



# 2015 **AAI**<sup>®</sup> AWARD NOMINEE

## **ERICA BREWER**

**University of Oklahoma**  
**Coach: K.J. Kindler**

### Stats:

#### **CAREER BESTS:**

Vault: 9.875  
Uneven Bars: 9.95  
Balance Beam: 10  
Floor Exercise: 9.9  
All-Around: 39.525

#### **HONORS:**

- 2015 Only NCAA gymnast to post a 10.0 on balance beam
- 2014 NCAA Champion team member
- 2014 NCAA First Team All-American Event Finalist (UB, BB)
- 2014 NCAA 4th Place Individual Finish (UB)
- 2014 NCAA 9th Place Individual Finish (BB)
- 2014 NCAA Second Team All-American (AA, UB)
- 2014 NACGC Second Team All-American (BB, UB)
- 2014 All-Big 12 (UB, BB)
- 2013 NCAA Runner Up team member
- Three-Time Big 12 Champion team member (2012, 2013, 2014)
- Three-Time NCAA Regional Champion team member (2012, 2013, 2014)
- Five-Time Big 12 Weekly Award Winner
- 15 career Individual Event Title

The “Energizer Bunny” in the gym, Erica Brewer’s work ethic is infectious. The senior gymnast at Oklahoma brings relentless energy and passion to the table every time she hits the competition floor, and her attitude has spilled over to the rest of her team. It’s no coincidence, then, that OU’s incredible rise in the NCAA gymnastics world has gone hand-in-hand with Brewer’s arrival in 2012.

Consider Oklahoma’s team finishes at the NCAA Championships since the Louisville, KY, native arrived in 2012: Seventh (2012), Runners-Up (2013), Champions (2014). In that span, OU has also earned three consecutive NCAA Regional titles and three straight Big 12 Conference championships. Brewer has been an integral part of every run as a four-time NCAA All-American, two-time NACGC All-American, two-time All-Big 12 selection and two-time top-10 NCAA individual finisher. Aggressive and confident on every event she competes, Brewer’s efforts on bars and beam have stood out in particular for Oklahoma this season. She is ranked in the top 25 nationally on both events while aiding OU to a No. 1 team ranking overall and No. 1 national rankings on both events. Brewer owns 14 career event titles and is also a four-time Big 12 weekly award winner.

Aggressive and confident on every event she competes, Brewer is in the midst of one of her finest seasons yet as a Sooner. She has posted or tied career-highs on every event she competes as a senior, including a score for the record books on balance beam. On March 6, she became the first NCAA gymnast in 2015 and only the third all-time at Oklahoma to post a perfect 10.0 routine on beam. She is tied for No. 19 nationally on beam and has led OU to a No. 1 ranking on the event as well as 10 straight weeks ranked No. 1 in the country as a team. Brewer has also excelled in the classroom as an Academic All-Big 12 selection this year.

Brewer’s contributions have gone far beyond the gym for Oklahoma. She has joined her teammates in dedicating a great deal of time to the Norman and Oklahoma City communities, giving back through her work with Washington Elementary School, OU Children’s Hospital, the J.D. McCarty Center and much more. Brewer gives her time throughout the year at Washington Elementary in Norman, helping students with reading and assisting teachers in any way possible during her visits. She and her teammates do regular visits to OU Children’s Hospital in Oklahoma City as well as the J.D. McCarty Center, which assists with the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities. She has also participated in the annual Susan G. Komen Foundation Race for the Cure in Oklahoma City and adopted an “angel” through the local Salvation Army during the holiday seasons. Brewer will graduate in December 2015 with her bachelor’s degree in communications.



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**RHEAGAN** Louisiana State University  
**COURVILLE** Coach: D-D Breaux

## Stats:

### HONORS:

- 2015 SEC Gymnast of the Week (vs. Missouri, vs. Georgia)
- 2015 SEC Specialist of the Week (vs. Minnesota)
- 2014 NCAA National Champion (VT)
- 2014 NCAA First-Team All-American (VT, UB, AA)
- 2014 First-Team Regular Season All-American (VT, AA)
- 2014 Second-Team Regular Season All-American (UB, BB, FX)
- 2014 All-SEC
- 2014 Central Region Co-Gymnast of the Year
- 2014 SEC Gymnast of the Week (at Metroplex Challenge)
- 2014 NACGC/W Scholastic All-American
- 2014 SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2013 NCAA National Champion (VT)
- 2013 NCAA National Runner-Up (AA)
- 2013 Led the nation with 9 all-around titles
- 2013 NCAA First-Team All-American (VT, FX, AA)
- 2013 First-Team Regular Season All-American (VT, AA)
- 2013 Second-Team Regular Season All-American (BB)
- 2013 Central Region Gymnast of the Year
- 2013 SEC Gymnast of the Year
- 2013 SEC Champion (AA, VT, BB)
- 2013 All-SEC
- 2013 SEC Gymnast of the Week (vs. NC State, at Missouri)
- 2013 SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2012 NCAA First-Team All-American (VT, AA)
- 2012 First-Team All-SEC
- 2012 Freshman All-SEC
- 2012 SEC Freshman of the Week (vs. Kentucky, vs. Alabama, vs. West Virginia)
- 2012 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

