



# ALUMNI BAND NEWS

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*UCLA Alumni Band – Celebrating 38 Years of providing music for UCLA Athletics, Alumni, and football fanatics*  
**July 10, 2014**

**2013-2014 RECAP – Celebrating another amazing year with the UCLA Alumni Band**

## YEAR IN REVIEW

**August 24**  
**Annual Rehearsal and Barbecue**

Your Alumni Band started the fall with our Annual Rehearsal/BBQ at Hirsch Castle. This annual event allowed us to try out some new tunes (Blurred Lines, Sweet Caroline) and practice some of the old tunes to make them even more perfect. Band members and their families gathered for food, conversation, food, swimming, and more food.



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● coachcori\_uclawbb Hangin out with our awesome alumni band today. They're finishing their practice then I get the privilege of speaking. #gobruins



**Cori Close**  
@CoachCloseUCLA

I am a fan of @UCLALumniBand!  
What a sincere, giving group of people. Thank you for all your care for the UCLA athletic experience!

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**Cori Close**  
@CoachCloseUCLA

@UCLALumniBand I thoroughly enjoyed my time with you.

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**August 31**  
**Football vs Nevada**

The band started out football season with a Labor Day weekend performance in the Fan Zone before the game against the University of Nevada. The band played for about two hours before the game, including the team walkthrough. After playing outside the stadium, band members quickly packed up their instruments, drinks, food, tickets, children, and music, and played another concert at the Court of Champions just inside the south entrance to the Rose Bowl.



The Court of Champions concerts continued throughout the year and gave many more people the privilege of hearing the Alumni Band.



**September 15**  
**Men's Soccer vs San Diego**

On Sunday, September 15, the band played at the Men's Soccer game at Drake Stadium as the team took on the University of San Diego. The Bruins emerged from the match victorious and unlike the World Cup, the score did not end 0-0 on penalties and none of the players flopped onto the ground whenever an opposing player breathed within 10 meters of him.



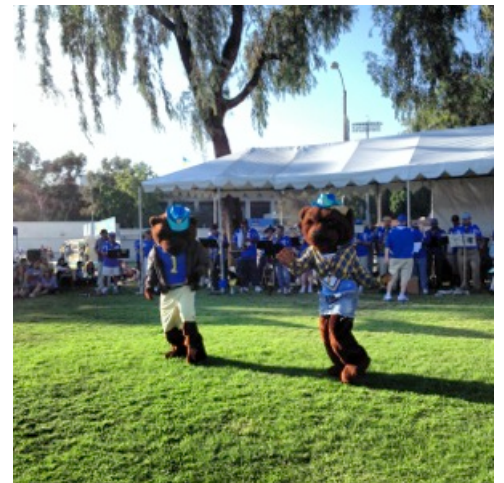
**September 16**  
**Women's Golf Team Fundraiser**

On Monday, September 16, many brave Alumni Band musicians traveled into the guts of the unmarked roads in Rancho Palos Verdes to play at a fundraiser for the Women's Golf team. The band played for about an hour and then watched a helicopter drop a bag of golf balls onto a golf course (there was money, booze, or both involved) and then waited 42,000 centuries for dinner before traveling back through the unmarked roads to return to their distant homes. The band was joined by members of the UCLA Sprit Squad for this event.



**September 21**  
**Football vs New Mexico State**

After a three week hiatus the band returned to the Rose Bowl for another set of concerts before an exciting game against another western foe, New Mexico State University. The Bruins won easily thanks to their offense, their defense, and their Alumni Band. The band welcomed back guest conductor Anthony Chung at this game and he participated in the concert several more times during the year. This was Anthony's third year of helping out the band.



**September 28**  
**Los Angeles County Fair**

The band once again was invited by UCLA Recreation to perform at the Los Angeles County Fair, this time while the team took the weekend off. This event is always fun for the players, their friends and families, and the large crowds of people who come to the Fair to eat massive quantities of fried food, see amazing things for sale, and watch world-class entertainment such as the Motorized Tractor Pull and the UCLA Alumni Band.



