

# UCLA Bruin Professionals

September 2016 eNewsletter

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## President's Message

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Let me start my term as President of Bruin Professionals by saying how honored and proud I am to take on this new role. I was at the first meeting of BP back in 2002 when there was only one chapter and about 20 attendees. We had a mission statement and a group of eager Bruins wanting to prove we had the right stuff to form our own professional network. We grew by bits and pieces to Encino, Pasadena, and other locations with varying degrees of success. Today we have 16 chapters, numerous affinity groups, and a vibrant Board of Directors including a number of Vice Presidents. We're now poised to improve the quality, value proposition, and membership numbers even further.

BP's newest mission statement, *Commerce, Camaraderie, and Community* is not just an ideal-it's a reality. Our distinct brand as a bona fide business networking alumni group is *Commerce*. Largely because we have the commonality of UCLA, *camaraderie* is a natural outgrowth. And because we genuinely care about each other as we go through various life passages, our BP *community* offers support, encouragement, and assistance to its members.

As your new President, my vision will be to build on those of the past three Presidents while also looking to a very bright future. Some of my initiatives: increase and regularly schedule training in networking skills for new and experienced members; develop sponsorships to provide financial resources for our organization while improving the visibility of our sponsors; enhance and update our web site; create videos that capture the essence of Bruin Professionals and our members; increase the variety of social events; form additional chapters and affinity groups; continue to support and grow our existing chapters.

I encourage all of you to get involved, find ways to give to others, and spread the word about Bruin Professionals. As always, I'm open to your feedback, and look forward to the continued success and growth of our extraordinary organization.



## Our Mission

### Commerce:

- We're an active business referral and connection network
- We're an information resource group of qualified and established professionals

### Camaraderie:

- We're membership beyond business: as colleagues *and* friends
- We effortlessly connect with people beyond the nametag

### Community:

- We believe in a shared and meaningful UCLA experience
- We're a unique affiliation within the extended UCLA family

UCLA Bruin  
Professionals  
Presents

SEPT. 22  
5:30-8:30PM

Full Dinner & Sangria Provided  
Cost: \$25  
\*(Brentwood Area)  
Address provided  
upon registration

# SUMMER SANGRIA

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# The Few. The Proud. The 200.

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It's one thing to have a Bruin Professionals Alumni Scholarship – committed to raising at least \$100,000 as a permanent endowment – it's quite another to ensure its vitality for the student lucky enough to get the nod. That's why we've established The BP 200 Club, a select group of 200 individuals who have pledged at least \$500 to the scholarship over the next five years. BP 200 Club members will appear on the BP website as the scholarships' founders, and their numbers will be proudly displayed on the new, larger BP name badges.

In addition to feeling good, giving back and supporting deserving students, contributions to the BP Alumni Scholarship fund count towards Chancellor Society levels, which means you could make your Chancellor Society contribution and direct it all to the Bruin Professionals Alumni Scholarship. That's a win in anyone's book!

We've already secured our first 60 donors. Time is running out to be in the top 75! When you sign up, you can pick your "club" number

To see who is in the BP 200 Club, or to find out more information, go to the BP website and click on the "Donations/Scholarships" tab.

Make your gifts payable to:  
"The UCLA Foundation"  
with Bruin Professionals  
Alumni Scholarship (#82255e) in the memo.

