Nobel Prize-winning astrophysicist Andrea Ghez and CNN’s Christiane Amanpour. The options are bountiful, the experience larger-than-life.
ENERGETIC. ENTHUSIASTIC. UNSTOPPABLE.

Our traditions are bold. They’re fun. And they’re often larger than life. But most of all, they’re an embodiment of the indomitable Bruin spirit that courses through our veins.

BEAT ‘SC BONFIRE
Since its inception, this exciting, student-run tradition has inspired celebrities, students and alumni to gather together to cheer on the Bruins before their rivalry football game against USC.

SPRING SING
Held at Pauley Pavilion, this annual event showcases UCLA’s most gifted student performers and attracts celebrities and talent scouts. Past performers have included Sara Bareilles and Maroon 5.

DANCE MARATHON
This charitable event has students dancing 26 hours straight and has raised millions for pediatric AIDS research.

BRUIN BASH
This annual event to kick off the school year has featured such performers as Jay Z, LMFAO, Rico Nasty and Charli XCX.

THE INVERTED FOUNTAIN
Touch the waters of the Inverted Fountain once during freshman orientation and swear not to reach another drop until graduation. Campus lore dictates that even the tiniest dip adds a quarter to your college career. But come graduation, the wading begins.
329 days of sunshine a year isn’t a forecast, it’s an outlook.
Stroll along Bruin Walk and it’s impossible not to be overcome by the vibrancy and activity that permeate every step. From politics and social awareness to the arts, club sports and fraternity and sorority life, students here are deeply engaged. And thrilled to discover new and familiar avenues and points of view.

Over 1,000 clubs and student organizations make UCLA’s campus an epicenter of culture, progress and activism. Whether it’s the mobile clinic or Grupo Folklorico, snowboarding or Undergraduate Business Society, curing diseases or curing charcuterie — for every interest, there is an outlet.
Settle in on the Hill, UCLA’s residential community and home to nearly 100 percent of freshmen, and you’ll find yourself in a microcosm of the world. You’ll swap stories and ideas over meals, tennis and laundry with people from every major and walk of life — roommates, classmates, faculty-in-residence and amazing individuals you may not meet any other way. Some will become mentors. Some, friends for life.

Throughout the year, you’ll savor the highest-rated food of any university. Spread your wings in living-learning communities — Afrikan Diaspora, Sustainability, Chicana/Latinx and Gender, Sexuality and Society, to name a few — where like-minded individuals representing every interest and outlet get together. Experiment with 3-D printing and other handiwork in the Makerspace. And broaden your horizons in small, interdisciplinary classes known as Clusters. You’ll bloom in this safe haven where classrooms, libraries, labs, sports facilities, study halls and cultural activities are just outside your door.

At UCLA, living on campus gives you an incomparable way to experience university life fully. In this mini-metropolis with a wealth of possibilities at your fingertips, you’ll discover a home away from home.
IT’S A LOT EASIER TO
IMPACT
THE WORLD
WHEN IT’S IN YOUR BACKYARD.

Welcome to the nexus of the West.
A TOP UNIVERSITY SET IN ONE OF THE MOST VIBRANT, DIVERSE CITIES IN THE WORLD.

A quintessential campus.
A vibrant metropolis.
A WORLD THAT WILL FOREVER CHANGE YOURS.

419 acres of beautiful collegiate grounds within
A CITY THAT STRETCHES FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE OCEAN.
Explore every angle. This is your cultural landscape. Explore. Absorb. Devour. At your doorstep, a wealth of experiences and opportunities only a city like Los Angeles can provide. From the Sunset Strip to the Hollywood Bowl, the Comedy Store to the Getty Center, snowboarding at Big Bear to dipping your toes in the ocean in Santa Monica — Los Angeles is a crossroads of culture, activity, new ideas and adventures, all just a bus ride, drive or walk away.

It’s a city of neighborhoods, each with its own unique offerings. UCLA’s home base is Westwood, where a taste of Persian ice cream is as easy to come by as movies and movie premieres, live theater, museums and shopping. Or spread your wings. Grab a bowl of bibimbap in Koreatown. Peruse street art in Silver Lake. People-watch along Venice Beach. Shop for handmade Mexican textiles on Olvera Street. No matter which way you turn, you’ll find an incredibly diverse, always inspiring setting for you to broaden your horizons.

Los Angeles is also a life-altering destination. Always at the forefront, the city’s forward-thinking, progressive nature creates ample room for everyone to make their mark. Individualism and the collective good are championed all at once. And boundless opportunity meets unbounded talent. From the vanguards of fashion and entertainment to the visionary pioneers in tech and business — innovation is woven into our social fabric.

This is where four million people power one of the world’s largest economies. A place that was global before it was popular to think that way. Where one minute you can be in East Asia and in Latin America the next. Where the world-famous cross paths with the world’s greatest.

For generations, Los Angeles has been a place where your dreams will flourish. Here, anything is possible.
Our classrooms come with window seats

3,000+ int'l students from over 75 countries

Exchange programs at 115 universities in over 40 countries

We understand changing the world begins with experiencing it.
That’s why UCLA’s experiential learning and study abroad programs are some of the most active in the country. Exchange programs at 115 top universities in over 40 countries offer students an education without borders. And here at home, over 3,000 undergraduate international students make UCLA a microcosm of the world. It is evident in the hundreds of ethnic clubs, exhibits and events enhancing our campus. The UCLA community doesn’t just understand the world. We’ve actually been there.
A HISTORY OF REWRITING IT

UNFLAPPABLE DETERMINATION. ENDURING SPIRIT. THE CORE BELIEF THAT THE SCOREBOARD ISN’T EVERYTHING — EFFORT IS. HERE AT UCLA, WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE THE GAME. UNEAD IT, EVEN. WE DON’T GIVE IN OR BEND TO OTHERS’ WILL. WE CHALLENGE CONVENTIONS UNTIL WE SNAP THEM IN TWO.

