



# **ANTEATER CLUB**

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**2026-27 MEMBERSHIP GUIDE**

## 'EATER NATION

The 2025–26 athletic and fundraising year marked another extraordinary chapter in the history of UC Irvine Athletics. Thanks to the unwavering generosity and commitment of our student-athletes, supporters, alumni, parents, and fans, the Anteater community continues to elevate our programs to new heights.

This past year was highlighted by a record-breaking Giving Day effort in which the Anteater community came together to raise more than \$1.5 million in just 24 hours — an incredible demonstration of belief in the future of UC Irvine Athletics. This past year we also launched the Together We Zot fund, a transformative new initiative designed to help position UC Irvine Athletics for long-term success in the rapidly evolving landscape of collegiate athletics. Together We Zot represents a bold investment in our student-athletes and our championship future. The overwhelming response and record-setting support for this initiative across all sports has been inspiring and reinforces the strength and unity of 'EATER NATION.

As collegiate athletics continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace, philanthropic support remains more important than ever in ensuring we can provide a world-class student-athlete experience while competing for championships at the conference and national levels. The future of UC Irvine Athletics is incredibly bright, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership in helping us build upon our success. Your investment directly impacts scholarships, recruiting, student-athlete wellness, academic support, travel, nutrition, and the resources necessary for our programs to thrive in this new era of college athletics.

We invite you to explore the 2026–27 Anteater Club Membership Guide and learn more about the many ways you can continue to support our student-athletes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Anteater Club team.

ZOT! ZOT! ZOT!



**Brandon Leimbach**  
Senior Associate Athletics Director / Executive Director of Development  
UC Irvine Athletics

## HISTORY OF 'EATER EXCELLENCE

**109** CONFERENCE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

**616**  
ALL-AMERICANS



**71** OLYMPIANS & **3** PARALYMPIANS

OVER **5,000**  
SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

**28** NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

# BECAUSE OF **YOU**

ANTEATER CLUB SUPPORTS OVER **330** STUDENT ATHLETES

**3.38** DEPARTMENT  
GPA  
2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR\*

**18** OF 18  
TEAMS ABOVE  
3.0 GPA

101 STUDENT ATHLETES EARNED PERFECT

**4.0**  
GPA'S IN 2025-26\*

ANTEATER GRADUATES

**77**  
2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

**228**  
SCHOLAR ATHLETES  
2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR\*

*\*THROUGH 2026 WINTER QUARTER*

# AREAS OF IMPACT

## SCHOLARSHIP DONOR PROGRAM

The Scholarship Donor Program is a philanthropic commitment for Anteater Club donors of support student-athlete scholarships.

- The Scholarship Donor program is an annual commitment of \$10,000 a year for five years.
- Opportunity to provide mentorship for a Student-Athlete
- Interaction with Student-Athlete Recipient

## SPORT SPECIFIC GIVING

UC Irvine Athletics appreciates all donor support that is graciously extended to our programs and student-athletes. While gifts to the Eater Nation Fund go to support all 18 sport programs at UCI, a donor may choose to support a specific sport directly as well. These gifts enable coaches to supplement the operational budget of their sport used for recruiting, equipment, team travel and other various expenses.

## LINDA DEMPSAY WOMEN'S ATHLETIC INITIATIVE

Linda Dempsay was named UC Irvine's athletic director in 1977, making her the first female AD in NCAA Division I history. This initiative will help strengthen our women's sports by providing resources to better the student athlete experience. UCI remains committed to empowering female student-athletes, coaches and staff and we are honored to create this vehicle to promote a sustainable future for women's athletics programs at UCI.

## SPORTS PERFORMANCE

The UCI Athletics Sport Performance Fund exists to support the holistic elite performance of UCI athletes and teams. To maintain sustained competitive excellence at the NCAA Division I level, athletes need access to elite performance support through advanced sports medicine and treatment, data collection and interdisciplinary research, progressive strength, and conditioning resources, athletic fueling nutrition, modern sports psychology and a continuity of care over their four-year career. A donation to the UCI Athletics Sport Performance Fund ensures that our student-athletes have access to world-class resources needed for all high performing competitors and teams.