### CAREER BESTS:

Vault: 10.0  
Uneven Bars: 9.975

Balance Beam: 9.975  
Floor Exercise: 9.975  
All-Around: 39.825

- Two-time NCAA National Champion, 16-time All-American (including regular season honors), three-time SEC Champion, three-time All-SEC Performer, two-time Central Region Gymnast of the Year, three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll member.
- One of only two gymnasts in LSU history (along with Jennifer Wood) who has scored at least a 9.975 in every event in her career.
- She has captured 92 career individual titles as of Mar 15, 2015, which ranks as the fourth-most titles in LSU history.
- Ranked in the Top 10 in the final all-around rankings every season of her career so far: currently No. 7 as a senior, No. 2 as a junior in 2014, No. 7 in 2013, No. 8 in 2012.
- Her 39.825 all-around career high that she earned against Georgia in 2015 is the second-best all-around score in school history and the highest in the nation in 2015.
- She has won 25 all-around titles as of Mar 15, tied with April Burkholder for most in an LSU career.
- She has tallied 28 vault titles, second-most in LSU history.
- Courville has 18 uneven bars titles which ranks second in LSU history, and she has 13 beam titles to rank fourth in LSU history.
- Has two perfect 10.0s on vault in her career (one of only six LSU gymnasts to do it)
- Nine-time recipient of an SEC Weekly Honor
- On pace to graduate in May 2015 with a degree in sport administration. Currently has a 3.571 cumulative grade point average and a 3.80 GPA in her major.
- Completed 95 individual hours of community service throughout her four years as a Tiger. The team has accumulated more than 1,300 hours of service since Courville's freshman season, an average of 81 hours per gymnast.



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**GEORGIA DABRITZ** **University of Utah**  
**Coach: Greg & Megan Marsden**

## Stats:

### CAREER BESTS:

Vault: 10.0

Uneven Bars: 10.0

Balance Beam: 9.9

Floor Exercise: 10.0

All-Around: 39.70

### HONORS:

- Total 10-time All-American (5 at NCAA Championships, 5 regular season)
- NCAA First-Team All-America (AA)
- 3-time NCAA Regional Champion
- 4-time Pac-12 Champion
- 6-time First-Team All-Pac-12 Conference
- 6 Pac-12 Specialist of the Week awards
- 4 Pac-12 Gymnast of the Week awards
- Two-Time Utah Co-MVP
- Team Captain (2015)
- 5 10.0 scores (1 VT, 2 UB, 1 FX)
- 52 career victories
- Has led Utah in victories all 3 seasons
- Has hit 130-139 career routines
- Two-Time Pac-12 All-Academic
- Health, Society and Policy major
- 3.788 Accumulative GPA