TAKE JACKIE ROBINSON, A LITERAL GAME-CHANGER WHO REFUSED TO BE OUT WHEN THE MAJORS WOULDN’T LET HIM IN. AT UCLA, HE WAS THE FIRST TO LETTER IN FOUR VARSITY SPORTS IN ONE YEAR. WHILE WE CAN’T CLAIM TO BE THE SOURCE OF HIS ATHLETIC ABILITY, PERHAPS BEING ON THE MOST RACIALLY INTEGRATED COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM AT THE TIME GAVE HIM HOPE AND HELPED HIM ENDURE THE THREATS, JEERS AND RACIST TAUNTS HE FACED WITH SUCH GRACE, DIGNITY AND HONOR.

A YEAR BEFORE ROBINSON BROKE THE COLOR BARRIER IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, KENNY WASHINGTON, THE FIRST BRUIN FOOTBALL PLAYER TO BE NAMED AN ALL-AMERICAN, BURST THE NFL’S BAN ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN PLAYERS. AND WHEN THE NATION WAS QUESTIONING WOMEN’S SPORTS, ANN MEYERS DRYSDALE ANSWERED WITH THE FIRST FULL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO A FEMALE. SHE WENT ON TO BECOME THE FIRST WOMAN DRAFTED TO THE WOMEN’S PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE.

AND AS WE FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, OUR COACHES INSPIRE US TO ACHIEVE COMPETITIVE GREATNESS AND STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN EVERY FACET OF OUR LIVES. UCLA LEGEND JOHN WOODEN, THE ONLY COACH TO WIN 10 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MEN’S BASKETBALL, GAVE US A SET OF PRINCIPLES THAT HAS BECOME AS ICONIC AS KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR, CAL GOODRICH AND THE MANY OTHER LEGENDS IT HELPED SHAPE, INCLUDING FORMER UCLA WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS COACH VALORIE KONDOS FIELD. IN 2016, SHE WAS NAMED PAC-12 COACH OF THE CENTURY.

WITH NEARLY 300 OLYMPIC MEDALISTS TO OUR NAME, WE HAVE A HIGHER MEDAL COUNT THAN MOST COUNTRIES. BUT OUR VICTORIES TRANSCEND NUMBERS AND BORDERS. WE HAVE A HISTORY OF BREAKING BARRIERS. AND WE APPROACH EVERY CHALLENGE WITH THAT LEGACY IN MIND.
YOU CAN SEE
YOUR future
FROM HERE.

When you become a Bruin, you join the ranks of the MOST IMPRESSIVE ALUMNI ROSTER.

It's not the sheer number of or even the impact of these individuals that set UCLA apart.

It's the BREADTH OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND EXCELLENCE that no other university can compete with.
UCLA ALUMNI BELIEVE IN THE IMPOSSIBLE. AND OFTEN ACHIEVE IT.

Discovering. Improving. Inventing. Creating. Their optimistic outlook and diverse backgrounds drive them to reach above and beyond. Together, they present a network of unparalleled possibilities — a family that is happy to embrace new members. Here are but a few of our outstanding alumni.

MAYIM BIALIK
B.S. ‘00, PH.D. ’07
EMMY-NOMINATED STAR OF THE BIG BANG THEORY, NEUROSCIENTIST

VALORIE KONDOS FIELD
B.A. ’87
PAC-12 COACH OF THE CENTURY

KAREEM ABDUL JABBAR
B.A. ’69
SIX-TIME NBA CHAMP, ALL-TIME LEADING SCORER, AUTHOR, HISTORIAN, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM RECIPIENT

PAUL TERASAKI
B.A. ’50, M.S. ’52, PH.D. ’56
TISSUE-TYPING PIONEER

ANGEL BLUE
M.M. ’08
INTERNATIONAL OPERA SENSATION, PLACIDO DOMINGO PROTEGÉE

PATRICIA CARDOSO
M.F.A. ’94
TRAILBLAZING HISPANIC FILMMAKER, ANTHROPOLOGIST, FULLBRIGHT SCHOLAR

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA
M.F.A. ’67
ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER

RALPH BUNCHE
B.A. ’27
ACCLAIMED DIPLOMAT, POLITICAL SCIENTIST, FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

PAUL TERASAKI
B.A. ’50, M.S. ’52, PH.D. ’56
TISSUE-TYPING PIONEER

LULA WASHINGTON
B.A. ’76, M.S. ’84
DANCER, CHOREOGRAPHER, COMMUNITY LEADER

JUAN FELIPE HERRERA
B.A. ’72
FIRST LATINO NAMED U.S. POET LAUREATE

ANNA LEE FISHER
B.S. ’71, M.D. ’76, M.S. ’87
CHEMIST, DOCTOR, ASTRONAUT, FIRST MOTHER IN SPACE

RICHARD HECK
B.S. ’52, PH.D. ’54
CHEMISTRY PIONEER, NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA
M.F.A. ’67
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