



# UCLA DRAGON BOAT

SUMMER SESSION C 2019 NEWSLETTER

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# LAKE MERRIT 2019

SEPT 28th-29th 2019

On September 28th and 29th, UCLA Dragon Boat took their summer crew to Lake Merrit for the 24th Annual Kaiser Permanente Northern California International Dragon Boat Festival. Despite expectations for strong winds and gray skies, paddlers were welcomed with clear and sunny weather.

Following the first summer race of the year at Long Beach, UCLA had seven weeks to continue building the new crew. The season wasn't easy, but the team persisted to better their paddling technique and to blend in as one uniformed boat. The newly built blue boat brought home two medals.



# PRE-RACE DISCUSSION

SEPT 27th 2019

To get their race mentality on before the big weekend, the team gathered the Thursday before to ramp up the vibe.

After the pre race talks, the team is energized and hungry. The team took all that energy to Covell and filled their stomach with delicious dining hall food.



# RACE DAY FUN

SEPT 28th-29th 2019



# # 1 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY





# UCCALA!

For the first time in UCLA Dragon Boat paddling history, we paired up with Cal Dragon Boat for gender racing! Both boats "#1 Public University" were swift through the water. Both crew made it into finals with Women placing 2nd and Men placing 5th.



Both teams had something to learn from one another. UCLA Dragon Boat shared our Alo and Icecream with Cal Dragon Boat, and they shared their Soylent and provided us with breakfast. Thank you for being great hosts Cal Dragon Boat!



# LA COUNTY 2019

OCT 5th 2019

UCLA Dragon Boat takes on the LA County Dragon Boat race two years in a row. Once again, we took a small crew of a ten person boat, while the other half of the team assembled a volunteer crew.

Race day consists of lots of downtime with only three races spread out through the day. The glistering sun over casted the race area, so the team took shelter under our shady tents.

During downtime, our paddlers are able to catch up with one another with summer adventures and exciting future news. On the water, the crew works on blending as a team to the new paddling technique that was formulated over the course of the summer.



# RACE DAY SHENANIGAN



# GO SUMMER CREW!



# SHOUT OUTS TO THE VOLUNTEER CREW



The volunteer crew tirelessly worked to make sure race day run smoothly by help loading and unloading boats. There were various of capsized as well (no one was injured) where the volunteer crews had to use their big dragon boat muscles to scoop out boats filled with water.



# LAND PRACTICE

SUMMER SESSION C



Summer Session C land practices always end with a beautiful sunset. Land Coach, Mr. Buenaventura, worked the summer crew hard. Everyone is trying to get their hot girl summer body out here.



# BONDFIRE SOCIAL

AUGUST 8th 20109



Once again, the team took a break from the dam and headed to a beach to chill with fire. O boy the team does love the beach. It was a chill and relax social and everyone watched the beautiful sunset together. Moments like this really make summer session stands out. The team makes sure to spent bonding with each other since time is precious.

# MEET THE CABINET

## TIFFANY HOANG

DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS 2019-2020



"nothing"

I believe that we aren't just a team by ourselves, but rather within the greater community. While we can focus on our own improvement as a team, we build ourselves by connecting to other teams and sponsors. In addition, it's good to show our competitiveness and perseverance in order to create our team's legacy for years to come.

Fundamentally I think it's important to be a good role model and teammate, and I hope to encourage that same commitment within the team as well. Within my role, I want to experiment with more fundraisers, not just to cut costs but also to take more risks that can benefit the team in the long run.

I would love to see a more cohesive team that everyone can feel a sense of belonging to. But I hope the basic things that make our team what it is won't change. Be it 1 year or 10 years down the road, the same traditions, memories and bonds we share will continue to embody what this family means to us.

I would like this team to be more competitive, and I think that stems from just having the right mindset when going into a season. This year, I will try my best to be as encouraging and supportive as I can, to push people to strive to be better paddlers and athletes. While practices can be tiring, it's really enjoyable when you have your teammates beside you, encouraging you along the way. One year from now, I see the team still being the fun, exciting family that I got to be a part of in my two years of being on the team. This team really is a home on UCLA's campus, where I found the most encouraging, supportive friends that push me to better myself. At the end of the day though, I think this team is about improving yourself and helping others improve as well.

UCLA Dragon Boat was my first family here and has given me so much, from great friends to important lessons. Many of my best memories in college so far can be traced back to the team in one way or another. I want to give back to the team by working behind the scenes to create meaningful experiences for everyone too :)

## YUN YEE TAN

TREASURER 2019-2020



"I think boba is overrated"

# MEET THE CABINET

## DAVID SCOLORI

PRESIDENT 2019-2020



"I'm real flexible"

When I was a newbie, older members of the team would always encourage me to seek out leadership roles and to try and find ways to impact the team. They helped me believe that I could be a leader. Now as president, my goal is to do the same for the current group of underclassmen.

I want to build a culture of learning and improve on this team. Younger paddlers should be able to go to vets before or practice and ask for tips to help their stroke. Older paddlers should be able to help improve themselves and their teammates.

I would love to see this team win gold at every race and crush our competition. However, results are not my main focus. My only wish is that the team stays afloat and people are able to find a home and a family with us for years to come

I applied for this position in order to further this team's endeavors to become an increasingly competitive team by building a strong core of young paddlers.

I used to build computers in high school starting in my freshman year. I played a lot of video games since middle school and furthered the passion by building my own gaming desktop. Nowadays I don't play many games very often, but I still enjoy reading up on the latest tech and hardware relative to computer gaming and productivity. If not for dragon boat, I'd be a potato sitting at my desk playing games all day.

One year from now, I see UCLA Dragon boat competing at the highest level to become the best college team. In addition, I hope to see the aspects of family and life long connections remain important in our core values as a team. In order to become the best team on the water, I believe that we first have to be tightly knit and trusting of each other.

## NETPHEEL WANG

BOAT COACH 2019-2020



"I own a stuffed fox and shiba."

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