2014 Five-Time All-American (2 at NCAA Championships, 3 regular season)  
2014 NCAA Championship First-Team All-American (VT)  
2014 NCAA Event Final 9th/T (VT)  
2014 NCAA Championship Second-Team All-American (UB)  
2014 First-Team Regular Season All-American (UB, FX)  
2014 Second-Team Regular Season All-American (VT)  
2014 Pac-12 Specialist of the Year  
2014 Pac-12 Champion (VT, UB, FX)  
2014 First-Team All-Pac-12 (VT, UB, FX)  
2014 5-time Pac-12 Specialist of the Week  
2014 Utah Co-MVP  
2014 Ranked No. 1 on bars in the final regular season poll  
2014 Ranked No. 1 on bars in 7 (of 11) weekly polls  
2014 10.0 on bars at Pac-12 Championships  
2014 10.0 on floor at Michigan  
2014 9.975 season and career best on vault  
2014 39.625 all-around vs. Oregon State was Utah's season high  
2014 22 wins led Utah (10 UB, 7 FX, 4 VT, 1 AA)  
2014 Hit 42-42 routines  
2014 First-Team Pac-12 All-Academic  
2014 NACGC Scholar All-American  
2014 Dean's List and Athletic Director's Honor Roll  
2013 4-time All-American (2 at NCAA Championships, 2 regular season)  
2013 NCAA Runner-Up (UB)  
2013 NCAA Championship Tied for 7th (3rd/T in session) (AA)  
2013 NCAA Championship First-Team All-American (UB)  
2013 NCAA Championship First-Team All-American (UB, AA)  
2013 First-Team Regular Season All-American (VT)  
2013 Second-Team Regular Season All-American (UB)  
2013 NCAA Regional Champion (VT, UB)  
2013 First-Team All-Pac-12 (AA)  
2013 Pac-12 Gymnast of the Week twice  
2013 Pac-12 Specialist of the Week once  
2013 Utah Co-MVP  
2013 18 wins led Utah (9 UB, 3 AA, 3 FX, 2 BB, 1 VT)  
2013 39.700 all-around vs. Florida tied 8th-best score in school history  
2013 10.0 on bars vs. Florida  
2013 Hit 47-53 routines  
2013 Second-Team Pac-12 All-Academic  
2013 NACGC Scholar All-American  
2013 Dean's List and Athletic Director's Honor Roll  
2012 First-Team All-American (VT)  
2012 NCAA Event Finals 10th Place (VT)  
2012 NCAA Regional Champion (UB)  
2012 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year  
2012 Pac-12 Champion (UB)  
2012 First-Team All-Pac-12 (FX)  
2012 12 wins tied for team lead (6 UB, 4 VT, 2 FX)  
2012 Team's best scores on floor (9.975) and bars (9.95 2x)  
2012 Hit 41-44 routines  
2012 Dean's List and Athletic Director's Honor Roll



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## **KYTRA HUNTER**

**University of Florida  
Coach: Rhonda Faehn**

### Stats:

#### **CAREER BESTS:**

Vault: 10.0 (school record)  
Uneven Bars: 9.95  
Balance Beam: 9.975  
Floor Exercise: 10.0 (school record)  
All-Around: 39.80

#### **HONORS:**

- Eleven-Time NCAA All-American
- Seven-Time NACGC Regular Season All-American
- 2012 NCAA Champion (AA, VT)
- 2012 SEC Freshman of the Year
- 2012 Honda Award winner as top collegiate gymnast
- 2012, 2013 & 2014 All-Southeastern Conference
- 2013 Academic Honor Roll
- 2014 First-Team NACGC Regular Season All-American (AA, VT, FX)
- 2014 Second-Team NCAA Champion All-American (AA, FX)

#### **As a Senior in 2015:**

- Leads team with 18 event titles (eight AA, five FX, three VT, two BB)
- Owns four of the nation's top 10 all-around totals of 2015 (No. 2: 39.75 – twice; No. 9: 39.675 – twice)
- Season-best marks of 9.975 on vault and floor exercise came in consecutive meets (at Alabama, vs Georgia)
- Season-high of 39.75 came versus Missouri (Feb. 13) and also at Oklahoma (March 6). That is the nation's second-highest total in 2015. Competed as all-rounder in every meet, with eight wins.
- Set collegiate balance beam best of 9.975 at Oklahoma
- Shares league lead with three Southeastern Conference Gymnast of the Week honors in 2015. Received honor eight times in her career.
- No. 4 all-time among Gators in career event titles (77) – one away from moving into share of third. All-time leader in vault wins (20) and one away from UF floor wins record at 28. All-around wins total (20) is tied for third all-time among the Gators.

#### **As a Junior in 2014:**

- Led nation with six 10.0 marks (four floor, two vault)
- SEC balance beam champion and shared second consecutive floor win; SEC all-around runner-up
- Won 20 event titles (11 floor, six vault, two all-around, one beam)

#### **As a Sophomore in 2013:**

- Earned four All-America honors (all-around, vault, beam, floor), advancing the vault final.
- Shared SEC floor exercise title
- Season-best all-around total of 39.775 won NCAA Gainesville Regional title
- Floor mark of 9.975 led all competitors in all events in 2013 NCAA Super Six competition
- Set then UF all-around record of 39.80 in Minnesota dual meet
- Claimed 18 event titles (six vault, five floor, four all-around, two bars, one beam)
- Member of SEC Academic Honor Roll

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### **As a Freshman in 2012:**