**October 1, 8, 22, 29**  
**"Bruin Insider" Radio Show**

The Alumni Band participated in the "Bruin Insider" radio show at Barney's Beanery in Westwood four times in October. The band played at commercial breaks and got to meet important Bruins like Coach Mora, Coach Close and several student-athletes.



**October 12**  
**Football vs California**

The football season continued with a visit to the Rose Bowl from the struggling Cal Bears. The band once again was its awesome self and the team won easily.



**November 2**  
**Football vs Colorado**

After two weeks on the road suffering tough losses the team returned to the friendly confines of the Rose Bowl for the first of three home games in November. The first victim was the Colorado Buffaloes.



**UCLA Football**  
@UCLAFootball

Buses should be arriving near Fan Zone soon RT @UCLAumniBand: It's time to play for our @uclafootball team Bruin Walk!

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**November 15**  
**Football vs Washington**

After a visit to Tucson, the team returned home to enjoy the Alumni Band and face the Washington Huskies. This was blackout day where the Athletic Department asked all the fans to wear black. The band did a pretty good job wearing black as many audience members mistook us for Johnny Cash.



**November 19, 26**  
**"Bruin Insider" Radio Show**

In November members of the band played for two more "Bruin Insider" radio shows at Barney's Beanery.



**November 23**  
**Football vs Arizona State**

The band bid farewell to longtime Alumni Cheerleaders Geof Strand and Frank Foellmer at the last home game of the season, with a final concert and numerous cakes and a nice ceremony honoring their many years of service to UCLA. With the conference championship on the line the band put on yet another spectacular display of music and pageantry before the game and cheered at volumes rivaling the tarmac at LAX, but the team was unable to recover from a large halftime deficit and the ASU Sun Devils claimed their first Pac-12 South Championship.



**December 8**  
**Gymnastics Team's Pawliday Party**

The first post-football season event was the Gymnastics team's Pawliday Party in the Wooden Center. This was an interesting twist to their annual Meet The Bruins event as band members wore festive Holiday outfits and played Holiday songs in the Wooden Center before the event.



**December 30**  
**Women's Basketball vs. USC**

The band had the opportunity to play at the Women's Basketball game against the USC Trojans on December 30 while the UCLA Band traveled to El Paso with the Football team for the Sun Bowl.



January 19  
Gymnastics vs Oregon State

The “Official Band of UCLA Gymnastics” played at its first home meet of the season on January 19. Bill missed this event so the tuba section was in tune and in time for once.



February 8  
Gymnastics vs Arizona State

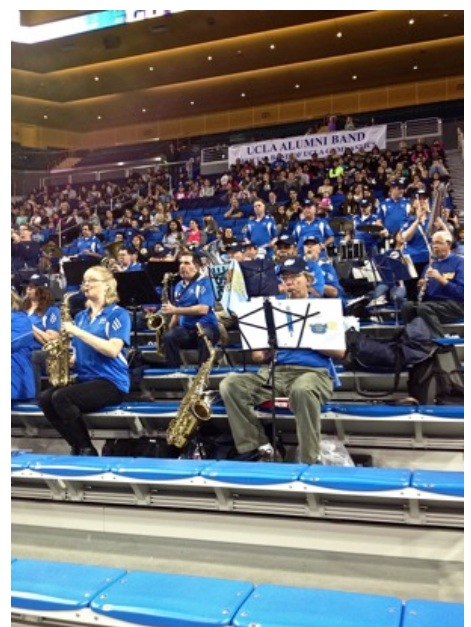
The “Official Band of UCLA Gymnastics” played at its second home meet of the season on February 8 as the Bruins faced the ASU Sun Devils in a PAC-12 conference meet.



UCLA Gymnastics  
@uclagymnastics

SHOUTOUT TO  
@UCLAumniBand for their  
continued support!

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**February 22**  
**Gymnastics vs Stanford**

The “Official Band of UCLA Gymnastics” played at its third home meet of the season on February 22 as the Bruins faced the Stanford Cardinal in a PAC-12 conference meet.



