



# ANTEATER CLUB

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**2025-26 MEMBERSHIP GUIDE**

## DEAR EATER NATION:

The 2024-25 athletic season was a historic year at UC Irvine Athletics, culminating with the receipt of the Big West Conference Commissioner's Cup for outstanding excellence across all programs! It is the first time the Anteaters have earned this award since the inception of the Commissioner's Cup in 1998.

The Anteater Club also had a record-setting year, THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, and set records across the board for most dollars ever raised in one fiscal year, along with the largest giving day total, and capped it off with the single largest gift in the sixty-year history of the program.

While it was a year to celebrate, we are just getting started in the new era of collegiate athletics and as we prepare to maximize the opportunities in front of us, we will need your support to ensure UC Irvine Athletics remains competitive, equitable, and poised for success. As such, we THANK YOU for all you have done to provide an elite student-athlete experience and for all that you will continue to do as we compete for and win championships in both the Big West Conference and with annual aspirations of competing in NCAA post season events.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in supporting UC Irvine Athletics and if you have any questions as you check out the 2025-26 membership guide, please do not hesitate to contact me at 949-486-9584 / leimbach@uci.edu.

Go 'Eaters!



Brandon Leimbach  
Sr. Assoc. Athletic Director / Exec. Director of Development

INVESTING IN CHAMPIONS

IMPACTING STUDENT-ATHLETES

INFLUENCING LIVES

## HISTORY OF 'EATER EXCELLENCE

**28** NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

**105** CONFERENCE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

OVER  
**5,000**  
SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

**610**   
ALL-AMERICANS  
**61** OLYMPIANS

# BECAUSE OF **YOU**

ANTEATER CLUB SUPPORTS OVER **330** STUDENT ATHLETES

**3.30** DEPARTMENT  
GPA  
2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR

**16** OF 18  
TEAMS ABOVE  
3.0 GPA

100 STUDENT ATHLETES EARNED PERFECT  
**4.0**  
GPA'S IN 2024-25

ANTEATER GRADUATES  
**102**  
2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR

**236**  
SCHOLAR ATHLETES  
2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR

# 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 of 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.





## 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:

- Cicerone Field at Anteater Ballpark
- Bren Events Center renovations

## 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 |                     |        |              |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|
| 2025-26                        | CALIFORNIA RESIDENT |        | NON-RESIDENT |
| TUITION & FEES                 | \$                  | 19,268 | \$ 56,870    |
| ROOM & BOARD                   | \$                  | 19,653 | \$ 19,653    |
| BOOKS                          | \$                  | 800    | \$ 800       |
| ADDL.COST OF ATTENDANCE        | \$                  | 3,969  | \$ 4,659     |
| TOTAL                          | \$                  | 43,690 | \$ 81,982    |



# '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**



# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS GUIDE

| 2025-26 GIVING LEVELS AND BENEFITS                | BLUE & GOLD<br>\$100 - \$1,499 | Varsity<br>\$1,500 - \$2,499 | LETTERWINNERS<br>\$2,500 - \$3,499 | CAPTAIN<br>\$3,500 - \$4,499 | ALL-AMERICAN<br>\$4,500 - \$5,999 | SCHOLAR-ATHLETE<br>\$6,000 - \$9,999 | HALL OF FAME<br>\$10,000 - \$19,999 | LEGEND<br>\$20,000+ |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| SUBSCRIPTION TO THE "IN-CROWD" E NEWSLETTER       |                                |                              |                                    |                              |                                   |                                      |                                     |                     |
| PRIORITY POINTS                                   |                                |                              |                                    |                              |                                   |                                      |                                     |                     |
| THANK YOU GIFT                                    |                                |                              |                                    |                              |                                   |                                      |                                     |                     |
| ACCESS HOSPITALITY FOR SELECT PROGRAMS            |                                |                              | 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              |

HOSPITALITY PROVIDED FOR SELECT GAMES IN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# **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.**



# PREMIUM BENEFITS

## NEWKIRK PAVILLION AT ANTEATER BALLPARK

Donors beginning at the **Letterwinner Level (\$2,500-\$3,499)** qualify for access to the Newkirk Pavilion at Anteater Ballpark. A wide array 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 & win service (Friday games ONLY)
- 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
- High-definition Television featuring all of the nation's sports action
- Pavilion restroom access
- Non-smoking environment



## 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. Donor 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.

# IMPORTANT ANTEATER CLUB PRIORITY GIVING DATES



**JULY 1**  
ANTEATER CLUB MEMBERSHIP  
YEAR BEGINS



**SUMMER**  
MSOC/WSOC/WVB  
SEASON TICKETS ON SALE



**FALL**  
PRIORITY POINT  
SNAPSHOT TO ESTABLISH  
DONOR RANKING



**SPRING**  
UCH 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

# PRIORITY POINTS

The Priority Points system is designed to recognize fan 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, improves 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<br>(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/TWZ FUND (RESTRICTED) | .5 point for every \$100 given to a specific sport program/Together We Zet 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:

| 2025 GIVING OF DONOR "PETER THE ANTEATER"                                       | PRIORITY POINT VALUE |
|---|----------------------|
| Gave \$500 to the Anteater Club in 2025 (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 Zet 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 2025</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?

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)

## SOCIAL MEDIA REMINDER

Boosters may not initiate or "accept" friend requests or "follow" a prospect on social media. Contacting a PSA or members of PSA's family for the purpose of recruiting or encouraging the PSA's participation in the UC Irvine Athletic program is an NCAA violation.



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**EVERY GIFT COUNTS!**

**JOIN TODAY!**

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