- Used a then-collegiate-best 39.725 to become first Gator to win NCAA all-around title
- Used average of 9.875 to win vault, becoming first Gator to claim multiple NCAA event titles in a single year
- Fifth freshman all-time to take multiple event titles in NCAA history
- Earned maximum of five All-America honors, joining teammate Alaina Johnson as only two to claim five All-America honors in 2012 NCAA competition
- Southeastern Conference Championships' all-around (39.625) and vault (9.975) champion to earn spot on All-SEC first team
- Claimed a total of 21 event titles (seven floor exercise, six all-around, five vault, two balance beam and one uneven bars)
- Member of SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

### **PRIOR TO FLORIDA –**

- 2009-10 and 2010-11 U.S. National Team member
- Senior International Elite competitor
- Fourth in 2010 Visa Championships' all-around, balance beam and floor exercise standings
- 2010 CoverGirl Classic floor champion
- Represented the U.S. in international competitions in Germany, France, Italy and Japan
- Alternate for 2009 and 2010 U.S. World Championships teams

**MAJOR –** Food and Resource Economics (2.81 cumulative GPA)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Active Goodwill Gator participant, volunteering more than 60 hours during collegiate career.

On a yearly basis:

- Winn Dixie Hope Lodge: provide a meal to families living in Gainesville's Winn Dixie Hope Lodge, a residence for family members of patients at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida
- Gainesville American Cancer Society's Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk: joined UF team as event volunteers, handing out drinks and pink ribbons as the walkers finished the course.
- Harvest Food Drive clinic: an event that collects canned food for the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank Inc.
- Shands Hospital: visited children at Shands Hospital the last three springs
- Participated in Gator Tracks, an annual event organized by Gator student-athletes. Gator student-athletes purchase shoes for Gainesville area children who need them. The shoes are wrapped and delivered to the children's school. 2014 Gator Tracks delivered more than 450 pairs of shoes & socks just prior to the holiday break.



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## **SAMANTHA PESZEK**

**UCLA**  
**Coach: Valorie**  
**Kondos Field**

### Stats:

#### **CAREER BESTS:**

Vault: 9.95  
Uneven Bars: 10.0  
Balance Beam: 9.95  
Floor Exercise: 9.95  
All-Around: 39.7

#### **HONORS:**

- 10-Time All-American
- 2014 NCAA All-American (1st team AA, UB; 2nd team V, FX)
- 2014 NACGC/W All-American (1st team BB; 2nd team UB)
- 2012 NCAA All-American (1st team BB; 2nd team UB)
- 2011 NCAA All-American (1st team BB, 2nd team V)
- 4-Time NCAA Regional Champion
- 2014 AA, UB, BB Champion
- 2012 V Champion
- 2014 Pac-12 Conference BB Champion
- 2-time All-Pac-12 selection  
2014 – 1st team BB  
2012 – 2nd team BB
- 4-Time NACGC/W Scholastic All-American (2014, 2013, 2012, 2011)
- 2-Time Pac-12 All-Academic  
2nd-team (2014, 2012)
- 7-Time Pac-12 Gymnast of the Week (3 times in 2015, 1 time in 2014, 3 times in 2012)
- 5-Time Pac-12 Specialist of the Week (1 time in 2015, 3 times in 2014, 1 time in 2011)
- 2012 Pac-12 Team Champion
- 2011 NCAA BB Champion

An Olympic silver medalist and a member of the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame, Samantha Peszek had already accomplished a great deal in her gymnastics career before even stepping foot onto the UCLA campus. But she has never been one to rest on her laurels, and she has worked hard and overcome several significant injuries, including an Achilles tear that forced her to miss the 2013 season, to continue to give 110% to her team both in and out of the gym.

Her collegiate career has been impressive as she won the NCAA balance beam title as a freshman, the Pac-12 beam title as a junior, and has captured 10 All-America honors, four Scholastic All-America awards and scored a perfect 10 on uneven bars in 2014. She has been honored by the Pac-12 Conference with a total of 12 weekly awards in her career, winning Pac-12 Gymnast of the Week honors seven times.

Peszek chose to come back for her fifth season in 2015, and has been a valued leader and consistent high-scorer, averaging 9.89 or higher on three events and posting season-highs of 9.95 or better on all four events. She has posted scores of 9.85 or higher on all but 3 routines she has competed and 9.9 or better on 19 of her 32 routines. She leads the team with 16 victories out of a possible 36 and is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation on beam, No. 8 on vault and No. 15 on bars.

Peszek is a valued member of the community, having taken part in several community service projects throughout her five years at UCLA. She is also a student leader at both UCLA and within the Pac-12 as a member of its SAAC Committee. For the past three seasons, she has hosted and co-produced a weekly web series for UCLA Gymnastics – Bruin Banter – which regularly ranks as some of highest-viewed videos on UCLABruins.com and on UCLA Athletics' YouTube channel.

