

2008 CALIFORNIA SOFTBALL

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2008 CALIFORNIA SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS

Location: Berkeley, Calif.
Nickname: Golden Bears
Colors: Blue (282) and Gold (116)
Enrollment: 34,953
Founded: 1868
Conference: Pacific-10
Home Venue: Levine-Fricke Field (500)
Chancellor: Robert J. Birgeneau
Director of Athletics: Sandy Barbour
Deputy Director of Athletics: Steve Holton
2007 Record: 34-32
2007 Pac-10: 7-14/8th
2007 NCAA Regional: Tuscaloosa Regional (1-2)
2007 Super Regional: N/A
2007 Final Ranking: NR
Starters Returning: 8 (includes two starting pitchers)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/6
Newcomers: 5

SOFTBALL STAFF

Head Coach: Diane Ninemire (21st season, Nebraska-Omaha '80)
Cal/Career Record: 889-430
Assistant Coach: John Reeves (15th season, San Jose State '80)
Assistant Coach: Tammy Lohmann (3rd season, Arizona State '97)
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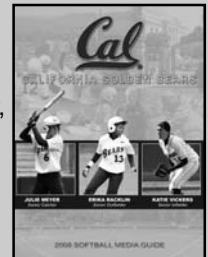
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ON THE COVER

Seniors Julie Meyer, Erika Racklin and Katie Vickers. All individual action photos by Michael Pimentel.



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CALIFORNIA ATHLETICS

Winning...



Duje Draganja
Men's Swimming & Diving
2004 Olympic Silver Medalist

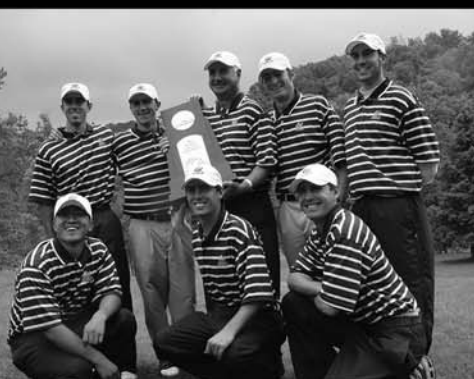


Natalie Coughlin
Women's Swimming & Diving
Five-Time 2004 Olympic Medalist

RECENT TEAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



2002 SOFTBALL



2004 MEN'S GOLF



2006 MEN'S CREW



CURRENT CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS



2006 FIELD HOCKEY
NorPac Champions



2006 FOOTBALL
Pac-10 Co-Champions



2006 MEN'S SOCCER
Pac-10 Champions

Cal

Patrick O'Neil
Men's Swimming & Diving
2007 NCAA Champion
200 Butterfly

Jessica Hardy
Women's Swimming & Diving
2007 NCAA Champion
100 Breaststroke

Dana Vollmer
Women's Swimming & Diving
2007 NCAA Champion
100 Butterfly

Kelechi Anyanwu
Women's Outdoor Track & Field
2007 NCAA Champion
Discus

Tim McNeill
Men's Gymnastics
2007 NCAA Champion
Parallel Bars
Pommel Horse

Alysia Johnson
Women's Indoor and Outdoor
Track & Field
2007 NCAA Champion
800 m

...is a Cal tradition!



2006 WOMEN'S CREW



2007 RUGBY



2007 MEN'S WATER POLO

Valentina Godfrid
Women's Field Hockey
2006 NorPac Conference
Player of the Year

Daymeion Hughes
Football
2006 Pac-10 Conference
Defensive Player of the Year

Marshawn Lynch
Football
2006 Pac-10 Conference
Offensive Player of the Year

Susie Babos & Zsuzsanna Fodor
Women's Tennis
2007 Pac-10 Conference
Doubles Team of the Year



SIMPLY THE BEST

There is no other way to aptly describe America's top public university. There is no other way to describe one of the elite academic settings in the world – especially one that also includes one of America's most successful athletic departments.

The University of California blends the best of all worlds. Overlooking the scenic San Francisco Bay and ranked as the nation's top public university by the *U.S. News and World Report*, the flagship campus of the state of California also features an athletic program that annually finishes among the leaders in the Directors' Cup standings, which rates the overall success of America's athletic departments.

Cal attracts what many believe to be the finest applicant pool in the United States. The university features a diverse student-body population. The University of California offers 300 degree programs, and 35 of the school's 36 graduate programs are ranked among America's top 10. Cal's 35 programs among the top 10 is No. 1 among all universities in the country, as is its 32 "distinguished" programs, as rated by the National Research Council.

The library is ranked third in the country, as judged by Association of Research Libraries with 9 million volumes in 18 campus libraries.

The faculty features seven Nobel Laureates, 128 members of the National Academy of Sciences, 16 MacArthur Fellows, 83 Fulbright Scholars, three Pulitzer Prize winners and more Guggenheim Fellows (139) than any other university in America.



AMERICA'S NO. 1 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY BY THE NUMBERS

1 Universities With Highest Number of Top 10 Graduate Programs

1. CALIFORNIA
2. Stanford
3. Harvard
4. Princeton
5. MIT

1 Universities With The Highest Number of "Distinguished Programs"

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|---------------------|----|
| 1. CALIFORNIA | 32 |
| 2. Stanford | 28 |
| 3. Harvard | 25 |
| 4. Princeton | 24 |
| 5. MIT | 20 |

1 In the 2004 survey conducted by The Association of Research Libraries, California's library was ranked No. 1 among public schools and third overall, behind only Harvard and Yale.