Mail your gift to:  
UCLA Alumni Scholarships  
ATTN: George Touma  
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# SCHOLARSHIPS

# Networking Tip of the Month

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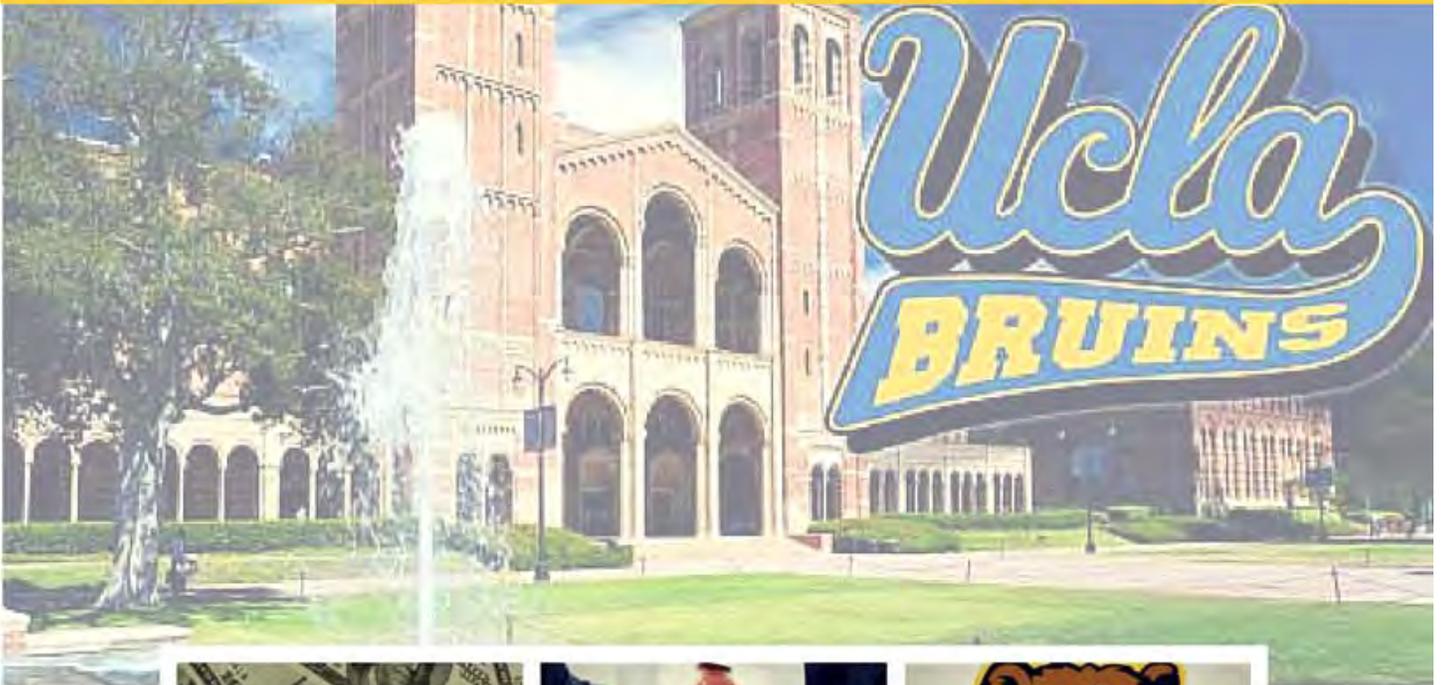


Some people have told me that they don't get any business from social media. But in order to derive its benefits, you must engage others in a timely manner. Business will not come automatically or immediately but rather, gradually from a consistent and appropriate interaction and engagement with your online network. The interaction should not be overdone. Respond to others' posts, offer congratulations for promotions and anniversaries, and stay in touch with the people in your network. Let them know what you're doing and provide valuable content that they can either utilize or share with others.

Have an article, story, or spotlight that you'd like to submit for publication in our next eNewsletter? Submit it to [admin@bruinprofessionals.com](mailto:admin@bruinprofessionals.com).

Networking is about opportunity - of all shapes and sizes

# 3 Reasons to Join Bruin Professionals



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**Camaraderie:** BP is membership beyond business: as professional colleagues AND as friends. We are an open, inviting and unique professional group where people connect beyond the nametag.



**Community:** A shared UCLA experience and involvement is the foundation of our group. Beyond campus and classes, BP serves as a unique affiliation for business professionals within the extended UCLA family.