**March 16**  
**Gymnastics vs Utah and Bowling Green**

The “Official Band of UCLA Gymnastics” played at the last home meet of the season on March 16, a three-way gymnastics competition featuring the Bruins, the Utah Utes and Bowling Green University.



**Miss Val (Head Gymnastics Coach Valorie Kondos Field) had this to say about the Alumni Band:**

“What makes UCLA GREAT? It's the energy behind our Drive to achieve Success in pure Coach Wooden fashion - "Being the best that each of us is capable of being". This commitment from our UCLA Alumni Band, translates to a Synergy of Enthusiasm, Pride, and Unwavering Support that raises the excitement of our home events to a whole other level. It's not just the music that they provide, it's the Pride and Passion with which they provide it. Thank you to all who help us make Pauley come to Life!"

**April 5**  
**Baseball vs Long Beach State**

The band played at its annual baseball game, this time against the Long Beach State 49ers at beautiful Jackie Robinson Stadium. This is a marvelous venue for a band, and baseball provides ample breaks for the band to exercise its repertoire.



**UCLA Head Baseball Coach John Savage had this to say about the Alumni Band:**

"I'd like to thank the Alumni Band for coming out and playing at our game against Long Beach State on April 5. Their support is incredible and they helped create a great atmosphere at the ballpark for us. We hope that they will be able to come out to one of our games in the future and continue to provide such a great presence."

After the baseball game, the band recorded a video wishing the UCLA Gymnastics team good luck at the NCAA Championships, which they qualified for while we were playing. As you can see, the gymnasts and staff really appreciated it!



**April 12**  
**Murray Pepper's Birthday Party**

A small but loud and boisterous group from the Alumni Band played at a birthday party for UCLA alumnus Murray Pepper. The band received a donation to our Alumni Scholarship fund in appreciation of our efforts and we made a pilgrimage to Tito's Tacos after the performance.



**May 3**  
**Softball vs Stanford**

The band endured brass-melting heat as we performed at the Women's Softball game against Stanford on May 3. Like baseball, this is an excellent sport for a band. The Bruins beat the Cardinal 9-0 in a Mercy Rule-shortened game, due in no small part to the band's efforts.



**UCLA Softball**  
@UCLASoftball

A big thank you to the  
[@UCLAAlumniBand](#) for coming out  
to today's game and bringing us  
some good luck! Until next time!

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**Maddi Mobley**  
@mmobley

[@UCLAAlumniBand](#) [@UCLASoftball](#)  
you guys were AWESOME!  
Thanks for coming!!  
[#weneedmorealumniband](#)

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**Assistant Softball Coach Kirk Walker had this to say about the Alumni Band:**

“The power of UCLA goes beyond those currently in uniform, it's the alumni that have come before and bleed blue and gold. This is never more evident than when the Alumni Band makes an appearance at one of our team's events. The softball team had the great opportunity to experience this again this year during our Stanford series. The players, coaches and fans are so thankful for the time and the sounds but mostly the support. **THANK YOU Alumni Band**”

**May 17**  
**UCLA Alumni Day**

**On May 17 the band performed at UCLA outside Pauley Pavilion at UCLA Alumni Affiliates Day. The band played for about 80 minutes and even walked into Pauley Pavilion to play *Sons of Westwood* for the people participating in activities there.**



**Julie Sina, Associate Vice Chancellor of Alumni Affairs, had this to say about the Alumni Band:**

“THANK YOU for your absolutely wonderful participation in our Alumni Affinity Reunions! My favorite moment was looking up in Pauley when you triumphantly welcomed our alumni home as only our Alumni Band could do! You made the day particularly festive and special and I am so very grateful. Please mark your calendar for May 16, 2015 Alumni Day 2015 you are an essential part of each and every Alumni Day.

In gratitude, Julie”



## ***SPECIAL THANK YOU***

*The UCLA Alumni Band would like to thank the following groups and individuals for their support.*

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 Ventura County Bruins  
 Westside Bruins

**All of our UCLA Alumni Band members and their families!**