SARAH MILLER  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL





OLIVIER RIQUX  
MEN'S BASKETBALL

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital project gifts provide the revenue necessary to build and maintain first-class athletic facilities in which UC Irvine student-athletes train and compete. These facilities are not just important for recruiting the nation's best and brightest student-athlete. We've made a commitment to all of our student-athletes to equip them with the best tools to pursue their scholastic and athletic goals. When it comes to maintaining a competitive advantage, there is always a need for capital gifts. Current project and donation opportunities include:

- **Baseball Player Development Center**
- **Bren Events Center Renovations**
- **Ted Newland Pool**

## TOGETHER WE ZOT FUND

The Together We Zot fund represents a bold investment in the future of UC Irvine Athletics and our student-athletes. Created to provide direct support to our student-athletes through scholarships, room and board stipends, summer school, institutional NIL opportunities, and Alston awards, Together We Zot helps ensure the Anteaters remain nationally competitive in the evolving landscape of collegiate athletics. Through record-breaking support across all sports, EATER NATION is helping provide transformative resources that empower our student-athletes to excel in competition, in the classroom, and for a lifetime of achievement beyond collegiate athletics.

## ENDOWMENTS

The endowment program represents a long-term resource which can offset the financial strains of escalating scholarship costs, rising operational expenses, and the need for facility enhancements. Income earned from that fund finances a scholarship for a student-athlete or department initiative, now and in the future. There is no better way to have your name, or that of a loved one, permanently associated with UC Irvine Athletics. There are many ways to establish an endowment, and the arrangements for every gift can be personalized to fit your specific needs in accordance with university policies and procedures. For more information, contact Brandon Leimbach at [leimbach@uci.edu](mailto:leimbach@uci.edu)

- **Scholarship Endowments**  
fund academic support including room, board, and tuition

PROJECTED UCI SCHOLARSHIP COST			
2026-27	CALIFORNIA RESIDENT		NON-RESIDENT
TUITION & FEES	\$	19,269.00	\$ 56,870.00
ROOM & BOARD	\$	19,653.00	\$ 19,653.00
BOOKS	\$	800.00	\$ 800.00
ADDL. COST OF ATTENDANCE	\$	3,969.00	\$ 4,659.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>43,691.00</b>	<b>\$ 81,982.00</b>

# 'EATER NATION FUND

The 'Eater Nation Fund is UCI Athletics' annual fundraising vehicle. Annual membership is critical to our success in allowing our student-athletes to compete for and win championships while providing a world-class experience that is impactful, holistic, and transformational. Join the 'Eater Nation Fund today and play a significant role in the future of UCI Athletics.

Your 'Eater Nation Fund gift will provide support to the following areas:

- **STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**
- **RECRUITING EFFORTS**
- **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS**
- **FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS**
- **SPORTS MEDICINE**
- **EQUIPMENT UPGRADES**
- **STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING**