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# Regional New Member Trainings

*"Individual commitment to a group effort - that's what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."*

**Vince Lombardi**



Bruin Professionals keeps growing, and part of our mission statement is to nurture our new members and foster their growth and business development. To that end, we hosted two new member trainings this fall - and are scheduling more. Check the BP website for updates.

If you're a new BP member (in BP less than 12 months), you can attend the training AND networking mixers afterwards for FREE!

If you're a seasoned member of BP and would like to attend the training, no problem. Just register for the event on the BP website when the new trainings are posted.

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Do you have questions about Chapter & Member Resources?  
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# UCLA Sent 36 to 2016 Olympic Games!



6 of the 36 are current student-athletes or incoming freshmen!

For full article from UCLA, click [HERE](#)

UCLA was represented by 12 countries in 2016, with the majority from the United States (24). The other countries represented by Bruins were Australia, Brazil, Canada (2 Bruins), Colombia, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland and Singapore.

Women's soccer and women's water polo were tied for the most representation by sport, with six Bruins on each team. Women's soccer had two incoming

freshmen, two alumnae and two coaches on various teams. UCLA women's water polo was represented by six Bruins on Team USA - one current, one incoming freshman, three alumnae and the head coach. Other sports represented by Bruins were track and field (4), badminton (3), men's indoor volleyball (3), men's tennis (2), men's water polo (2), women's golf (2), women's indoor volleyball (2), women's basketball (1), women's beach volleyball (1), women's gymnastics (1), women's rugby (1), women's swimming (1) and women's rowing (1).

For 13 of UCLA's 2016 Olympians, this was a return visit to the Olympics. USA Women's Volleyball head coach Karch Kiraly participated in his fifth Olympic Games. He won gold with the USA Indoor Volleyball men's team in 1984 and 1988, gold in beach volleyball in 1996 and silver in 2012 as assistant coach of the USA Women's Volleyball team.

Marathoner Meb Keflezighi and tennis player Marcin Matkowski competed in their fourth Olympic Games. Keflezighi competed in 2000 in the 10,000m and in 2004 and 2012 in the marathon, winning a silver medal in 2004. Matkowski has played in each Olympic Games since 2004. Additionally, Jill Ellis, who was the UCLA women's soccer head coach from 1999-2009, coached in her fourth Olympic Games, but first as head coach of Team USA. Two members of the USA men's volleyball staff made their third Olympic appearances. USA and UCLA men's volleyball *John Speraw* was in his first Olympics as head coach for Team USA after serving as an assistant coach in 2008 and 2012, and team leader Erik Sullivan previously played on the 2000 and 2004 teams.

Making their second Olympic appearances were 2012 Olympic gold medalists Courtney Mathewson and head coach Adam Krikorian with USA women's water polo, men's tennis player Jean-Julien Rojer, pole vaulter Tori Pena, javelin thrower Brittany Borman, swimmer Ting Wen Quah and women's soccer player Rosie White.

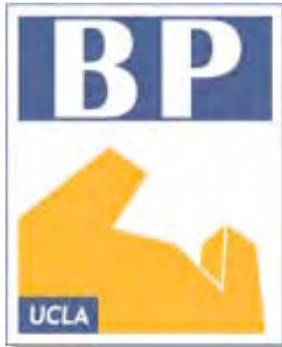
Six of the 2016 UCLA Olympians were current student-athletes or incoming freshmen - senior Rachel Fattal (USA women's water polo), junior Alex Roelse (USA men's water polo) and incoming freshmen Jessie Fleming (Canada women's soccer), Madison Kocian (USA women's gymnastics), Maddie Musselman (USA women's water polo) and Mal Pugh (USA women's soccer). USA badminton player Iris Wang was also a UCLA undergraduate student.