#### **UCLA head coach Valorie Kondos Field says of Peszek,**

*"Samantha Peszek is the quintessential NCAA student-athlete. Her commitment to excellence in all areas of her life is evident in the impressive GPA that she has maintained throughout her UCLA career and in her individual standings in the NCAA. She joins a very elite group of NCAA gymnasts who had tremendous success competing for the USA National team and has transferred her talent, enthusiasm and passion for our sport to a stellar collegiate career. Of all of the 700 UCLA student-athletes, none are more recognized and respected on campus than Sam. Her congenial nature makes her a campus favorite among her peers. What is most impressive about Sam is that she has continued to enjoy a full collegiate experience at UCLA while maintaining a 3.8 GPA in one of our most competitive majors on campus, all the while improving her commitment to being the best athlete she can be with each year she's been here. She will leave a lasting legacy at UCLA and in NCAA Gymnastics."*



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## **SACHI SUGIYAMA**

**University of Michigan  
Coach: Bev Plocki**

### Stats:

#### **CAREER BESTS:**

Vault: 9.950  
Uneven Bars: 9.950  
Balance Beam: 9.875  
Floor Exercise: 9.925  
All-Around: 39.550

#### **HONORS:**

- 2015 First-Team All-Big Ten
- 2014 First-Team NCAA All-American (VT)
- 2014 Big Ten Championships Runner-Up (UB)
- 2014 All-Big Ten Championships Team
- 2014 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar
- 2014 Academic All-Big Ten
- 2014 U-M Athletic Academic Achievement Award
- 2013 First-Team All-Big Ten
- 2013 Academic All-Big Ten
- 2013 U-M Athletic Academic Achievement Award
- 2012 Big Ten Champion (VT)
- 2012 All-Big Ten Championships Team
- 2012 Big Ten Championships Runner-Up (UB)

One of three seniors on the 2015 University of Michigan women's gymnastics team, Sachi Sugiyama leads by example. She's shown steady growth and improvement over her first three years at Michigan, which is culminating in a spectacular senior season for the sixth-ranked Wolverines.

For the first time since her freshman season, Sugiyama is competing on balance beam and in the all-around, where she is scoring nearly four-and-a-half tenths higher. Heading into the postseason, Sugiyama is ranked seventh in the country in the all-around (39.500 RQS), averaging 39.395 per meet. She is also tied for 11th in the country on floor exercise (9.920 RQS) and tied for 15th on vault (9.915). Sugiyama has won or tied for 11 individual event titles this season and finished either first or second in the all-around in seven meets.

Sugiyama is one of the nation's premier vaulters, earning her first career NCAA All-America honor last season as a junior, where she finished ninth in the NCAA Individual Event Finals. As a freshman in 2012, Sugiyama won the Big Ten individual title on vault, scoring a 9.950 that still holds up as her career-best score. She is also strong on uneven bars, where she is a two-time Big Ten Championships runner-up, thus also making her a two-time All-Big Ten Championships Team member. She is also a two-time All-Big Ten selection, earning the honor as a sophomore (2013) and senior (2015).

More impressive, however, are her academic strengths. Sugiyama is a soon-to-be three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection and was a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar last year, a prestigious academic award that requires a 3.7 GPA or higher. Last spring, she spent a month in Ballyvaughn, Ireland, as part of a study abroad program within the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design. She will stay in Ann Arbor and graduate next spring, moving closer to her dream of creating animation for a movie studio like Pixar or Dreamworks.

Just as gymnastics is a huge part of her life, so too is her art. In fact, she has combined the two, designing at least eight of the team's competitive leotards during her time at Michigan, with an additional three coming in next year. In fact, her Maize and Blue leotard that the



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team wore at the 2014 NCAA Championships was chosen as the No. 1 leotard among all competing teams in a fan vote by Gymnastike. She loves designing so much that she even went as far as creating several graphics that were used on the team's official Facebook and Twitter pages.

Outside of the gym, Sugiyama has been an active participant in several community service initiatives, including the Ann Arbor Buddy Walk (an advocacy event for Down Syndrome) and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. As part of Michigan Athletics' "Let's Go Do" program, Sugiyama has become a frequent visitor to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital on Thursday nights and helped build doggie dreamhouses this past fall through a department partnership with the Humane Society of Huron Valley and Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley. She's also an active participant in fundraising for Michigan Athletics' Mock Rock, volunteering for the Big House, Big Heart 5K and is involved in the Michigan Leadership Academy. Sugiyama was instrumental in organizing the team's efforts surrounding its annual Autism Awareness Meet.