**ANTEATERS**



# EATER NATION FUND MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS GUIDE

2026-27 GIVING LEVELS AND BENEFITS	BLUE & GOLD \$100 - \$1,499	VARSITY \$1,500 - \$2,499	LETTERWINNERS \$2,500 - \$3,499	CAPTAIN \$3,500 - \$4,599	ALL-AMERICAN \$4,500 - \$5,999	SCOLAR-ATHLETE \$6,000 - \$9,999	HALL OF FAME \$10,000 - \$19,999	LEGEND \$20,000+
SUBSCRIPTION TO THE "IN-CROWD" E NEWSLETTER								
PRIORITY POINTS								
THANK YOU GIFT								
HOSPITALITY ACCESS FOR SELECT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES			4	4	4	4	4	4
HOSPITALITY ACCESS ON FRIDAYS FOR BASEBALL			2	2	2	4	4	6
HOSPITALITY ACCESS PASSES FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL			1	2	2	4	4	6
PRIORITY PARKING PASS FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON			1 - MESA	1 - MESA	1 - LOT GA	1 - LOT GA	1 - LOT GA	2 - LOT GA
EXCLUSIVE ADIDAS GEAR								
INVITATION TO A TEAM PRACTICE SESSION								
ROAD GAME TRAVEL FOR TWO (2)								
COST OF BENEFITS	\$13	\$13	\$1259	\$1714	\$1864	\$3334	\$3334	\$4904

# PREMIUM BENEFITS

## NEWKIRK PAVILLION AT ANTEATER BALLPARK

Donors at the **Letterwinner Level (\$2,500-\$3,499)** and above qualify for access to the Newkirk Pavilion at Anteater Ballpark for all Friday home baseball games. A wide variety of amenities enhances the baseball game day experience. The comfort and convenience of the Newkirk Pavilion makes this the most desirable seat in Anteater Ballpark. The Newkirk Pavilion is located along the third base line above the Anteater dugout and includes the following amenities:

- Catered buffet for all Friday night home baseball games
- Hosted beer & wine service
- Complimentary soft drinks and bottled water
- Open-view seating to enjoy the sounds and passion of the crowd and game
- Oversized chairback seats with armrests
- Pavilion restroom access
- Non-smoking environment

**NOTE:** Access to Newkirk Pavilion is for Friday home games only. Access on other game days is not included with Eater Nation Fund benefits.



## ARAMARK HOSPITALITY SUITE

Donors beginning at the **Captain Level (\$3,500-\$4,499)** qualify for access to the Aramark Men's Basketball Hospitality Suite. A wide array of amenities enhances the Men's Basketball game day experience. The Aramark Hospitality Suite is located in the first level of the Bren Events Center and includes the following amenities:

- Pre-game buffet
- Complimentary soft drinks and snacks
- Multiple high-definition TVs featuring all of the nation's sports action
- Pre-game "chalk talk" with Men's Basketball Coaching Staff
- Arena-level restroom access



## PRIORITY PARKING

Donors at the **All-American Level (\$4,500-\$5,999)** and above qualify to earn a priority parking pass in Lot 6A for the Men's Basketball season at the Bren Events Center. This lot is the most convenient and closest parking lot to the Aramark Hospitality Suite at the Bren Events Center. Donors at the **Captain level (\$3,500-\$4,499)** and above qualify to earn a priority parking pass in the Mesa Parking Structure for the Men's Basketball season at the Bren Events Center.

## ANTEATER CLUB CABINET

**Any individual whose total giving equals or surpasses \$10,000 in philanthropic funding to the Anteater Club in a given fiscal year is eligible for membership in the Anteater Club Cabinet. Members of the Anteater Club Cabinet receive exclusive membership experiences, while providing a significant impact on the lives of UCI student-athletes. The Anteater Club Cabinet is an exclusive program for UCI Athletics' most generous donors.**



# IMPORTANT ANTEATER CLUB PRIORITY GIVING DATES



**JULY 1**

ANTEATER CLUB MEMBERSHIP  
YEAR BEGINS



**SUMMER**

MSDC/WSDC/WVB  
SEASON TICKETS ON SALE



**FALL**

PRIORITY POINT  
SNAPSHOT TO ESTABLISH  
DONOR RANKING



**SPRING**

UCI ATHLETICS GIVING  
DAY



**WINTER**

PRIORITY POINT SNAPSHOT TO  
ESTABLISH DONOR RANKING FOR  
POSTSEASON OPPORTUNITIES



**WINTER**

BSB / MVB SEASON  
TICKETS ON SALE



**SPRING**

MBB / WBB SEASON  
TICKET RENEWALS



**JUNE 30**

ANTEATER CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP YEAR ENDS



TREVOR HANSEN  
BASEBALL

# PRIORITY POINTS



SUMMAH HANSON  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Priority Points system is designed to recognize fans and supporters who have demonstrated their loyalty through donations and season ticket purchases. The point system ensures that benefits such as priority for new season tickets, improved seat location and post-season ticket allocation are rewarded to our most dedicated supporters

