



Jonathan Au

Jonathan remembers admiring the older players who coached him when he attended his first Bruins Pee Wee clinic. Since that moment, he has strived not only to play like them, but to also serve as a mentor and inspiration for younger kids. After 13 years with the Bruins, he says that the thing he will always be most grateful for is the feeling of connection and community. He hopes that older players will always be there to help the younger generation through similar struggles and shared experiences.

In addition to playing on the Bruins Rock team since kindergarten, Jonathan has volunteered as a clinic coach, at the Bruins E-Waste Roundup, and at Bruins Tournaments.

He has participated in the Bruins 5K Walk/Run and PBT Events such as Obon, Teri Takeout, and their Gourmet Dinner.

Although he struggled early on, he worked hard to excel on the hardcourt and played for both SGV and I am Rockfish club teams. He led his Flintridge Prep High School as Captain of both the Basketball and Football teams in his senior year. He also played on the Volleyball team all four years and was selected as a member of the Athletic Counsel on Leadership to promote teamwork and give back to the community through athletic initiatives and service projects.

Off the playing field, Jonathan dedicated volunteer hours to the Boys & Girls Club, the Union Station Homeless Shelter, Pasadena Christian School, and the Special Olympics. He has worked to raise funds and awareness for a children's cancer hospital in Nicaragua and coached football and basketball at summer camps.

Through all of his activities, Jonathan has maintained an outstanding academic record and was named to the Dean's List in 12th grade as well as receiving CSF recognition in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade. Jonathan is planning to attend Loyola Marymount College in September.



Lucas Shin

Lucas joined the Bruins in 2nd grade and considers the Pasadena Buddhist Temple his home away from home. To give back to an organization that has given him so much, Lucas puts in countless hours volunteering for Bruins and PBT events and always looks forward to coaching at the annual Pee Wee and Power Up clinics.

Lucas has shown himself to be an enthusiastic leader in holding his team, the Rebels, together to play through 12th grade. He is especially proud of their accomplishment going from a 0-10 record in their first season to capturing the 1st place trophy in their final Bruins Tournament.

Beyond the Bruins, Lucas played varsity basketball at St. Francis High School for the past 3 years and served as captain in his senior year. He also played club ball for the Prodigy, Impact, and Team Industry organizations. His love of basketball is truly evident in his extracurricular activities. He trained and served as a CYC referee for the past 4 years and spends his free time watching and editing basketball game highlight videos.

Academically, Lucas received Hall of Fame Honors and the Scholar Award all throughout his 4 years in high school. He was named to the National Honor Society and was awarded with a St. Francis Alumni Association Scholarship. Lucas also participated in the Entrepreneurship Club, Athletic Leadership Council, Black Student Union, and Ball is Life Club. He regularly volunteers for the Los Angeles Mission, Altadena Public Library, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, and as a St. Francis Link Leader.

This fall, Lucas will be joining the Middlebury College alma mater and looking to continue his basketball career there.



Niko Yamamoto

From basketball to biomedical research, Niko Yamamoto has demonstrated his commitment to hard work and teamwork as a well-rounded student athlete.

Niko has been a Pasadena Bruin for 12 years, playing with the Bruins Rock since kindergarten. During this time, he volunteered numerous hours at Bruins tournaments, Pee Wee Clinics, Golf Tournaments, and at the Pasadena Buddhist Temple dinners and Obon Festivals.

His basketball experience with the Bruins paved the way for him to become captain of his Edgewood High School Varsity Basketball team. He also earned Scholar Athlete of the Year

distinctions and Most Improved and Most Valuable Player awards during his high school career.

Off the court, Niko remains a team player, working collaboratively with his peers in a Rosetta Institute summer internship, distributing food and clothing to the homeless at the Foothill Community Church, and choreographing routines with the Dance Club to increase school spirit.

As a member of the Yonsei 21 team, he has helped to raise funds for victims of the tsunami in Japan. His community work in fundraisers has benefited such organizations the Japanese American National Museum Gala, Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches, and Go for Broke National Education Center.

As a graduating senior, Niko received the Principal Honor Roll Award and the Amy Utsunomiya Memorial Youth Community Service Award. This fall, Niko will be attending UC Irvine with a major in Biology.