TOP PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

1. CALIFORNIA
2. Virginia
3. Michigan
- UCLA
5. North Carolina

Source: U.S. News and World Report

2 Ranking of World's Top 10 Universities*

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Harvard | 6. Cambridge |
| 2. CALIFORNIA | 7. Stanford |
| 3. MIT | 8. Yale |
| 4. Caltech | 9. Princeton |
| 5. Oxford | 10. ETH Zurich |

Source: *Times Higher Education 2004 Supplement

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351

Nobel Laureates

20 current and former faculty members, including George Smoot, 2006 recipient in physics

Student-to-Faculty Ratio

Degree Programs

3000 **Service**
The University of California is the only school in the country to have produced more than 3,000 volunteers since the inception of the Peace Corps in 1961.



BERKELEY AND THE BAY AREA

The San Francisco Bay Area is a major metropolitan area of approximately six million people and one of the most scenic regions in the United States. The Bay Area includes the major cities of San Francisco and Oakland, as well as Berkeley, home of the world-renowned University of California. Just south is the city of San Jose and the Silicon Valley, home to many of the world's high-tech companies. The Bay Area also lies within easy driving distance of the high Sierra resorts of Lake Tahoe and Yosemite, the Monterey/Carmel peninsula, the world famous Napa wine country, and the spectacular Mendocino Coast.

Everyone knows "The City" - San Francisco - from countless photographs, movies and television shows that capture its magic. It is a city built on a series of more than 40 hills, offering panoramic views of every kind. The hub of a nine-county complex and the financial and insurance capital of the world, San Francisco has a resident population of about 740,000. San Francisco is situated on a 46.6 square-mile peninsula bounded on the west by the Pacific Ocean, on the north by the Golden Gate strait, and from north to east by the San Francisco Bay. The City has been named the world's top city twice by readers of *Conde Nast Traveller* and the top U.S. city seven times since 1988.

The San Francisco Bay is spanned by two landmarks, the Golden Gate and San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridges, and graced by four islands: Alcatraz, Angel, Yerba Buena and Treasure. The area is easily navigated by car, BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), bus or ferry, making it easily accessible to all.

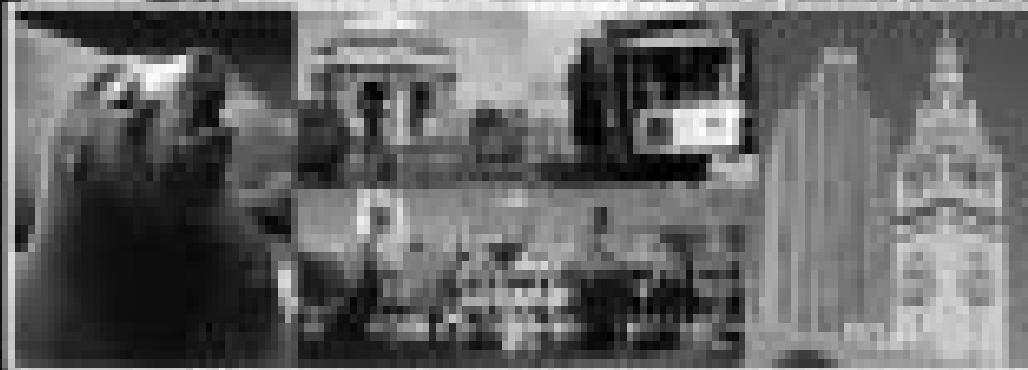
BERKELEY



OAKLAND



SAN FRANCISCO



Other Attractions

TOP U.S. CITIES

1. San Francisco, CA
2. Santa Fe, NM
3. Charleston, SC
4. New York, NY
5. Chicago, IL
6. Honolulu, HI
7. New Orleans, LA
8. Carmel, CA
9. Savannah, GA
10. Boston, MA

Source: Conde Nast Traveller magazine, 2004 Readers' Choice Awards

Located across the Bay Bridge from San Francisco, Oakland is a city of 400,000, jam-packed with exciting attractions, stimulating arts, and an ideal climate. Oakland's charm exceeds its man-made wonders, as its tumbling hills, vast forests, hiking and riding trails, beautiful lakes and numerous parks provide a natural escape for those who prefer nature over an urban environment.

Berkeley, just a 12-mile drive from San Francisco, is situated on 18.8 square miles with a population of 103,000 people. A study in contrasts, Berkeley is a small town with a big-city character. With its world-renowned university, global population and rich diversity of cultural arts, Berkeley reflects and affects the rest of the country.

Sports fans can see it all in the Bay Area - professional football (San Francisco 49ers, Oakland Raiders), professional basketball (Golden State Warriors), professional baseball (San Francisco Giants, Oakland Athletics), professional hockey (San Jose Sharks), and outstanding collegiate competition.

Sources: S.F. Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Oakland Convention & Visitors Authority, Berkeley Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the California Trade and Commerce Agency.

California Beaches

LAKE TAHOE