## HOW PRIORITY POINTS ARE CALCULATED:

CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF SEASON TICKET PURCHASES*	1 point per sport (number of tickets purchased are not considered in the equation)
CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF DONATING	2 points for every consecutive year of restricted or unrestricted giving
CURRENT YEARS GIVING TO ANTEATER CLUB (UNRESTRICTED)	1 point for every \$100 given to the Anteater Club in the current year
CURRENT YEARS GIVING TO SPECIFIC SPORT/WIZ FUND (RESTRICTED)	.5 point for every \$100 given to a specific sport program/Together We Zof Fund in the current year
CUMULATIVE (LIFETIME) GIVING	1 point for every \$100 given to athletics in an account's life

\* All season ticketed sport - men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's volleyball and baseball

## EXAMPLES OF PRIORITY POINTS IN ACTION:

2026 GIVING OF DONOR "PETER THE ANTEATER"	PRIORITY POINT VALUE
Gave \$500 to the Anteater Club in 2026 (Current Year)	5
1 point for every \$100 given to the Anteater Club in the current year	20
.5 point for every \$100 given to a specific sport program/Together We Zof Fund	4
1 point for every \$100 given to athletics in an account's life	.5
Peter's lifetime giving is \$2,500	25
<b>POINT TOTAL FOR 2026</b>	<b>54.5</b>
<b>PRIORITY POINT RANKING</b>	<b>68/2,000</b>

# COMPLIANCE

## ARE YOU A REPRESENTATIVE OF UC IRVINE ATHLETIC INTERESTS?

A "representative" of UC Irvine's athletic interests (commonly known as a "booster") is bound by NCAA rules. Big West Conference and University regulations and UC Irvine is responsible for their actions.

## WHAT IS A BOOSTER?

Under NCAA legislation, you are considered a UC Irvine booster if...

1. You have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's inter-collegiate athletic program
2. You made a financial contribution of any amount or a gift in-kind (goods or services) to UC Irvine Athletics or to any of the groups or funds that support our athletic programs.
3. You provided NCAA-permissible benefits to UC Irvine student-athletes or their families or to prospective student-athletes or their families
4. You assisted in any manner in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete to attend UC Irvine, even if UC Irvine didn't request the assistance
5. You have otherwise assisted in promoting UC Irvine Athletics in any manner

Once identified as a booster, you retain that status forever, and NCAA rules will always apply to you. UC Irvine reserves the right to withhold any athletic department privileges (e.g. tickets, parking, receptions, events) from individuals involved in a violation.

## AS OUR MOST LOYAL SUPPORTERS AND FANS, WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

The NCAA now allows student-athletes to benefit from their Name, Image and Likeness. If you would like to support our student-athletes directly, visit the **Anteater Exchange** (<https://app.inflcr.com/exchange/university-of-california-irvine>) and engage in deals with your favorite Anteater. Or, if you would like to support the broader NIL efforts of a particular team, you may consider making a gift to the Together We Zot fund (outlined earlier in the Membership Guide).

Please keep NCAA rules compliance in mind, report to the UC Irvine Compliance Office when you are aware of a potential rules violation, and always "ask before you act."

If you have any questions on NCAA rules, please contact Ashley Letrich, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance at [aletrich@uci.edu](mailto:aletrich@uci.edu)

JOVAN JESTER JR.  
MEN'S BASKETBALL



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**EVERY GIFT COUNTS!**

**JOIN TODAY!**

**#TOGETHERWEZOT**