Sarah Johnson

As a second generation Pasadena Bruin, Sarah Johnson had plenty of role models to look up to. Her mother and 2 uncles all played for the Bruins during the 70's and 80's. Sarah first donned the Bruins uniform in kindergarten and continued playing on the Cheetahs team through 11th grade. Along the way, she volunteered each year at the Pee Wee clinics, Bruins tournaments, and Obon festivals and became an inspiring role model herself.

During her senior year at Polytechnic, she led their women's basketball team to the State playoffs. She was named to the Prep League First Team 4 years in a row and to the All CIF-SS D4A First Team 3 times.

She also twice received All-Star honors from the sports news website Pasadena Sports Now. In 2014, Sarah was selected to the Yonsei 21 team.

Her high school activities also included serving as a Peer Mentor to help incoming freshmen transition to high school and acting as a Big Sister in a Girl's Service League program to mentor younger students. Her school elected her as President of the School's Ambassador Club and a member of the Student Athletic Leadership Council.

In the community, she has received the President's Gold Volunteer Service Award from the National Charity League for volunteering over 250 hours year each since 2014. She is also a two time recipient of the Amy Utsunomiya Memorial Youth Community Service Award to recognize outstanding service to the Pasadena Japanese American community. Some of the activities that she has particularly enjoyed are baking dog biscuits and assembling animal beds for the Pasadena Humane Society and teaching young kids about space as a camp counselor at Kidspace Museum.

Sarah will be attending USC this fall with a possible double-major in psychology and business administration. She is considering pursuing a career in marketing after earning an MBA.



Scott Lew

Thoughtful and conscientious are two words that could describe Scott. Through his 12 years playing on the Bruins Rock, Scott reflects that the most important part of the Bruins organization is not in the outcome of the game, but the spirit of the community. He hopes that young players will have the chance to learn the value of community and develop lasting social skills and friendships through their participation in the Bruins.

Along these lines, Scott has been involved in a diverse list of activities. He strives to create a positive impact on his community through meaningful service as the Head of Social Media and Outreach representative on the Student

Community Action Council at Flintridge Prep. He also led the Bites of LA club as their president to explore the many different cultural and ethnic stories hidden throughout the city. As a member of the Hip Hop Club, he created and performed dances at pep assemblies and concerts, and most recently in the Mr. Flintridge Prep talent show to raise money for charity. Scott uses these collective experiences as a peer counselor to help incoming 7th grade students get involved and balance their school activities and academics.

In the community, Scott has spent time visiting with patients at Keiro Care Facility, counseling young campers at Saint Mark's School Escape Summer Camp, and assisting in the classrooms at Mayberry Street Elementary School.

During his senior year in high school, Scott got the opportunity to act as an attorney in a mock trial for his AP Government class. Scott is planning on parlaying this experience to major in political science with an emphasis on pre-law at Grinnell College in Iowa this fall.



Tyler Yang

Throughout his 12-year involvement with the Pasadena Bruins, Tyler has exemplified the organization's values and mission statement. He not only played for his team, the Rock, but also volunteered each year to coach young aspiring ballers at the Bruins Pee Wee and Power Up clinics and as an assistant coach for the Up N Coming team. He also worked countless hours at the PJCI and PBT dinners and luncheons. He hopes to continue his involvement in the Bruins by implementing a greater community outreach effort that will foster more interest, enthusiasm, and understanding among Bruins players and families and the larger Japanese/Asian American culture.

In the summer of 2017, Tyler helped to coordinate a major ground-breaking ceremony for the Terasaki Budokan project. He was elected by his teammates as captain of the Yonsei 21 Basketball team. He participated on both the basketball and track and field teams at La Canada High School while earning National Honor Society and CSF honors. Some of his other high school activities include being VP of the Gift of Life Club, the Chess Club, and Lift Club.

Academically, Tyler has honed his skills by participating in the Rising Stars Youth Leadership Program, Financial Literacy Seminar, and as an intern for a State Senate campaign.

He was recognized as a recipient of the Amy Utsunomiya Memorial Youth Community Service award for his contributions to the Go for Broke National Education Center, A3M, Not Your Average Basketball Camp, and the Japanese American National Museum. Tyler was also named as the CYC Scholarship winner to honor his scholastic achievements, community service, and demonstration of leadership skills and true sportsmanship.

This fall, he will embark on a new adventure attending Richmond, the American International in London as part of the USC Trojan Transfer Plan.