Two current UCLA coaches participated in the Olympic Games as well - Speraw with Team USA and women's soccer goalkeeper coach *Aline Reis*, who played for Brazil. Speraw and Reis were two of the 13 current UCLA coaches who are Olympians, joining *Steve Alford* (men's basketball, 1984 gold medalist), *Brandon Brooks* (water polo, 2004, 2008 silver medalist), *Amanda Cromwell* (soccer, 1996 alternate), *Sharon Day-Monroe* (track & field, 2008, 2012), *Lisa Fernandez* (softball, 1996/2000/2004 gold medalist) *Amy Fuller Kearney* (rowing, 1992 silver medalist, 1996, 2000), *Jenny Johnson Jordan* (beach volleyball, 2000, 2004 alternate), *Stein Metzger* (beach volleyball, 2004), *Chris Waller* (gymnastics, 1992), *Jordyn Wieber* (gymnastics, 2012 gold medalist), and *Adam Wright* (water polo, 2004, 2008 silver medalist, 2012).

A total of 424 Bruins have now combined to make 687 Olympic appearances since the 1920 Games.

Additionally, six Bruin alumni were a part of NBC's broadcast team at the Games - Ato Boldon (track & field), Kay Cockerill (golf), Tim Daggett (gymnastics), Ann Meyers Drysdale (basketball), Samantha Peszek (digital/gymnastics) and Kevin Wong (beach volleyball).

# Welcome New BP Members



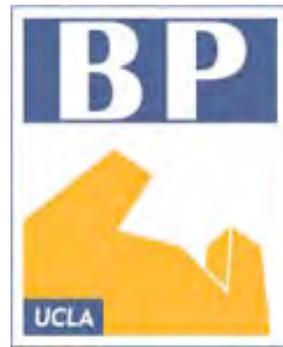
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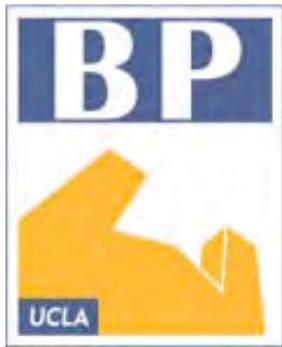
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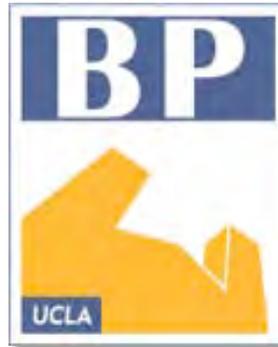


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# OKTOBRUINFEST

COME AND CELEBRATE GREAT BEER  
AND GREAT BRUIN COMMUNITY!

Hosted by BP  
chapters: Santa  
Moinca, Silicon  
Beach and  
Westwood

6 PM | THURSDAY  
WURSTKUCHE (VENICE)  
625 LINCOLN BLVD.,  
VENICE, CA 90291

OCT  
**27**  
2016

**FREE- RSVP TODAY!**

APPETIZERS WILL BE  
PROVIDED

## Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events



**What:** Summer & Sangria Mixer  
**When:** September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Time:** 5:30-8:30pm  
**Location:** Private Residence (BH)  
address given up on registration

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**What:** Irvine Chapter Launch  
**When:** Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 5:30-7:30pm  
**Location:** Del Frisco's Grille  
772 Spectrum Center Drive,  
Irvine, CA 92618

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**What:** OktoBRUINFest  
**When:** Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 6-8:30pm  
**Location:** Wurstkuche (Venice)  
625 Lincoln Blvd., Venice, CA  
90291

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**What:** All Chapter Holiday Party  
**When:** December 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** TBD

“Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Wishing is not enough; we must do.”

-Johann Wolfgang

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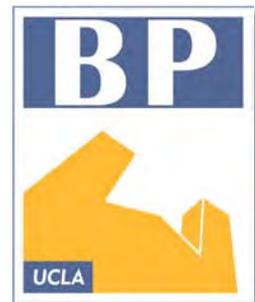
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